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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite 110
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *DIRECTV, Inc., EchoStar Satellite Corporation, Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association; File No. 0094-EX-ST-1999; ET Docket No. 98-206; DA 99-494; EX PARTE*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you that on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, the undersigned and David Pattillo on behalf of DIRECTV, Inc. ("DIRECTV"); David Goodfriend on behalf of EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar"); and Andrew Wright and David Murray of the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association ("SBCA") met with Barry Ohlson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel to Commissioner Abernathy; and Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps.

At these meetings, there was discussion of the positions set forth in the filings of DIRECTV, EchoStar and the SBCA in the above-referenced proceedings, including the harmful effects of raising the MVDDS power limits in rural areas, as some MVDDS proponents have proposed, and the proper method of assigning licenses in a terrestrial wireless MVDDS service if one is created, *i.e.*, opening a filing window and soliciting applications for licenses to be assigned by competitive bidding. The DBS Operators explained why the position of Northpoint Technology, Ltd. ("Northpoint") on this issue is without merit. The DBS operators also discussed the inadequacy of EPFD limits proposed by Northpoint in the 12.2-12.7GHz band; the impracticality of mitigation techniques advocated by Northpoint; and the fact that residual interference would be present even if mitigation techniques were utilized.

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

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Respectfully submitted,



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