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Re: ET Docket No. 98-206; DA 99-494; Diversified Communication Engineering, Inc., File Nos. 6001-EX-MR-1998, 0094-EX-ST-1999; Call Sign WA2XMY; EX PARTE

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to advise you that, in response to a request from Commission staff, on Monday, January 24, 2000, Tuesday, February 1, 2000 and Wednesday, February 2, 2000, representatives of DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV") provided some clarifying information to Harry Ng of the International Bureau regarding the sources of antenna patterns used in previous DIRECTV *ex parte* multimedia presentations that are on file with the Commission.

Specifically, DIRECTV informed Mr. Ng that (i) one source was data from a manufacturer of DIRECTV equipment; (ii) that a second source was ITU-R 10-11S data supplied by Canada for use in NGSO-FSS sharing analyses; (iii) that the Canadian data was taken in many planes suitable for building a 3-D model and for getting a feel for the overall antenna pattern (though not suitable for use in making detailed engineering calculations); (iv) that none of the eight planes of the Canadian data match the horizontal plane when looking up at a satellite; and (v) that the "butterfly" patterns in the presentation came from measured DIRECTV manufacturer data first presented to the Commission in a 1994 submission regarding terrestrial interference in the DBS downlink band, and were used for detailed engineering calculations contained in DIRECTV filings. DIRECTV also provided references for two publicly available ITU documents that provide 3-D antenna pattern information, 4-9-11/172 (25 June 1998) (from Canada) and 10-11S/240 (13 October 1999) (from Special Rapporteur Group 8). A copy of the latter document was provided to Mr. Ng.

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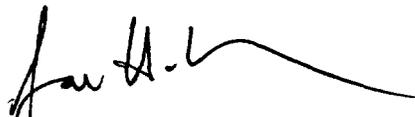
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While DIRECTV does not consider this information to be "new" information that must be disclosed under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(10)(iii) of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, DIRECTV nevertheless is doing so in an abundance of caution. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. Barker", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

James H. Barker
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