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Re: *Request for Determination of Compliance with, or Extension or Waiver of, License Milestones*, File No. SAT-MOD-20030123-00046

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 The DIRECTV Group, Inc. ("DIRECTV Group") (formerly, Hughes Electronics Corporation³) hereby requests that its pending request for determination of compliance with, or extension or waiver of, license milestones for its Ka-band satellite at 99° W.L. (call sign S2133), File No. SAT-MOD-20030123-00046, be amended to reflect the *de facto* transfer of control of DIRECTV Group from General Motors Corporation to The News Corporation Limited,⁴ and the change in the applicant's name from Hughes Network Systems, Inc. to The DIRECTV Group, Inc.⁵

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 *General Motors Corp., Hughes Electronics Corp., and The News Corp. Ltd.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd. 473 (2004).
⁵ Call sign S2133 has been assigned to DIRECTV Group. See Letter from William M. Wiltshire, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Counsel for The DIRECTV Group, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (Jun. 7, 2004).

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Wiltshire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

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