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

Re: *Voluntary Surrender of Authorization for DIRECTV 13
SAT-RPL-20060119-00005 (Call Sign S2693)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") hereby voluntarily surrenders its authorization to launch and operate DIRECTV 13, a space station in the Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service to be located at the nominal 110° W.L. orbital location. The recent authorizations granted to a DBS "tweener" system on one side of this location, and the pending application of a second tweener system on the other, have introduced uncertainty in the DBS interference environment and increased the risk to satellite video service delivered via a small customer receive antenna. DIRECTV has challenged these tweener filings, and those challenges remain pending. Nonetheless, given the current state of uncertainty, DIRECTV concluded that it cannot proceed with the contracting and construction required to satisfy its milestone requirements at this time.

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

Sincerely yours,



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