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DISH Network Expands Interactive TV Offerings; With DishGAMES Customers Have Access to Over 16 Popular Video Games

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 9, 2006--EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) and its DISH Network(TM) satellite television service announced today that it will offer a new interactive application called DishGAMES as part of its "DishHOME" interactive channel 100.

"These new offerings are a great example of DISH Network's ability to enhance DISH Network's viewers' set top boxes with the latest iTV technology," said Scott Higgins, director of Interactive TV Programming for DISH Network. "DISH Network continues to offer the most interactive TV content over any other pay-TV provider for the enjoyment of its over 11 million interactive households."

DishGAMES will feature 16 games from PixelPlay's branded games including ASTEROIDS(TM) MEGA and CENTIPEDE(TM) MEGA. It will also include prizing, score submission, leader board and tournament capabilities.

To subscribe to DishGAMES, customers can select an on-screen "subscribe" button using their remote control which will connect them directly to the interactive TV customer service application. Customers will be able to subscribe with their remote control, or they can call DISH Network at 800-333-DISH.

DishGAMES is $4.99 per month or $49.99 annually. New customers will have access to all 16 games for the first five weeks, after which the games will rotate out weekly from an extensive library. All games will also be available for non-subscribers in demo mode.

For more information on DishGAMES or DISH Network, customers can contact DISH Network at 800-333-DISH (3474) or their local retailer for more information on how to subscribe to DISH Network. To learn more about DISH Network's programming offers, visit www.dishnetwork.com.

About EchoStar

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) serves more than 12.2 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network(TM), 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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