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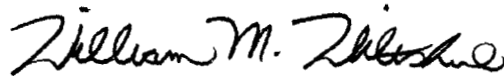
Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Withdrawal of Application for Minor Modification*
SAT-MOD-20030401-00060

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 103° 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,



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