



June 16, 2009

**BY ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: ***De-orbiting of DIRECTV 3***  
***IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20090512-00052***

Dear Mr. Nelson:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby gives notice that it has successfully de-orbited its DIRECTV 3 space station, which has operated most recently pursuant to a Canadian license at the 82° W.L. orbital location. The de-orbiting was completed on June 12, 2009. The final measured orbit of the DIRECTV 3 satellite has an apogee and perigee of 383 km and 342 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/

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