



EchoStar Receives FCC Approval to Relocate EchoStar IV Satellite to 110 Degrees W.L. Orbital Slot

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Satellite Move Allows EchoStar to Launch Multitude of NewChannels This Summer

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ:DISH, DISHP) announced today that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has granted EchoStar a Special Temporary Authority to relocate the EchoStar IV satellite from the 148 degrees West Longitude orbital location to 110 degrees W.L., giving EchoStar the ability to begin broadcasting a multitude of new channels to DISH Network customers this summer, including more DISH-On-Demand pay-per-view movies, additional premium movie services and improved satellite programming packages.

As previously announced, the FCC approved the transfer from MCI WorldCom to EchoStar the license to operate a high-powered direct broadcast satellite business at the 110 degrees W.L. orbital location. The FCC granted EchoStar the temporary authority to operate the EchoStar IV satellite over channels 1 - 31 (odd) and 2 - 26 (even) at the 110 degrees orbital location.

EchoStar requested the Special Temporary Authority to begin providing expanded services to DISH Network customers this summer in advance of the late summer launch of the EchoStar V satellite into the 110 degrees W.L. slot. Once EchoStar V is operational, EchoStar IV will be moved back to the 148 degrees W.L. position to continue offering local and niche channels.

The programming currently broadcast from EchoStar IV will be broadcast from the EchoStar I and EchoStar II satellites at the 119 degrees W.L. position, enabling more consumers to enjoy that programming. There will be no interruption of service to consumers subscribing to those services.

EchoStar V, in addition to EchoStar's two satellites at the 119 degrees W.L. position, will give DISH Network the satellite capacity to broadcast over 500 channels to U.S. customers on a single dish, including local television channels. DISH Network will also provide HDTV and additional international services by the end of 1999.

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