

May 19, 2005

BY HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *SAT-STA-20050506-00095*
SES-STA-20050512-00584
SES-STA-20050512-00585
SES-STA-20050512-00587

Dear Ms. Dortch:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") filed the above referenced applications in connection with its plans for the launch and initial operations of the DIRECTV 8 satellite. At the time these applications were filed, DIRECTV anticipated that it would conduct in-orbit testing ("IOT") of the spacecraft's Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") payload at the 99.2° W.L. orbital location for a period of up to eighteen (18) days ending June 23, 2005. DIRECTV has now decided not to conduct such testing at that location, which was the sole function to be served by earth station E980338.

Accordingly, DIRECTV hereby (1) withdraws File No. SES-STA-20050512-00584 (relating to call sign E980338) in its entirety, and (2) withdraws only so much of the three remaining applications listed above as relate to IOT. To be clear, DIRECTV still seeks authority to conduct telemetry, tracking and command ("TT&C") operations with DIRECTV 8 in the DBS band as described in those latter three applications, using the following frequencies:

Uplink:	17307 MHz
Downlink:	12203.25 and 12203.75 MHz

Accordingly, only those portions of the latter three applications related to IOT are affected in any way by this change in plans.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William M. Wiltshire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

William M. Wiltshire

Counsel for DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC