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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau – Satellites
P.O. Box 358210
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5210

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**Re: Application of Rainbow DBS Company LLC for Extension of Special
Temporary Authority to Operate a Direct Broadcast Satellite Over
Channels 23 and 24 at 61.5° W.L., File No. _____**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Rainbow DBS Company LLC , enclosed please find for filing an original and nine copies of an application for extension of Rainbow DBS's Special Temporary Authority to operate its Rainbow 1 DBS satellite over Channels 23 and 24 at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$145.00 for the applicable filing fee, a completed FCC Form 159, and an additional copy, which we ask you to date stamp and return with our messenger. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Benjamin J. Griffin
Counsel for Rainbow DBS Company LLC

cc: Jennifer Gilsonan
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FCC Columbia Operations Center