



**ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**  
**9601 South Meridian Boulevard**  
**Englewood, Colorado 80112**

December 18, 2007

**Via EDGAR**

Ms. Kathleen Krebs, Special Counsel  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F. Street, N.E., Mail Stop 3720  
Washington, D.C. 20549-5546

Re: EchoStar Communications Corporation  
Definitive 14A  
Filed April 5, 2007  
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Dear Ms. Krebs:

Per your telephone conversation with our outside counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, on Monday, December 17, 2007, this letter confirms our request for an extension until January 14, 2008 to respond to your letter of December 7, 2007. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (303) 723-1277.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kim A. Culig

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