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Attn.: Jennifer Gilsonan, Chief
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International Bureau

Re: *DIRECTV, Inc.; Request for Special Temporary Authority to Relocate DIRECTV 3 to 82° W.L. and to Conduct Telemetry, Tracking and Command ("TT&C") Operations for an Interim Period*

Dear Ms. Gilsonan:

DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV")¹ hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") to relocate the DIRECTV 3 direct broadcast satellite from a storage orbit to a Canadian Broadcast Satellite Service ("BSS") orbital location and to direct the TT&C functions of that satellite for a period of time once it is relocated.

Pursuant to the grant of an STA on September 27, 2002, DIRECTV moved DIRECTV 3 to a super-synchronous storage orbit 308 kilometers above the geostationary orbit, where the satellite serves as emergency backup capacity for the DIRECTV constellation of satellites. DIRECTV 3 comes into view, and can be communicated with, once every three months. The current "window" for communicating with DIRECTV 3 began on August 28 and is expected to close on or about September 25, 2003.

DIRECTV has agreed to lease all of the capacity on DIRECTV 3 to Telesat Canada ("Telesat") for operation of that satellite at the 82° W.L. Canadian BSS orbital position, subject to receiving the requisite approvals from both the U.S. and Canadian regulatory authorities to

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.

relocate and operate DIRECTV 3 from the new location. Telesat has an imminent need for additional BSS satellite capacity due to a power system anomaly on the Nimiq 2 satellite, which has resulted in reduced prime power capability for Nimiq 2, and consequently, a reduced number of transponders that can be operated on that satellite.

During the relocation of DIRECTV 3 back into geostationary orbit, DIRECTV will not operate the communications payload on the satellite. Under the terms of the lease agreement, Telesat will assume TT&C responsibility for DIRECTV 3 upon its relocation to 82° W.L. once the necessary ground equipment is operational at Telesat's facilities. Telesat will operate the satellite under an authorization from Industry Canada, and in conformance with the parameters of ITU regulations and coordination obligations. Telesat's assumption of actual TT&C responsibility will occur within the first year of the lease. In the interim, DIRECTV will continue to provide TT&C for Telesat via a DIRECTV-licensed earth station.

A grant of this STA is in the public interest and supported by good cause. Telesat's lease of capacity on DIRECTV 3 will enable it to address the Nimiq 2 anomaly and to provide increased and better service to Canadian BSS customers as a result of the improvement in satellite capacity. Such facilitation of service improvement is generally in the public interest, and is in keeping with an exchange of letters between the U.S. and Canadian governments committing to allow satellite systems of each country to serve the other country in times of capacity shortage.²

Grant of the requested STA will not present any significant risk of interference to other U.S. satellites, since DIRECTV 3 is already out of the geostationary orbit and will simply be "pulled down" into a Canadian BSS orbital position. Uplink and downlink TT&C operations for the satellite will be performed in the uplink and downlink bands allocated by both the U.S. and Canada for BSS service (17.3-17.8 GHz (uplink) and 12.2-12.7 GHz (downlink)). Once DIRECTV 3 is relocated, the satellite will be used exclusively for service by Telesat or Telesat's customers to facilitate service to Canadian BSS subscribers, and will not be used to provide U.S. service from a Canadian orbital position.

Accordingly, for good cause shown, DIRECTV respectfully requests an STA grant, commencing on September 5, 2003, to relocate DIRECTV 3 to the 82° W.L. orbital position, and to provide TT&C for the satellite for a period of sixty (60) days.

² See Letter from Bert W. Rein, Department of State, to Kenneth B. Williamson, Embassy of Canada (Nov. 7, 1972). See also PanAmSat Licensee Corp., Request for Temporary Authority, File No. SAT-STA-20030324-00039 (granted April 28, 2003) (granting STA for PanAmSat to relocate Galaxy III-R from 74° W.L. to 111° W.L. and operate the TT&C payload on the satellite during relocation in order to provide continuity of service for Telesat upon the end of life of the Anik E-2 Canadian FSS satellite).

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Questions with respect to this matter should be directed to James H. Barker or Gary M. Epstein, counsel for DIRECTV, at (202) 637-2200.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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