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Re: *Notice of Commencement of Construction*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 25.113(f) of the Commission's rules, DIRECTV Enterprises LLC ("DIRECTV") hereby notifies the Commission of the commencement of construction of DIRECTV 9S, a hybrid satellite, at its own risk. DIRECTV 9S, based on Space Systems/Loral's LS-1300 platform, will operate in both the Ku-band frequencies used for Direct Broadcast Satellite service and the Ka-band frequencies used for Fixed Satellite Service. DIRECTV is in the process of finalizing various design and operational details, and intends to file an appropriate application with the Commission for launch and operational authority in the next few months.

If you have any questions about this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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