

EchoStar Prevails in Patent Suit

Judge Denies Forgent New Trial, Awards EchoStar Court Costs

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) issued the following statement regarding recent developments in the Forgent Networks, Inc. lawsuit:

Yesterday, a Texas judge denied Forgent's motion for a new trial and awarded EchoStar \$90,000 in court costs, reaffirming the unanimous jury verdict handed down in May which found invalid a patent Forgent accused EchoStar of violating.

DirecTV and the cable companies settled with Forgent for \$28 million before trial.

About EchoStar Communications Corporation

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) has been a leader for more than 26 years in satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. The Company's DISH Network(r) is the fastest-growing pay-TV provider in the country since 2000 and currently serves more than 13.585 million satellite TV customers. DISH Network offers a premier line of industry-leading Digital Video Recorders (DVRs) and hundreds of video and audio channels as well as the most national HD and International channels in the U.S., Interactive TV, Latino and sports programming. DISH Network also provides a variety of package and price options including the lowest all-digital price in America and the DishDVR Advantage Package. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 300 company. Visit www.echostar.com or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474) for more information.

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