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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate an Expansion System of Direct Broadcast Satellites*, File No. SAT-LOA-19970605-00050

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.65 of the Commission's rules¹ and the Supplemental Order issued in MB Docket No. 03-124 on April 9, 2004,² DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV Enterprises") hereby requests that its pending application for authority to construct, launch and operate an expansion system of direct broadcast satellites at 101° W.L. (call sign S2243), File No. SAT-LOA-19970605-00050, be amended to reflect the *de facto* transfer of control of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. ("DIRECTV Group") (formerly, Hughes Electronics Corporation³) from General Motors Corporation to The News Corporation Limited ("News Corp.").⁴

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

² *General Motors Corp., Hughes Electronics Corp., and The News Corp. Ltd.*, Supplemental Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 6309 (Int'l Bur. 2004).

³ On March 16, 2004, Hughes Electronics Corporation changed its name to The DIRECTV Group, Inc. See Letter from William M. Wiltshire and Michael D. Nilsson, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Counsel for The DIRECTV Group, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Mar. 16, 2004).

⁴ See Letter from William M. Wiltshire and Michael D. Nilsson, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Counsel for News Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Dec. 23, 2003). The Commission has found that News Corp. has a *de facto* controlling interest over DIRECTV Group and its subsidiaries, including DIRECTV Enterprises, for purposes of the Communications Act of 1934. *General Motors Corp., Hughes Electronics Corp., and The News Corp.*

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Sincerely yours,



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Ltd., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 473 (2003). News Corp. disclaims any beneficial ownership of the voting securities of DIRECTV Enterprises held by subsidiaries of DIRECTV Group and does not concede, by this filing, that DIRECTV Enterprises is controlled by News Corp. or its subsidiaries.