

October 27, 2014

BY IBFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Application for Milestone Extension for DIRECTV RB-1*
IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20140624-00077

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that the DIRECTV 14 satellite, which carries the 17/24 GHz BSS payload known as DIRECTV RB-1, has been delivered to the Arianespace launch site in Kourou, French Guiana, as has its co-passenger (GSAT-16). Both satellites are currently being readied for launch, which is scheduled for early December.¹ DIRECTV anticipates that, after orbit-raising and in-orbit testing have been completed, the spacecraft will arrive at its assigned 99° W.L. orbital location in early February 2015.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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Stephen Duall

¹ See, e.g., Arianespace, "The Spaceport keeps pace with Arianespace's busy mission cadence," available at http://www.arianespace.com/news-feature-story/2014/10-17-2014-combined_missions.asp; "India's GSAT-16 is delivered to French Guiana for the next Arianespace Ariane 5 launch," available at <http://www.arianespace.com/news-mission-update/2014/1230.asp>.