

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Call Sign: S2369 (DIRECTV 1R)

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby requests an extension of its Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for up to sixty (60) days to continue to drift the DIRECTV 1R spacecraft to the Broadcasting Satellite Service (“BSS”) slot allocated to the United States at 109.8° W.L., and perform telemetry, tracking and command (“TT&C”) operations with DIRECTV 1R during this drift and while initially on station at 109.8° W.L.

On January 6, 2012, the Commission granted DIRECTV a 60-day STA for migration and TT&C operations with this spacecraft.¹ That STA will expire on March 8. However, the satellite is not expected to arrive at its new orbital location until approximately March 15. In addition, DIRECTV’s application to re-license DIRECTV 1R as a U.S. space station operating at 109.8° W.L. remains pending.² The requested STA will enable DIRECTV to complete migration of the satellite and stationkeep it at its new orbital location while the licensing application is being processed.

As with the existing STA, the communications payload on DIRECTV 1R will remain inactive and only the TT&C payload will operate, using the following frequencies:

Uplink: 17305 and 17799 MHz
Downlink: 12698.25 and 12699.25 MHz.

DIRECTV will coordinate with potentially affected satellite operators in accordance with industry practice, and will operate on a non-interference basis.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing DIRECTV to complete the return of this satellite to a U.S.-controlled DBS orbital location, where it will help ensure uninterrupted service to DIRECTV subscribers. In addition, grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference to any other system.

Accordingly, DIRECTV respectfully requests that the Commission grant this STA extension request as expeditiously as possible.

¹ See Grant Stamp, FCC File No. SAT-STA-20111206-00235 (granted Jan. 6, 2012).

² See IBFS File Nos. SAT-A/O-20111205-00233. The public notice period on that application has run, no comments or other filings were received.