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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Update to Application for Assignment of Authorization
IB File No. SES-ASG-20041223-01892

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hughes Network Systems Ltd. ("HNS") and HNS License Sub Ltd. ("HNS License Sub") hereby file this letter pursuant to Section 1.65 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission")¹ to update the above referenced application (the "Application") to assign nine non-common carrier fixed satellite transmit/receive earth station authorizations, callsigns E000362, E010187, E020195, E020205, E020206, E020207, E020208, E040382, and E040436, as well as all associated special temporary authorizations and all applications of HNS for new, modified or extended authority with respect to earth stations that may be granted prior to the consummation of the proposed transaction, to HNS License Sub.

Specifically, this letter updates the Application to reflect a minor change in the way in which the proposed assignment of licenses will occur at the closing. The Application indicates that the licenses will be assigned directly from the current licensee, HNS, to HNS License Sub, in the manner depicted on Exhibit 1 hereto. For corporate restructuring purposes, however, it will be necessary, at the closing, to make a number of interim, sequential assignments of these

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

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licenses to: (i) HNS' direct parent (Hughes Network Systems Europe Limited); (ii) HNS' indirect parent (The DIRECTV Group, Inc.); (iii) as capital contributions to certain newly formed, direct and indirect commonly controlled subsidiaries of The DIRECTV Group, Inc.,² and, finally, (iv) as capital contributions to HNS License Sub. These interim assignments and the entities involved therein are depicted on Exhibit 2.

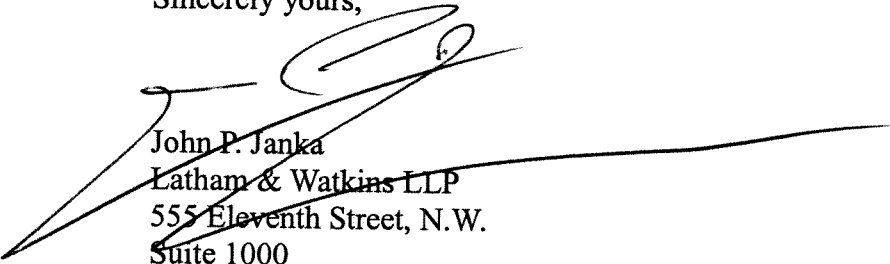
Significantly, all of the entities to whom the interim assignments will be made are part of the current control group of the current licensee----they consist of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Further, the interim assignments will occur simultaneously with the closing, and each will last a very brief period of time - only so long as is necessary to effectuate the next assignment. These changes in the interim mechanics for assigning the licenses at the closing therefore have no material impact on the ownership or control of the licenses, but are described herein in order to ensure that the Application is accurate and complete in all respects. The ultimate assignee of the licenses at consummation remains the same as before, and ownership and control of that entity remains the same as before.

² Specifically, the licenses will be assigned from The DIRECTV Group, Inc. to Hughes Network Systems, Inc., then to Hughes Network Systems, LLC, then to HNS Europe Limited, and then to Hughes Network Systems (UK) Limited.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Exhibit 1

HNS License Sub, Limited (currently proposed license assignment mechanics)

