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APPLICATION FOR SPACE STATION SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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STA Request for DIRECTV 1

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3. Reference File Number

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- If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).
- Governmental Entity Noncommercial educational licensee
- Other (please explain):

4b. Fee Classification

5. Type Request

- Change Station Location Extend Expiration Date Other

6. Temporary Orbit Location

7. Requested Extended Expiration Date

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8. Description (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.)

See Attachment

9. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application"; for these purposes. Yes No

10. Name of Person Signing
James Butterworth

11. Title of Person Signing
Senior Vice President

12. Please supply any need attachments.

Attachment 1: Description

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

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ATTACHMENT 1

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate geostationary space station DBS8402 (DIRECTV 1) at the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location at the currently licensed parameters and specifications beyond December 2, 2004, the expiration date of the previous STA requested for DIRECTV 1. *See* FCC File No. SAT-STA-20040524-00103. Specifically, DIRECTV requests authority to operate DIRECTV 1 for up to 180 days beyond that expiration date, through and including May 30, 2005, at the 101.125° W.L. orbital position ($\pm 0.05^\circ$), while its request for a long-term extension of its license is being processed.

The DIRECTV 1 satellite was launched on December 17, 1993 as the United States' first high-power space station in the Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service. DIRECTV 1 is currently positioned at the nominal 101° W.L. orbital location. *See* FCC File Nos. SAT-STA-20040630-00125, SAT-MOD-20030613-00120, and SAT-MOD-20030613-00121. During the most recent licensed period, DIRECTV used this DBS satellite to distribute video programming to its customers, as well as for backup capacity once additional DBS satellites were added to the DIRECTV fleet.

The expected remaining life of DIRECTV 1 is approximately five years. Therefore, DIRECTV expects that this satellite can continue to be used to provide DBS services to its customers, as well as backup capability, on a similar basis beyond the expiration date of the currently requested STA, and DIRECTV is seeking a modification of its license to cover that expected term. Grant of this STA would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity because the continued operations of DIRECTV 1 will allow DIRECTV to utilize the remaining life of the satellite and to make use of the valuable capacity and remaining operability of the space station, while also affording the Commission sufficient time to process the request for a long-term license extension.