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Re: ***Ex Parte Presentation***
File Nos. SAT-LOI-20050312-00062 and -00063

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that Stacy Fuller of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (“DIRECTV”) and undersigned counsel spoke by telephone with Renée Crittendon, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein on February 15, 2008. In this call, the DIRECTV representatives discussed the pending Application for Review of the International Bureau’s grant of authority to Spectrum Five, LLC to serve the U.S. market from foreign-licensed “tweener” satellites, raising concerns consistent with their comments in these proceedings.

They also pointed out that the alternative remedy of requiring Spectrum Five to file a modification application later this year is only a small change from the existing requirement in Spectrum Five’s authorization to provide the Bureau with much of the information that would underlie such an application. Such a change would, however, provide the Commission and all interested parties a formal framework within which to evaluate the specific manner in which Spectrum Five proposes to operate – a process that, in the normal course, would already have happened but in this case has not.

Sincerely yours,

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Counsel for The DIRECTV Group, Inc.

cc: Renée Crittendon