

EXHIBIT A

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) herein requests a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)¹ for thirty (30) days, commencing upon launch of the ViaSat-2 satellite, to use its Canoga Park, California Ka-band earth station (Call Sign E020241) to provide launch and early orbit phase (“LEOP”) services for the ViaSat-2 satellite. ViaSat-2 is expected to be launched no earlier than May 31, 2017.² Although the LEOP period is expected to last approximately 180 days, this STA is required only for the period of time during which another earth station is unavailable. STA is not required for the full duration of the 180-day LEOP mission.

The ViaSat-2 LEOP operations will be performed in the following frequencies: 29.501 GHz and 29.999 GHz (RHCP) in the uplink, and 18.301 GHz and 18.303 GHz (RHCP) in the downlink.³ The LEOP operations will be coordinated with all operators of satellites that use the same frequency bands and are in the LEOP path.⁴ All operators of satellites in that path will be provided with an emergency phone number where the licensee can be reached in the event that harmful interference occurs.

The 24/7 contact information for the ViaSat-2 LEOP mission is as follows: (703) 559-7701 – East Coast Operations Center (primary), or (310) 525-5591 – West Coast Operations Center (back-up). Request to speak with Harry Burnham or Kevin Bell.

Finally, DIRECTV clarifies that during the ViaSat-2 mission, Boeing will serve as the mission manager. Boeing will build and send the commands to the DIRECTV antenna, which will process and execute the commands. Telemetry received by DIRECTV will be forwarded to Boeing. DIRECTV will perform the ranging sessions by sending a tone to the spacecraft periodically. DIRECTV will remain in control of the baseband unit, RF equipment, and antenna.⁵

Grant of this STA request will allow DIRECTV to help launch the ViaSat-2 satellite. This, in turn, will help provide services at the 69.9° W.L. orbital location, thereby promoting the public interest.

¹ DIRECTV has filed this STA request, an FCC Form 159, and a \$200.00 filing fee electronically via the International Bureau’s Filing System.

² The in-orbit testing and the permanent orbital location of ViaSat-2, which DIRECTV understands is licensed by the United Kingdom, will be 69.9° W.L.

³ Because DIRECTV’s Canoga Park earth station is not permanently authorized or currently equipped to receive in the 18.301 GHz and 18.303 GHz frequencies, the necessary ground equipment will be temporarily installed at the facility to enable reception in these frequencies.

⁴ Boeing, the manager of the ViaSat-2 LEOP mission, will handle the coordination.

⁵ DIRECTV will be contracting with a third party, Intelsat, to operate the antenna. The 24/7 contact information provided above is for Intelsat.