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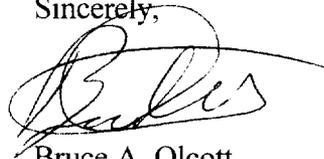
Re: Permitted Oral Ex Parte Presentation
IB Docket No. 98-21, FCC File Nos. SAT-LOA-20000505-00086 (Directv),
SAT-PDR-19991217-00128 & SAT-MOD-20000607-00099 (EchoStar)

Dear Secretary Salas:

On Monday, October 30, 2000, Bruce A. Olcott of Squire Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P. had a telephone conversation with Christopher Murphy, Legal Advisor, International Bureau, regarding the above reference matters. During the discussion, Mr. Olcott reiterated the position of the State of Hawaii that the Commission's geographic service rules, 47 C.F.R. § 100.53, already mandate that direct broadcast satellite ("DBS") licensees must provide service to Hawaii that is generally "comparable" and of "equal value" in content and quality to DBS service in the rest of the United States. Mr. Olcott also urged the Commission to address discrimination by DBS licensees against the residents of Hawaii in any orders that are released in the above referenced proceedings.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Olcott

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