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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Expedited Treatment, *DIRECTV, LLC et al. v. Deerfield Media, Inc. et al.*,
MB Docket No. 19-168, CSR-8979-C

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the Commission is aware, Defendants initially opposed Complainants' request for expedited treatment in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ Although Defendants continue to disagree with Complainants' characterization of their conduct,² Defendants write to withdraw their opposition to expedited treatment in this proceeding.

Now that Complainants have filed their Reply,³ the matter is fully briefed, and the Commission has all of the information and documentation it needs to rule on the Complaint. Moreover, it is now clear that Complainants will not resume retransmission consent negotiations with Defendants unless Defendants agree to negotiate only on Complainants' terms — which Defendants have argued are legally unsupported. The Commission's decision on the Complaint is necessary to resolve this fundamental and otherwise irreconcilable disagreement. Placing this matter on schedule for expedited resolution will help ensure that the public interest is served and that Defendants' programming is restored for Complainants' subscribers as quickly as possible.

¹ See Defendants' Answer to Good Faith Complaint at 43, MB Docket No. 19-168, CSR-8979-C (filed Aug. 6, 2019).

² See Verified Complaint of DIRECTV, LLC and AT&T Services, Inc. for the Station Groups' Failure to Negotiate in Good Faith at 30, MB Docket No. 19-168, CSR-8979-C (filed June 18, 2019).

³ See Reply in Support of DIRECTV, LLC and AT&T Services, Inc.'s Complaint for Defendants' Failure to Negotiate in Good Faith, MB Docket No. 19-168, CSR-8979-C (filed Aug. 23, 2019).

Respectfully submitted,



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