

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Call Sign: E090173

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby requests an extension of its existing Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for up to 30 days to complete in-orbit testing (“IOT”) of the DIRECTV RB-2A payload (call sign S2797) on the DIRECTV 12 satellite while at 76° W.L., from its Moxee, Washington earth station (call sign E090173).¹

The International Bureau granted the initial STA on January 21, 2010, for a period of 30 days.² The space station arrived at the 76° W.L. for IOT on February 12, 2010. DIRECTV anticipates that it will not complete IOT of the DIRECTV RB-2A payload until approximately March 5, 2010. Accordingly, DIRECTV requests that its existing STA be extended for a period of an additional 30 days to cover the entire period contemplated for completion of IOT.

The requested STA will serve the public interest by ensuring that the DIRECTV RB-2A payload is properly tested to assure that it will operate safely and in good working order so that it can make productive use of valuable spectrum/orbital resources as soon as possible. DIRECTV will coordinate with potentially affected satellite operators in accordance with industry practice, will continue to abide by the conditions of the existing STA, and will operate on a non-interference basis. Accordingly, DIRECTV respectfully requests that the Commission grant this STA extension request as expeditiously as possible.

¹ The application for this earth station is currently pending. *See* IBFS File No. SES-LIC-20091001-01263.

² *See* Grant Stamp, IBFS File No. SES-STA-20091202-01525 (granted Jan. 21, 2010).