

**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

*Call Sign: S2872 (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 55.8° E.L. orbital location, and to perform telemetry, tracking and command (“TT&C”) operations with DIRECTV 1R during this drift and while initially on station at 55.8° E.L.

On September 3, 2012, the Commission granted DIRECTV a 60-day STA for migration and TT&C operations with this spacecraft.<sup>1</sup> However, the satellite is not expected to arrive at its new orbital location until approximately December 10. In addition, DIRECTV’s application to re-license DIRECTV 1R as a U.S. space station operating at 55.8° W.L. remains pending.<sup>2</sup> 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.

Due to an administrative oversight, DIRECTV’s prior STA expired prior to filing of this extension request. In the brief interim since that authorization expired, DIRECTV has continued to operate this space station in conformance with the previously authorized parameters. DIRECTV has received no notice of any interference issues during this interim period. DIRECTV respectfully requests that this extension be granted effective as of November 2, 2012, *nunc pro tunc*.

As with the prior 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 migration of this satellite to an orbital location where it will be used to help ensure uninterrupted service to direct-to-home satellite video subscribers in Russia. In addition, grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference to any other system.

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<sup>1</sup> See Grant Stamp, FCC File No. SAT-STA-20120817-00138 (granted Sep. 3, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> See IBFS File Nos. SAT-A/O-20120817-00137, SAT-AMD-20120824-00142, and SAT-AMD-20120913-00148.

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