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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority for DIRECTV 15
and DIRECTV RB-2*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Commission has granted DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to locate the DIRECTV 15 satellite (call sign S2930) along with the DIRECTV RB-2 payload (call sign S2712) at the 66.8° W.L. orbital location for in-orbit testing (“IOT”) after launch of the satellite, and to drift the satellite to its licensed orbital location at 102.75° W.L. upon completion of testing.¹

The satellite is still undergoing IOT. DIRECTV estimates that drifting the satellite to its assigned location thereafter will take approximately 26 days. Accordingly, DIRECTV requests an extension of its existing STAs with respect to telemetry, tracking and control (“TT&C”) functions for an additional thirty (30) days to cover the period required to complete IOT and for relocation of the satellite. During the period covered by these STA extensions, DIRECTV will use 29502.5 and 29505.9 MHz for its command uplinks and 20198.5 and 20199.55 MHz for its telemetry downlinks. DIRECTV will coordinate with potentially affected satellite operators in accordance with industry practice, and will operate on a non-interference basis during this migration.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing DIRECTV to complete IOT and for relocation of the DIRECTV 15/RB-2 satellite so that it can begin providing service to millions of DIRECTV subscribers from the satellite’s licensed orbital location. Accordingly, and in light of the impending completion of IOT, DIRECTV requests the expeditious grant of this extension request.

¹ See Grant Stamps, IBFS File Nos. SAT-STA-20150415-00023 (May 28, 2015) and SAT-STA-20150421-00028 (May 7, 2015).

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Respectfully submitted,

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