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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request to Consolidate Satellite Call Signs and License Terms

DIRECTV 8: S2632, SAT-MOD-20150304-00009; S2132, SAT-MOD-

20061213-00151

DIRECTV 9S: S2689, SAT-LOA-20051123-00250; S2669, SAT-MOD-

20060908-00101

DIRECTV 12/DIRECTV RB-2A: S2797, SAT-MOD-20150320-00013;

S2796, SAT-MOD-20150327-00015

DIRECTV 14/DIRECTV RB-1: S2869, SAT-LOA-20120518-00085; S2711,

SAT-MOD-20141103-00119

DIRECTV 15/DIRECTV RB-2: S2930, SAT-LOA-20140825-00094

S2712, SAT-MOD-20150722-00052

Dear Ms. Dortch:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV"), by its counsel, hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") perform an administrative change to the current authorizations for the DIRECTV satellites listed in the chart below. These DIRECTV satellites are authorized under two different call signs and, in some cases, have different license terms. For these satellites, DIRECTV requests that the Commission (1) eliminate one call sign to consolidate the authority granted for the satellite into a single call sign, covering all authorized frequency bands and (2) where necessary, harmonize the license terms.

Grant of this request will serve the public interest. Having a single call sign and license term expiration date for these satellites would be administratively efficient and avoid confusion. For this reason, the Commission has previously consolidated call signs for different payloads on a single satellite. Doing so again here will

¹ See DIRECTV ENTERPRISES, LLC, Application for Authorization to Launch And Operate DIRECTV RB-79W, a Satellite in the 17/24 GHz Broadcasting Satellite Service at 79° W.L., File No. SAT-MOD-20150428-00031



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avoid any uncertainty that might otherwise result from having two calls signs and license terms for the same spacecraft.

Satellite	Call Sign and Term 1	Call Sign and Term 2	Requested Call Sign and Term
DIRECTV 8	S2632 (DBS)	S2132 (Ka-band)	S2632 (Ka-band &
			DBS)
	6/23/2025	6/23/2020	6/23/2025
DIRECTV 9S	S2689 (Ka-band)	S2669 (DBS)	S2689 (Ka-band &
			DBS)
	12/17/2021	$12/17/2016^2$	12/17/2021
DIRECTV	S2797 (Ka-band)	S2796 (17/24 GHz)	S2797 (Ka-band &
12/DIRECTV			17/24 GHz)
RB-2A	4/26/2025	4/26/2025	4/26/2025
DIRECTV	S2869 (Ka-band)	S2711 (17/24 GHz)	S2869 (Ka-band &
14/DIRECTV			17/24 GHz)
RB-1	1/26/2030	1/26/2030	1/26/2030
DIRECTV	S2930 (Ka-band)	S2712 (17/24 GHz)	S2930 (Ka-band &
15/DIRECTV			17/24 GHz)
RB-2	8/25/2030	8/25/2030	8/25/2030

(filed Apr. 28, 2015) (application to launch and operate a 17/24 GHz payload on a previously licensed Ku-band satellite was converted into a modification of the existing license, with a single call sign for the Ku-band and 17/24 GHz payloads).

⁽Continued . . .)

² Consistent with Section 1.62 of the Commission's Rules, and to the extent necessary, DIRECTV will continue to operate the DBS frequencies on the DIRECTV 9S satellite pursuant to the terms and conditions of the authorization associated with call sign S2669 expiring December 17, 2016 until such time as the Commission makes a determination with respect to this request. 47 C.F.R. § 1.62.



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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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