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Federal Communications Commission
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Office of the Secretary

Re: ***DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC***
Milestone Completion for DIRECTV11 (Call Sign S2640)
File No. SAT-LOA-20040909-00168

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 8, 2005, the International Bureau authorized DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") to launch and operate DIRECTV 11, a Ka-band space station, at the nominal 99° W.L. orbital location. In accordance with Condition 2(e) of that authorization and Section 25.165 of the Commission's rules, DIRECTV posted a \$3 million performance bond to secure its compliance with four milestone requirements. The Commission previously determined that DIRECTV satisfied the first three of these milestones,¹ and the fourth – launch and operation of the spacecraft – was to be completed by March 8, 2010.

As confirmed by the attached Declaration, the DIRECTV 11 satellite was successfully launched on March 19, 2008, and began regular operations at its authorized orbital location on July 22, 2008. Accordingly, DIRECTV has satisfied the final milestone requirement in its authorization well in advance of the required date, and therefore requests that the Commission find it is entitled to cancel its performance bond.

¹ See Public Notice, Rep. No. SAT-00379, 21 FCC Rcd. 9133 (Int'l Bur. 2006).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned counsel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William M. Wiltshire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

William M. Wiltshire

Counsel for DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC


Enclosure

cc: Robert Nelson
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DECLARATION

I, James R. Butterworth, Senior Vice President, Engineering and Operations, DIRECTV Enterprises LLP, hereby certify as follows:

1. The DIRECTV 11 spacecraft was successfully launched from the Sea Launch *Odyssey* platform on March 19, 2008.
2. After completion of in-orbit testing, DIRECTV 11 was placed in its assigned orbital location of 99.225° W.L. and began operations on July 22, 2008.



James R. Butterworth
Senior Vice President,
Engineering and Operations
DIRECTV Enterprises, LLP

Date: August 14, 2008