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

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: Request for Determination of Compliance with, or Extension or Waiver of, License Milestones, File No. SAT-MOD-20030123-00045

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 request for determination of compliance with, or extension or waiver of, license milestones for its Ka-band satellite at 101° W.L. (call sign S2132), File No. SAT-MOD-20030123-00045, 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 and the change in the applicant's name from Hughes Network Systems, Inc. to DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC.⁵

⁴⁷ C.F.R. § 1.65.

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

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).

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.

Call sign S2132 has been assigned to DIRECTV Enterprises. See Letter from William M. Wiltshire, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Counsel for DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Jun. 7, 2004).