

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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*In the Matter of*

**DIRECTV ENTERPRISES, LLC**

Request for Special Temporary Authority to  
Relocate DIRECTV 1R to 109.8° W.L. and to  
Conduct Telemetry, Tracking and Command  
Operations for an Interim Period  
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**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to (1) “reflag” DIRECTV 1R as a United States satellite; (2) drift DIRECTV 1R from its current orbital position at 72.5° W.L. to the Broadcasting Satellite Service (“BSS”) slot allocated to the United States at 109.8° W.L., and (3) perform telemetry, tracking and command (“TT&C”) functions with DIRECTV 1R during this drift. DIRECTV requests that this STA become effective on December 31, 2011, and last for sixty (60) days thereafter. This STA will enable DIRECTV to reposition DIRECTV 1R to back up other satellites in its fleet and thereby ensure continuity of service to millions of DIRECTV subscribers nationwide.

DIRECTV 1R currently operates as a Canadian-licensed satellite pursuant to an October 2008 Amendment No. 2 to the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement with Telesat Canada (“Telesat”) to provide service into the U.S. using the Canadian BSS slot at 72.5° W.L. Pursuant to that agreement, DIRECTV’s right to

operate transponders at the 72.5° W.L. slot expires on December 31, 2011, at which time DIRECTV would like to begin DIRECTV 1R's migration to one of DIRECTV's U.S.-licensed DBS slots. DIRECTV has separately filed an application for a license to operate DIRECTV 1R at 109.8° W.L., and is requesting this STA in order to reposition the spacecraft while that application is being processed.

During the relocation of DIRECTV 1R, the satellite's communications payload will remain inactive and only the TT&C payload will operate. DIRECTV requests authority to operate on the following TT&C frequencies: 17305 and 17799 MHz (uplink) and 12698.25 and 12699.25 MHz (downlink). DIRECTV will coordinate with potentially affected satellite operators in accordance with industry practice, and will operate on a non-interference basis.

For the foregoing reasons, DIRECTV urges the Commission to grant the requested STA as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
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Chief Technical Officer  
DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC

December 5, 2011