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Re: *Commencement of Operation of DIRECTV 9S at 101.1° W.L*
File Nos. SAT-RPL-20050322-00070, SAT-LOA-20051123-00250, and
SAT-AMD-20051114-00216 (Call Signs S2669 and S2689)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 21, 2006, the International Bureau issued DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") authority to launch and operate the DIRECTV 9S satellite, a hybrid space station with both Direct Broadcast Satellite and Ka-band payloads (call signs S2669 and S2689, respectively). See *DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC*, 21 FCC Rcd. 8028 (Int'l Bur. 2006).

Pursuant to paragraph 23 of that order, DIRECTV hereby certifies that DIRECTV 9S has arrived at its assigned orbital location of 101.1° W.L. and is fully operational at that location as of December 18, 2006.

If you have any questions, please direct them to me.

Sincerely yours,



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