

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC (“DIRECTV”) respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for 30 days commencing September 1, 2026 to operate its Castle Rock, Colorado earth station (Call Sign E060236) to communicate with the DIRECTV D9S satellite (Call Sign S2669) during the process of deorbit maneuvers.

D9S is approaching the end of its operational life, and its operator expects to begin deorbiting the satellite as early as September 1, 2026. DIRECTV plans to use its Castle Rock, Colorado earth station to perform telemetry, tracking, and command (“TT&C”) functions during that deorbit process. To do so, DIRECTV anticipates a need to utilize broader satellite arc, elevation, and azimuth limits than what are currently authorized for this earth station.¹ Specifically, DIRECTV requests authority to utilize the existing satellite arc east limit of 70.0° W.L. (with elevation of 32.1° and azimuth of 132.3°) and an extended satellite arc west limit of 162.0° W.L. (with elevation of 16.5° and azimuth of 247.8°) for the authorized frequency ranges.

DIRECTV will operate under this STA on a non-interference basis. In the extremely unlikely event that harmful interference should occur due to transmissions to or from the satellite, DIRECTV will take all reasonable steps to eliminate the interference. Should an issue arise, appropriate technical personnel can be reached 24/7 at DIRECTV’s TechOps team, (720) 565-7415, or by contacting Steve Dulac at (310) 429-1624.

Grant of this earth station STA request is in the public interest because it will facilitate the deorbiting of DIRECTV’s D9S satellite. Accordingly, DIRECTV respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request.

¹ See Radio Station Authorization, ICFS File No. SES-RWL-20210614-00935 (Jun. 17, 2021).