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**Re: Rainbow DBS Company LLC Direct Broadcast Satellite Construction Permit, File Nos. DBS 87-01, 94-SAT-AL-96, 94-SAT-TC-96, 49-SAT-TC-95, 130-SAT-EXT-95, SAT-MOD-20020408-00062, SAT-MOD-2003110-00009**

Dear Mr. Abelson:

Rainbow DBS Company LLC ("Rainbow DBS") is pleased to report to the International Bureau that Rainbow DBS has timely and successfully completed all milestones required by the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 9 (2000), as modified by the Bureau in April 2003,<sup>1/</sup> and is now offering original programming to customers throughout the United States. Specifically, the Rainbow 1 DBS satellite is operating on the 11 channels for which it is authorized to operate on pursuant to its license (File No. SAT-MOD-20020408-00062) and the two channels which it is authorized to operate on pursuant to Special Temporary Authority ("STA") (File No. SAT-STA-20030623-00122). Rainbow DBS is providing service to customers, including original programming. Rainbow DBS is currently operating all of the Rainbow 1 transponders in full-CONUS mode.

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing report, please communicate with the undersigned.

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<sup>1/</sup> On April 22, 2003, the Bureau released an Order authorizing the launch of Rainbow 1 and extending the shipment, final testing and launch milestones for Rainbow 1 to August 31, 2003. See R/L DBS Company Application for Extension of Launch Milestone for Rainbow 1 (USABSS-17), File Nos. SAT-MOD-20020408-00062, SAT-MOD-2003110-00009, *Order and Authorization*, DA 03-1185 (rel. April 22, 2003).

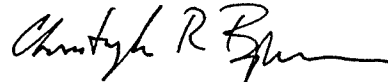
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