

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

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DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for up to sixty (60) days beginning on or about September 3, 2012, to conduct telemetry, tracking and control (“TT&C”) operations with the DIRECTV 1R satellite during the initial phase of its drift from the 109.8° W.L. orbital location to its new location at 56.16° E.L. This earth station will provide back-up TT&C capabilities in support of the primary services provided by Intelsat.

Until recently, DIRECTV 1R was used to provide DBS service in the United States from the Canadian-controlled orbital location at 72.5° W.L. Several months ago, the commercial arrangement underlying those operations ended, and DIRECTV relocated the satellite to a 109.8° W.L. for use as an in-orbit spare, and subsequently decided to deorbit the satellite. However, an immediate need for the satellite has arisen through which it can ensure continuity of service for another DBS operator. Specifically, the Russian Satellite Communications Company (“RSCC”) faces an unexpected delay in replacing its aging Bonum 1 satellite at the 56° E.L. orbital location, and has contracted to use DIRECTV 1R to help bridge the gap.

Concurrently with this request, DIRECTV is filing the applications necessary to relocate DIRECTV 1R, and to re-license it as a U.S. space station operating at 56.16° E.L. The STA requested herein will enable DIRECTV to begin migration of the satellite while its licensing application is being processed.

During the relocation of DIRECTV 1R, the satellite’s communications payload will remain inactive and only the TT&C payload will operate. DIRECTV requests authority to operate on the following TT&C frequencies:

Uplink:	17305 and 17799 MHz
Downlink:	12698.25 and 12699.25 MHz.

DIRECTV will coordinate with potentially affected satellite operators in accordance with industry practice, and will operate on a non-interference basis. It anticipates that this earth station will be able to support Intelsat’s primary TT&C operations for the spacecraft until it reaches approximately 52° W.L.

Grant of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing DIRECTV to begin migrating this satellite to a new location where it will put valuable spectrum resources to productive use while helping to ensure uninterrupted service to RSCC’s subscribers. In addition, grant of this STA request will not result in increased risk of harmful interference to any other system. This earth station is already authorized to provide TT&C services using the frequencies needed for the drift of DIRECTV 1R. Accordingly, DIRECTV respectfully requests that the Commission grant this STA request as expeditiously as possible.