

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”), pursuant to Section 25.120 of the Commission’s rules, hereby requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate two Ka-band uplink earth stations for up to sixty (60) days while its underlying applications are being processed.¹ These earth stations are located in Oakdale and Big Lake, Minnesota, where DIRECTV has operated earth stations continuously since June 2007. Through an administrative oversight, the licenses lapsed before DIRECTV sought renewal, and the earth stations are currently being operated pursuant to a thirty-day STA that will expire on August 27, 2022.² DIRECTV would operate each earth station under the requested STA with the technical characteristics set forth in the associated pending applications, which are identical to the characteristics of the authorizations that recently lapsed.

The Commission has good cause to approve this request. Grant of this application will serve the public interest by enabling DIRECTV to continue uplinking video programming for incorporation into DIRECTV’s direct-to-home video service, avoiding interruption to subscribers who depend on this service while the Commission processes the underlying applications for long-term licensing. DIRECTV has operated these two earth stations for over a decade without incident, and has provided supporting documentation from Comsearch attesting that “[t]here are no outstanding protection case issues or objections from any licensed or applied-for licenses in the shared bands of operation.”³ Accordingly, there is no reason to believe that the proposed operations would cause interference to any other licensee in the spectrum. Nonetheless, DIRECTV will operate on a non-interference basis. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur due to transmissions to or from one of these earth stations, DIRECTV will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference. Should an issue arise, the following point of contact at DIRECTV will be available to resolve the issue.

Jeffrey Seto
Vice President, Satellite Systems Engineering
2260 E. Imperial Highway
El Segundo, CA 90245
jaseto@directv.com
Phone: (310) 648-9794
Emergency: (310) 964-8787

Accordingly, DIRECTV requests that the Commission issue an STA for operation of these two earth stations (call signs E220106 and E220107) for up to sixty (60) days beginning on August 27, 2022.

¹ See IBFS File Nos. SES-LIC-20220801-00815 and SES-LIC-20220801-00816 (call signs E220106 and E220107, respectively). Those applications contain all relevant operational characteristics and are hereby incorporated herein to the extent necessary.

² See IBFS File No. SES-STA-20220722-00794 (granted July 28, 2022).

³ The Comsearch materials are attached as Exhibit B to each pending application.