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

Re:

Withdrawal of Application for Minor Modification

SAT-MOD-20011221-00135

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The DIRECTV Group, Inc. ("DIRECTV"), as successor in interest to Hughes Network Systems, Inc., hereby withdraws the pending application for minor modification of its Ka-band satellite system authorization at the 99° W.L. orbital location, which has been assigned the file number referenced above. DIRECTV will file a superseding application for minor modification of this authorization that reflects further developments in its satellite currently under construction.

Sincerely yours,

William M. Wiltshire

Counsel for The DIRECTV Group, Inc.

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