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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *DIRECTV, Inc.; CS Docket Nos. 00-96, 99-363; EX PARTE*

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to advise you that on Friday, June 1, 2001, Merrill Spiegel, Vice President of Government Affairs for DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV") and the undersigned met with Ben Bartolome, Steven Broeckert, Eloise Gore, William Johnson, Deborah Klein, Michael Lance, Ronald Parver, and John Wong of the Cable Services Bureau.

At this meeting, Ms. Spiegel apprised the Bureau attendees of DIRECTV's procedure for notifying television broadcast stations of the locations of DIRECTV's local receive facilities in markets in which DIRECTV is offering local channel service. The procedure is summarized in the attached document, which was distributed at the meeting.

In addition, the DIRECTV representatives reiterated points made in DIRECTV's pending petition for reconsideration regarding the definition of the "good quality signal" that television broadcast stations must provide to a satellite carrier's local receive facility under Section 338 of the Communications Act. DIRECTV urged that a "good quality signal" be defined as one meeting the requirements of GRE-338 CORE, TV-1<20 route miles, and not simply incorporate the off-air standard from the cable television must carry regime. In response to inquiries from the staff, DIRECTV agreed to supplement the record regarding the manner in which television broadcasters could meet this standard.

Finally, the DIRECTV representatives sought informal guidance from the staff regarding the types of costs that can be recovered from broadcasters that relate to the delivery of a good quality signal to the satellite carrier local receive facility. After a brief discussion, DIRECTV agreed to supplement the record with a schematic diagram and request such guidance via a written *ex parte* letter.

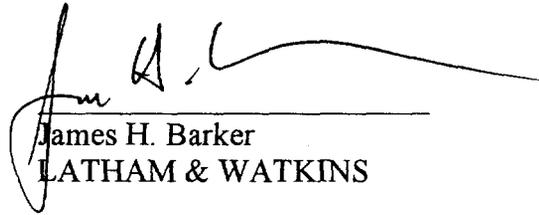
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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. Barker", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

James H. Barker  
LATHAM & WATKINS

*Counsel for DIRECTV, Inc.*

Attachment

cc: Ms. Merrill Spiegel, DIRECTV, Inc.

## **DIRECTV Local Receive Facility Notification Procedure**

- Satellite Carriers are required to make locations of local receive facilities known by June 1, 2001. The means by which television stations are notified is left to the discretion of the satellite carrier. Satellite Must Carry Order at ¶ 57.
- DIRECTV has chosen to notify television stations via the DIRECTV website. The addresses of local receive facilities in cities in which local channel service is offered can be accessed at the following link:

<http://web1.directv.com:90/about/abouttablepages/0,1271,417,00.html>

- In addition to the local receive facility location information, the site sets forth the address to which carriage elections should be sent:

DIRECTV LOCAL-INTO-LOCAL ELECTION  
2230 East Imperial Highway  
Mail Stop: N344  
El Segundo, CA 90245

- For technical questions and those related to the local receive facility, stations are instructed to contact DIRECTV at [SHVIA-Tech@directv.com](mailto:SHVIA-Tech@directv.com).
- Questions unrelated to the local receive facility may be referred to [Local-Info@directv.com](mailto:Local-Info@directv.com).