

April 15, 2010

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Request for Special Temporary Authority for In-Orbit Testing of
DIRECTV 12 at 76° W.L.***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to continue in-orbit testing (“IOT”) of the DIRECTV 12 satellite (call sign S2797) at the 76° W.L. orbital location. DIRECTV is currently conducting IOT pursuant to an STA,¹ and seeks permission to perform additional tests for a period of approximately 30 days using the same operational parameters currently authorized. DIRECTV has cleared its proposed operations with NTIA, and hereby agrees to accept all terms and conditions imposed with respect to its existing STA.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing DIRECTV to complete testing of the DIRECTV 12 satellite to ensure that it is fully operational and ready to begin providing service to millions of DIRECTV subscribers from the satellite’s licensed orbital location.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ See Grant Stamp, IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20100319-00051 (Mar. 19, 2010).