

October 11, 2006

BY HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Requests for In-Orbit Testing STAs for DIRECTV 9S***
SAT-STA-20060807-00085 (Call Sign S2669)
SES-STA-20060807-01318 (Call Sign E060236)
SES-STA-20060807-01319 (Call Sign E930304)
SES-STA-20060807-01320 (Call Sign E990159)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7, 2006, DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") filed the above reference applications for special temporary authorization ("STA") to perform in-orbit testing ("IOT") of the DIRECTV 9S satellite at 138° W.L. using three DBS earth stations. Those applications were predicated upon a specific timetable, which was based in turn upon an anticipated launch date in mid-September. Unfortunately, the launch is now expected on October 12, rendering the previous timetable inoperative.

Accordingly, and in order to avoid any complications should the launch date slip further, DIRECTV requests that the Commission grant the requested STAs in a way that is keyed to launch rather than specified dates, as follows:

Launch + 12 days	STA begins (initial TT&C)
Launch + 14 days	Begin IOT at 138° W.L.
Launch + 29 days	Complete IOT/begin drift to 101.1° W.L.
Launch + 52 days	Drift complete, STA ends

The timetable set forth above covers the same forty-day period as the original applications, allocating the same period of time to the various activities as did the original

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applications. DIRECTV will notify the FCC within three days of successful launch of DIRECTV 9S in order to set the specific start date for these STAs as defined above.

DIRECTV respectfully requests that the Commission issue the requested STAs in the manner set forth herein. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Wiltshire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "M".

William M. Wiltshire
Counsel for DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC

cc: Robert Nelson
Scott Kotler