

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Call Sign: S2369 (DIRECTV 1R)

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for up to sixty (60) days to begin operations of the DIRECTV 1R spacecraft at the 55.8° E.L. orbital location under an amended operational agreement with New Skies Satellites, B.V. (“New Skies”) while an application for modification of the DIRECTV 1R license to reflect that agreement is being processed.

On December 21, 2012, the Commission granted DIRECTV authority to operate DIRECTV 1R at the 55.8° E.L. orbital location.¹ Condition 4 of that grant states that operations of the spacecraft “must conform to the operational agreement reached between DIRECTV and New Skies, dated December 20, 2012.” The parties recently concluded an amendment to that operational agreement, and DIRECTV has applied for modification of its license so that it can operate consistent with the revised parameters.²

The requested STA would enable DIRECTV to begin operating pursuant to the amended operational agreement while its modification application is being processed. During this period, DIRECTV will operate under the new parameters on a non-protected, non-interference basis.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing DIRECTV to implement its most recent agreement with New Skies, ensuring intensive use of valuable orbital/spectrum resources. 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 request as expeditiously as possible.

¹ See Grant Stamp, IBFS File Nos. SAT-A/O-20120817-00137, SAT-AMD-2012824-00142, and SAT-AMD-20120913-00148 (granted Dec. 21, 2012).

² See IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20120730-00098.