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Ms. Marlene Dortch

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: File Nos. SES-MOD-20040227-00295; SES-MOD-20040227-00298;
SES-MOD-20040227-00299

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The above-referenced earth station modification applications were filed by DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") seeking approval to add a DIRECTV satellite at Canada's 72.5° W.L. orbital location as a point of communication and to reflect the operation of uplink services to 72.5° W.L. These earth station modification requests were preceded by an application from DIRECTV for Special Temporary Authority to move its DIRECTV 5 satellite to 72.5° W.L.¹ EchoStar Satellite LLC ("EchoStar") has filed substantive comments, reply comments, and additional comments in connection with that request.² The above-referenced earth station modification applications are part and parcel of DIRECTV's proposal to relocate its DIRECTV 5 satellite, and raise identical issues.³

¹ *In the Matter of DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC*, Request for Special Temporary Authority to Relocate DIRECTV 5 to 72.5° W.L. and to Conduct Telemetry, Tracking and Command Operations for an Interim Period, File No. SAT-STA-20040107-00002 (filed Jan. 7, 2004).

² Comments of EchoStar Satellite LLC, *In the Matter of DIRECTV Enterprises LLC*, File No. SAT-STA-20040107-00002 (filed Feb. 17, 2004); Reply Comments of EchoStar Satellite LLC, *In the Matter of DIRECTV Enterprises LLC*, File No. SAT-STA-20040107-00002 (filed Mar. 10, 2004). Additionally, EchoStar filed comments concerning information released by DIRECTV pursuant to a protective order that concerns both the STA request for 72.5° W.L. and separate but related request to relocate DIRECTV 3 to 82° W.L. See Comments of EchoStar Satellite LLC With Respect To Information Filed Pursuant to Protective Order, filed in *In the Matter of DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC*,
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Accordingly, EchoStar respectfully requests that you associate EchoStar's pleadings already filed in connection with DIRECTV's proposal to move a satellite to 72.5° W.L. with the above-referenced file numbers.

Respectfully submitted,



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Request for Special Temporary Authority to Relocate DIRECTV 3 to 82° W.L. and to Conduct Telemetry, Tracking and Command Operations for an Interim Period, File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300, and the DIRECTV 5 STA proceeding (dated Apr. 5, 2004).

³ The Commission also has placed on public notice an earth station application for authority to provide service to one million receive-only earth stations from that location. *See* Public Notice, Report No. SES-00590 (dated Mar. 25, 2004).