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June 25, 2003

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Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau – Satellites
P.O. Box 358210
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5210

Attn.: Jennifer Gilsonan, Chief
Satellite Policy Branch
Satellite Division
International Bureau

Re: *DIRECTV, Inc.; Request for Special Temporary Authority to Move the DIRECTV 6 and DIRECTV 1 Direct Broadcast Satellites*

Dear Ms. Gilsonan:

On June 11, 2003, DIRECTV, Inc. (“DIRECTV”)¹ requested a grant of special temporary authority (“STA”) to move the DIRECTV 6 and DIRECTV 1 direct broadcast satellites to the 110° W.L. and 101° W.L. orbital positions, respectively. This request is attached.

DIRECTV’s June 11 letter requested authority to move serially and operate two different satellites at two different orbital positions. DIRECTV views these actions as interrelated and is treating them as a single mission. Thus, DIRECTV filed a single STA fee to cover these actions. To the extent that the movement and operation of two satellites is contemplated, however, DIRECTV hereby encloses a second STA filing fee.

DIRECTV has requested a formal minor modification of its satellite system authorization to accommodate the requested changes to its satellite system. In the mean time, DIRECTV reiterates its request that the STA be granted as soon as possible, for the reasons described in the June 11 letter.

¹ DIRECTV is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC, which is a Commission licensee in the high-power Direct Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) service, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hughes Electronics Corporation.

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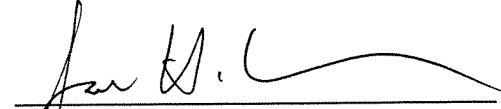
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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Ms. Gilsenan:

DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV")¹ hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") to move the DIRECTV 6 and DIRECTV 1 direct broadcast satellites to the 110° W.L. and 101° W.L. orbital positions, respectively.

The DIRECTV 6 DBS satellite currently serves as a backup to the operations of the DIRECTV 5 satellite, which uses DIRECTV's eleven assigned DBS frequencies at the 119° W.L. orbital position. The DIRECTV 1 DBS satellite currently operates at 110° W.L. using DIRECTV's three assigned DBS frequencies at that location.

The primary purpose of the requested STA is to enhance promptly DIRECTV's DBS service to Hawaii. DIRECTV currently uses its capacity at 110° W.L. to provide high-definition television ("HDTV") programming channels to its DBS subscribers. The DIRECTV 1 satellite, however – the first satellite deployed by DIRECTV – was not designed to cover Hawaii. Therefore, DIRECTV's Hawaiian subscribers cannot receive any HDTV programming offered from the 110° W.L. orbital position.

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DIRECTV 6 (formerly known as Tempo 2), by contrast, has a coverage beam that can "see" the Hawaiian islands. Since the DIRECTV 7S spot beam satellite, planned for launch into the 119° W.L. location at the end of this year, also has national capacity that can serve as backup capacity for DIRECTV 5, DIRECTV 6 is available for re-positioning at 110° W.L. Once DIRECTV 6 is positioned at 110° W.L., the programming carried on DIRECTV 1 can be transferred to DIRECTV 6, which will allow Hawaiian subscribers to access it. DIRECTV 1 will then be returned to the 101° W.L. to provide service and to act as additional backup capacity to DIRECTV's core national offerings at that location.

DIRECTV is committed to the expansion of programming services offered to Hawaii residents, which is an express policy goal of the Commission. Prompt grant of this STA request is therefore in the public interest. *See, e.g., In the Matter of Policies and Rules for the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service*, IB Docket No. 98-21, Report and Order (rel. June 13, 2002), at ¶ 50 (recognizing "the importance of establishing DBS as a competitor to cable in the MVPD market in" the State of Hawaii). Furthermore, the substitution of DIRECTV 6 for DIRECTV 1 at 110° W.L., and the relocation of DIRECTV 1 back to its original orbital position of 101° W.L., will not cause harmful interference to any other DBS operator.

DIRECTV understands that it may need to request a minor modification of its satellite system authorization to accommodate the above-described changes, and will promptly begin the preparation and prosecution of such an application as necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


James R. Butterworth
Senior Vice President
Communications Systems
DIRECTV, Inc.

cc: Thomas Tycz
John Martin
Rockie Patterson

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DIRECTV, INC.

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145.00

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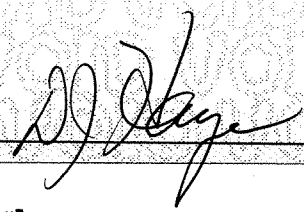
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