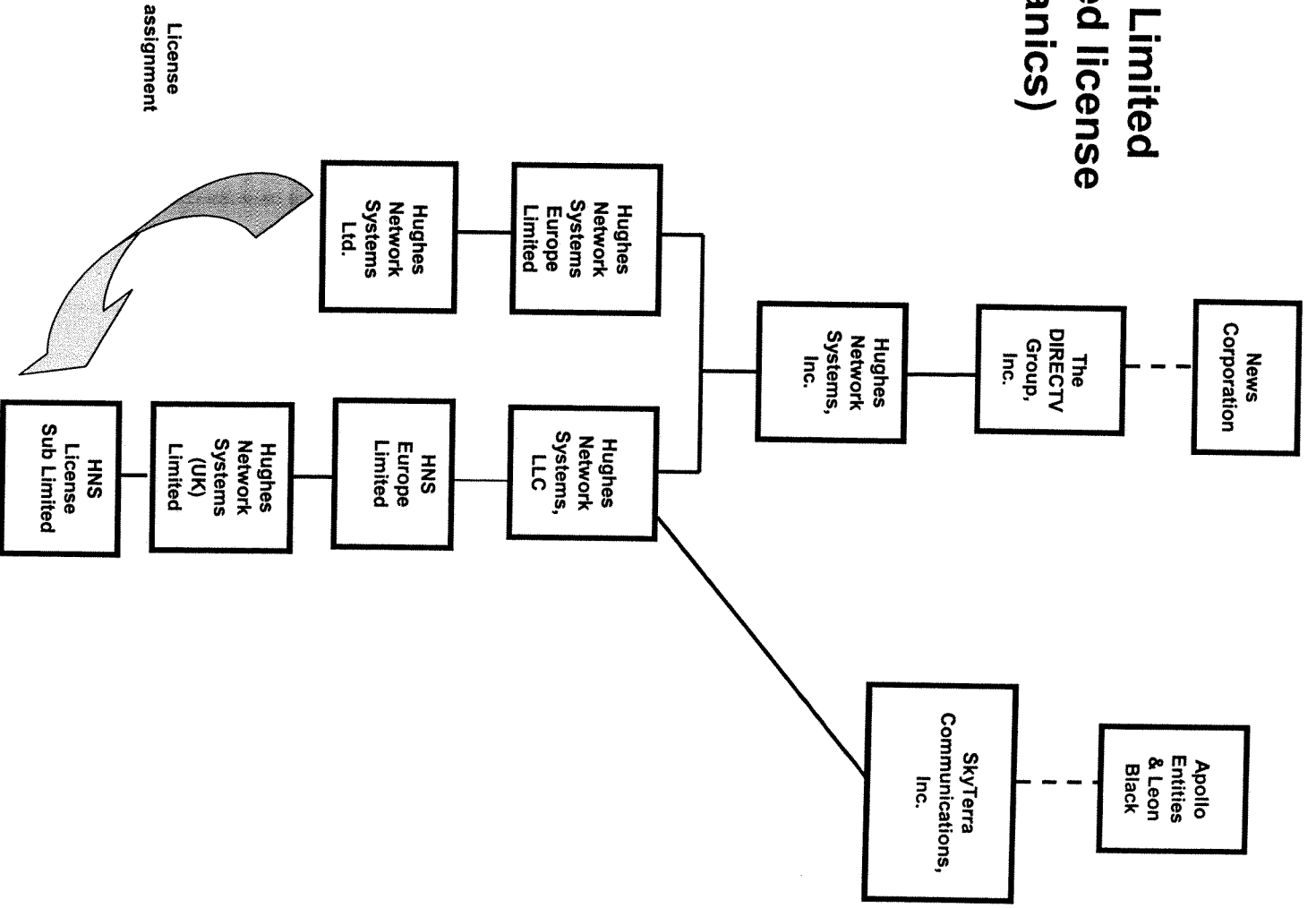
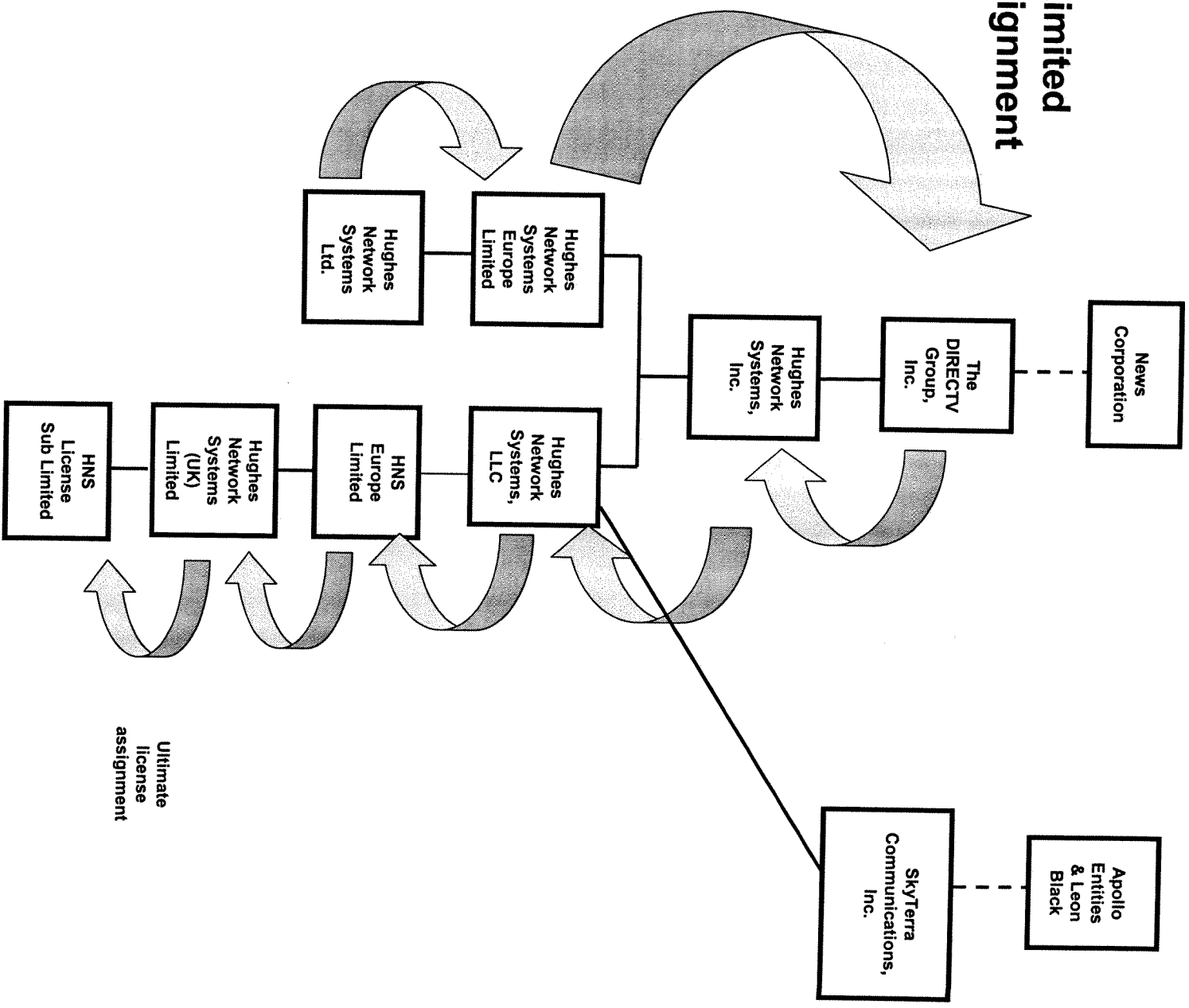


Exhibit 2

HNS License Sub, Limited (revised license assignment mechanics)



Ultimate
license
assignment