DISH Network Adds Univision, Galavision to DISH Latino

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DISH Network Offers Univision and Galavision at No Additional Cost for Customers of DISH Latino, the Most Comprehensive 20-Channel Spanish-Language Satellite TV Programming Package

Echostar Communications Corp. (NASDAQ: DISH; DISHP) is pleased to

announce today that DISH Network™ has added Univision, the most popular Spanish-language television network in the United States, and Galavision, the leading Spanish-language cable network, to DISH Latino, the most complete Spanish-language television and audio programming package ever offered in the United States.

DISH Latino now offers 20 channels of premium Spanish-language television and audio programming from Latin America and Spain for only $19.99 a month or $239.88 annually. DISH Network now offers Univision and Galavision at no additional cost for DISH Latino customers. Univision is broadcast on DISH Network channel 270 and Galavision is broadcast on channel 272. DISH Network will also continue to offer Univision and Galavision in Americas Top 100 CD programming package.

Univision is the most watched Spanish-language network in the United States and has become the main source of news, information and entertainment for more than 8 million U.S. Hispanics households. Galavision is the leading Spanish-language cable network offering a diverse blend of family programming.

Already a leading provider of Spanish-language TV programming, DISH Network is proud to be the first satellite television provider to offer DISH Latino to the fast-growing U.S. Spanish-speaking audience with the most extensive selection of news, sports, movies, music and other entertainment. DISH Latino is available on Echostar's new DISH 500 satellite dish system or by pointing two satellite dishes at Echostar's satellites located at 110 and 119 degrees West Longitude.

"The U.S. Hispanic population is over 31 million and growing, yet this community has been largely disregarded by a majority of television providers," said Michael Schwimmer, vice president of Programming at Echostar. "Univision and Galavision are extremely popular networks, so offering these channels only makes DISH Latino a stronger, more attractive programming package for our Spanish-speaking customers."

Eighteen other channels featured in DISH Latino include:

- Telemundo - A full-service Spanish-language network featuring

novelas (soap operas), movies, news, sports, children's

programming, talk shows, specials and music videos.

- FOX Sports World en Espanol - The first 24-hour Latin American

  Spanish-language sports network providing coverage of a multitude
  of sports including soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball,
  tennis, cycling, wrestling, softball and rugby.
- Discovery en Espanol - Discovery en Espanol offers
  Spanish-speaking viewers a wide variety of topics in
  nonfiction entertainment including nature, science and
  technology, history and world exploration. Like its sister
  networks, Discovery en Espanol aims to educate, inform and
  entertain viewers with quality programming designed to help them
  understand the world around them and their place in it.
- GEMS - The only 24-hour international Spanish-language TV network
  specifically designed for Hispanic women's interests and
  lifestyles. Programming includes a unique mix of drama, variety,
  movies and novelas.
- Cine Latino - Cine Latino offers 100 percent Spanish-language
  movies with the best contemporary productions from Latin America
  and Spain.
- TV Azteca Americas - This 24-hour-a-day news network provides world
  and regional news by Spanish and Portuguese-speaking journalists.
  Programming includes international news coverage, worldwide
  sports, financial news, lifestyle and entertainment news,
  and weather updates.
- DRAMA CINEMA LATINO - With more than 400 premieres each year, Gran
  Canal Latino presents great Latin cinema created in the Spanish
  language. Programming includes musicals, dramas, comedies and
  movies.
- NUM - NUM retransmits the daily newscasts and most popular shows
  live from the leading Latin American broadcast networks. Programs
  are currently broadcast from Argentina, Brazil, Chile,
  Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Dominican Republic, Puerto
  Rico and Mexico. Newscasts from Nicaragua, El Salvador,
  Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras are scheduled for the future.
- TV Chile - A 24-hour-a-day network offering news, telenovelas,
  movies, documentaries, sports and music videos. The
  programming from Chile, TV Chile also broadcasts weekly games and
  championships of professional Chilean soccer.
- Playboy en Espanol - Playboy en Espanol is a premium music network
  providing a mix of old and new hit music videos. Its format
  includes baladas, salsa, merengue and other popular Latin rhythms,
  introduced by the artists themselves in place of new jays.
- Playboy en Espanol - Playboy will offer its popular adult
  programming in Spanish for the Latin American audience.
- MTV X - MTV X targets the unique character and voice of the
  American Hispanic community. MTV is already the favorite TV brand
  among Hispanic teens and young adults. Viewers can be on
  the top of their viewing list, featuring music videos from
  artists like Mana, Jennifer Lopez, Ricky Martin and Shakira.
- DISH CD Latin - Six channels of CD-quality Latin variety music,
  including salsa Styles, Miami Mix, Tejano, Viva Mariachi, Fiesta
  Latina and Latin Jazz.

DISH Network also provides a Spanish Language Audio Option free of charge for ESPN and the Cartoon Network, most DISH On-Demand movies, Pay-Per-View movies, and Pay-Per-View Movie channels from Showtime/Movie, Cinemax, HBO and Showtime.

For more information or to order, visit your nearest DISH Network retailer or call 1-800(333-DISH (3474) or visit www.dishnetwork.com.

DISH Network is Echostar's state-of-the-art direct broadcast satellite system with the capability to offer 500 channels of digital video and CD-quality audio programming, fully MPEG-2/DVB compliant hardware and installation. DISH Network is a trademark of Echostar Communications Corporation and currently serves 2.8 million customers. DISH Network was also rated number one in customer satisfaction among satellite/cable TV subscribers by the J.D. Power and Associates 1999 Cable/Satellite TV Customer Satisfaction Study. Echostar V, Echostar's newest, high-power direct broadcast satellite, launched Sept. 23 on a Lockheed Martin Atlas IIAS rocket. Echostar V allows DISH Network to offer 500 channels, including high definition television, more local channels, and high-speed interactive television and data services.