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Robert Nelson Chief, Satellite Division International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

## Re: De-orbiting of DIRECTV 1 IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20090121-00006

Dear Mr. Nelson:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") hereby gives notice that it has successfully de-orbited its DIRECTV 1 space station, which has operated most recently pursuant to a Canadian license at the 91° W.L. orbital location. The de-orbiting was completed on February 20, 2009. The final measured orbit of the DIRECTV 1 satellite has an apogee and perigee of 386 km and 345 km above geosynchronous orbit, respectively. In the course of de-orbiting the satellite, DIRECTV depleted the propellant tanks, discharged the batteries, disconnected the power from the bus, and shut off all payloads and payload heaters.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-730-1350.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

William M. Wiltshire Counsel for DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC

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