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Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: **Letter Declining Space Station Authorization**
SAT-LOA-20031212-00354, Call Sign S2608

Dear Ms. Dortch,

EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. ("EchoStar") hereby declines the above-referenced authorization, as conditioned, to launch and operate an extended Ku-band satellite at the 83° W.L. orbital location. *See* Order and Authorization, DA 04-3162, ¶ 40 and SAT-ASG-20041014-00200 (assigning license from EchoStar KuX Corporation to EchoStar).

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Pantelis Michalopoulos /DCM.

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