

## EXHIBIT C

### REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Pursuant to Section 5.61(a) of the Commission's rules, DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") hereby requests that its application for special temporary authority ("STA") to launch and operate an experimental satellite payload in the 17/24 GHz BSS band be given expedited processing.

The Commission has authorized DIRECTV to launch and operate DIRECTV 11, a Ka-band satellite to be located at 99.2° W.L. which is a critical component in DIRECTV's continued expansion of national and local high definition ("HD") television programming for American consumers. The satellite is fully constructed and will soon ship to the launch site to be mated with a Sea Launch vehicle for a scheduled launch in mid-January 2008.

DIRECTV also has added to the satellite an experimental 17/24 GHz BSS payload, which stands to be the first such payload launched into space. Although the Commission recently adopted processing and service rules for this band, it also issued a further notice of proposed rulemaking ("FNPRM") requesting further information on a number of technical and spectrum sharing issues.<sup>1</sup> However, because there are no satellites or earth stations operating in this band, there is no operational data available to the Commission for consideration in resolving these issues. DIRECTV intends to use its experimental operations to, among other things, provide the Commission with empirical data upon which to base its decisions in the FNPRM proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band and at the 17.7-17.8 GHz Frequency Band Internationally, and at the 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Satellite Services Providing Feeder Links to the Broadcasting-Satellite Service and for the Broadcasting Satellite Service Operating Bi-directionally in the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band*, 22 FCC Rcd. 8842 (2007).

DIRECTV cannot afford to delay the launch of this critical satellite – and thereby delay the next phase in its HD expansion – while awaiting launch authority for the experimental payload. In addition, delay would deny the Commission much-needed data that will provide it a sounder footing upon which to resolve the technical and spectrum sharing issues raised in the pending FNPRM. For these reasons, DIRECTV requests that its STA application be granted expedited processing.