

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 stationkeep the DIRECTV 1R spacecraft at the Broadcasting Satellite Service (“BSS”) slot allocated to the United States at 109.8° W.L. pending completion of commercial negotiations over its relocation, and to perform telemetry, tracking and command (“TT&C”) operations with DIRECTV 1R during this period.

On March 9, 2012, the Commission granted DIRECTV a 60-day STA for stationkeeping and TT&C operations with this spacecraft.¹ On May 8, prior to expiration of that STA, DIRECTV filed an application for a 60-day extension, which would cover the spacecraft’s operations through July 7, 2012.² The further STA extension requested herein will enable DIRECTV to stationkeep the satellite at its orbital location during the period necessary to conclude commercial negotiations to determine the terms for use of the satellite at a different location.

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 negotiations for an arrangement through which this spacecraft and its associated spectrum will be put to productive use. 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-20120223-00022 (granted Mar. 9, 2012).

² See IBFS File No. SAT-STA-20120508-00080. This request remains pending.