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Re: *DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20140624-00075*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 24, 2014, DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) filed the above referenced application for extension or waiver of the launch and operate milestone for DIRECTV RB-2, a 17/24 GHz BSS space station to be operated at the nominal 103° W.L. orbital location. At the time that application was filed, DIRECTV anticipated that the launch window for the satellite on an Ariane 5 rocket would fall in the February/March 2015 timeframe. Because DIRECTV will need to conduct in-orbit testing before beginning operations at its licensed location, it therefore requested an extension through April 27, 2015 (or, in the alternative, for waiver of the launch and operate milestone)

Although DIRECTV has maintained its place in the Arianespace launch queue, the estimated date for launch of DIRECTV RB-2 has nonetheless slipped over the last several months. At present, the year’s first Ariane 5 launch (carrying the THOR 7 and Sicral 2 satellites) is scheduled for April 15, 2015. DIRECTV RB-2 is to be carried on the second Ariane 5 launch, which is currently scheduled for May 20, 2015.¹

Accordingly, based on this latest information, DIRECTV requests that the Commission extend the launch and operate milestone for DIRECTV RB-2 through July 15, 2015.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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¹ See Launch Schedule, SPACEFLIGHT INSIDER (available at <http://www.spaceflightinsider.com/launch-schedule/>); Press Release, “French Guiana welcomes the THOR 7 spacecraft for launch on Ariane 5” (Feb. 23, 2015) (available at <http://www.arianespace.com/news-mission-update/2015/1262.asp>).

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