

April 20, 2006

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *DIRECTV 8 (S2132/S2632)*  
*SPACEWAY 1 (S2191)*  
*SPACEWAY 2 (S2133)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that, in accordance with the authorizations granted by the Commission, (1) the DIRECTV 8 satellite, Call Signs S2132 (Ka-band) and S2632 (DBS), was successfully placed into orbit at the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location and subsequently began commercial operations on June 23, 2005; (2) the SPACEWAY 1 satellite, Call Sign S2191, was successfully placed into orbit at the nominal 103° W.L. orbital location and subsequently began commercial operations on October 20, 2005; and (3) the SPACEWAY 2 satellite, Call Sign S2133, was successfully placed into orbit at the nominal 99° W.L. orbital location and subsequently began commercial operations on April 14, 2006.

If you have any questions, please direct them to me.

Sincerely yours,



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