MINOR AMENDMENT TO DIRECTV 1R APPLICATION

DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC ("DIRECTV") has filed an application for authority to operate DIRECTV 1R, a satellite in the Direct Broadcasting Satellite ("DBS") service, at the 56.16° E.L. orbital location. In this Application, DIRECTV submits minor amendments to reflect updated information on its plan for drifting the satellite to its new location and the resulting impact on remaining life of the satellite. DIRECTV also submits a letter from the Russian Satellite Communications Company ("RSCC"), the customer that will be leasing the satellite from DIRECTV and Intelsat, confirming certain aspects of that arrangement. In accordance with Section 25.117(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, DIRECTV identifies in this Application only those items of information that should be changed from its original application. DIRECTV hereby certifies that the remaining information in its original application has not changed.

1. Initiation of Operations and Expected Life

In its original application, DIRECTV indicated its expectation that the satellite would be drifted to 56.16° E.L. such that it would be in place to begin commercial operation on or about January 15, 2013. That schedule has now been accelerated slightly. The new plan calls for the satellite to reach its new orbital location on or about December 22, 2012, and to begin commercial operations on January 1, 2013. In addition, the faster drift rate will consume approximately 2 kg more fuel, which will reduce the estimated remaining useful life of the spacecraft. Based on the amount of fuel remaining after relocation to the 56.16° E.L. orbital location, assuming inclined orbit operations and reserving sufficient remainder to achieve a disposal orbit approximately 300 km above geosynchronous altitude, DIRECTV currently estimates that the satellite will have a

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¹ See IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20120817-00137.

remaining useful life of approximately 3.5 years, rather than 4.5 years as originally estimated.

2. RSCC Authority

Attached hereto is a letter from RSCC confirming several aspects of the authorization under which DIRECTV 1R will operate at the nominal 56° E.L. orbital location.² Among other things, that letter confirms that (1) RSCC is wholly owned by the Russian government, (2) RSCC has been authorized by the Russian Administration to provide service from 56° E.L. using DIRECTV 1R, (3) DIRECTV 1R has permission to operate at 56° E.L. for a period of fourteen months, beginning January 1, 2013, and (4) Intelsat has the right to deorbit the satellite upon termination of the contract in accordance with the Commission's rules and requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

DIRECTV ENTERPRISES, LLC

By:	<u>/s/</u>	
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	Executive Vice President	

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RSCC's letter is addressed to Intelsat, which is the party from which it is leasing the satellite. Intelsat, in turn, has a separate agreement with DIRECTV for relocation and operation of the satellite at 56° E.L. for use by RSCC.

ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION

The und	lersigned	l hereby	certifies t	to the l	Federal	Commi	unicati	ons C	Commi	ssion a
follows:										

- (i) I am the technically qualified person responsible for the engineering information contained in the foregoing Amendment,
- (ii) I am familiar with Part 25 of the Commission's Rules, and
- (iii) I have either prepared or reviewed the engineering information contained in the foregoing Minor Amendment, and it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed:	
/s/	
Jack Wengryniuk	
August 24, 2012 Date	

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To: Robert Cummins

Director

Intelsat Global Sales & Marketing Ltd.

London UK

Dear Mr. Cummins,

RSCC, a 100% state owned Russian entity, hereby certifies that it holds the authorization issued by the Government of Russia to provide operator services to support the DirecTV-1R satellite at the 56° East orbital slot. The said authorization is currently in full force and effect. RSCC operator activities have been approved by the Russian Administration.

RSCC hereby grants permission to Intelsat Global Sales & Marketing Ltd. to use the US-licensed DTV-1R satellite at the 56° East orbital slot for a period of fourteen (14) months, starting from 1 January 2013.

RSCC confirms that Intelsat Global Sales & Marketing Ltd. has the right to deorbit the DTV-1R satellite from the 56° East orbital location following the expiry of the Agreement between RSCC and Global Sales & Marketing Ltd., and such deorbit will be performed in accordance with the rules of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission currently in effect, under which the satellite is being operated at the present time.

Best regards,

Yuri Prokhorov Director General