

EchoStar Statement in Response to NAB Claims

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.--EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) has issued the following statement regarding recent claims by the NAB:

"EchoStar has worked diligently to make sure consumers have a choice of distant network signals. We reached a \$100 million settlement that was accepted and later rejected by the broadcasters, yet they continue to bully consumers and the courts.

We are hopeful the courts will see through the Fox Network-led coalition of broadcasters, whose real intention is to deny consumers their freedom of choice and leave the Fox-owned DirecTV as a monopoly for distant networks."

About EchoStar

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) serves more than 12.755 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network™, the fastest growing U.S. provider of advanced digital television services in the last five years. DISH Network offers hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service.

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