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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*
File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300
Request for Confidential Treatment

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 7, 2003, DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC,¹ on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates ("DIRECTV"), requested that the Commission withhold certain documents submitted in connection with the above-referenced STA request from public inspection and accord them confidential treatment pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459. On March 22, 2004, the International Bureau issued a Protective Order in this proceeding that covered those and other related documents that had been submitted to the Commission.² On June 23, 2004, DIRECTV advised the International Bureau of the finalization of the operational agreement between DIRECTV and Telesat Canada that is referenced in the documents previously filed and submitted an execution copy of that agreement. Today, DIRECTV is filing a complete and fully executed version of that agreement, which should be associated with the submissions discussed above in the record of this proceeding.

DIRECTV today is submitting this operational agreement directly to Messrs. Jay Whaley and Karl Kensinger of the International Bureau, along with a copy of this letter.

¹ DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC is a licensee in the high-power Direct Broadcast Satellite service and a wholly owned subsidiary of The DIRECTV Group, Inc.

² See *DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC*, 19 FCC Rcd. 5255 (Int'l Bur. 2004) ("Protective Order").

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DIRECTV hereby requests confidential treatment for this supplemental documentation, incorporating by reference the detailed justifications set forth in its October 7, 2003 submission, which remain applicable. DIRECTV is voluntarily providing this trade secret and commercial and financial information "of a kind that would not customarily be released to the public" and, therefore, this information is "confidential" under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.³ Moreover, DIRECTV would suffer substantial competitive harm if this documentation and the information contained therein were publicly disclosed.⁴ Accordingly, DIRECTV requests confidential treatment pursuant to the Protective Order.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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³ See *Critical Mass Energy Project v. NRC*, 975 F.2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1992).

⁴ See *National Parks & Conservation Ass'n v. Morton*, 498 F.2d 765 (D.C. Cir. 1974).