

## EXHIBIT A

### CHRONOLOGY

- On September 3, 2003, DIRECTV filed a request for Special Temporary Authority stating that, in response to the failure of Telesat's Nimiq 2 satellite, DIRECTV had agreed, subject to Commission approval, to relocate its DIRECTV 3 satellite to the 82° W.L. Canadian BSS orbital position and to lease the entire satellite to Telesat. File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300. As stated in the STA request, DIRECTV 3 will be used exclusively for service by Telesat or Telesat's customers to facilitate service to Canadian BSS subscribers, and will not be used to provide U.S. service from a Canadian orbital position.
- On September 15, 2003, Telesat, Pegasus and Barrett Corporation each filed competing expressions of interest in obtaining approval from Industry Canada, the Canadian spectrum licensing authority, to operate a BSS satellite at the Canadian 72.5° W.L. orbital position.
- On September 26, 2003, Industry Canada authorized Telesat's use of DIRECTV 3 to "restore [Telesat's] BSS capacity available from the 82°W orbital position." Letter from Jan Skora, Director General, Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Regulatory Branch, Industry Canada to Mr. Ted H. Ignacy, Vice President, Finance and Treasurer, Telesat Canada (September 26, 2003).
- On September 26, 2003, the Commission placed the DIRECTV 3 STA on Public Notice. *See Public Notice*, Report No. SAT-00168 (Sept. 26, 2003).
- On October 7, 2003, DIRECTV at the request of the International Bureau and in order to facilitate processing of the DIRECTV 3 STA supplied all documentation relating to DIRECTV's arrangements with Telesat for inspection by the Bureau. DIRECTV submitted these documents with a request for confidential treatment of the documents, which explained why the documents were competitively sensitive and should be withheld from public disclosure. Because the explanations themselves would have revealed proprietary information, DIRECTV further requested that the request for confidentiality itself be withheld from public inspection. A memorandum explaining this point was placed in the public record, File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300, on October 21, 2003.
- On October 9, 2003, DIRECTV submitted a letter to (i) summarize the procedural background regarding the status of the DIRECTV 3 satellite, (ii) apprise the Commission formally that the satellite was moved without Commission authorization, (iii) apprise the Commission of remedial actions taken as a result of the unauthorized relocation, (iv) amend DIRECTV's current pending STA request to reflect the new facts, and (v) reiterate DIRECTV's request for a prompt grant of the STA. File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300, Letter from Gary M. Epstein, Counsel for DIRECTV to Thomas Tycz, Chief, Satellite Division (Oct. 9, 2003).

- On October 27, 2003, Digital Broadband Applications Corp. (“DBAC”), filed Comments in connection with DIRECTV’S proposed relocation of the DIRECTV 3 satellite in File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300 and in the News/Hughes approval proceeding, MB Docket No. 03-124.
- On November 12, 2003, DIRECTV filed its Opposition to the Comments of DBAC in File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300 and MB Docket No. 03-124.
- On December 08, 2003, the International Bureau requested additional information from DIRECTV, including multiple questions addressing the secondary signal control processor on the DIRECTV 3 satellite, and a question regarding DIRECTV’s representation that the DIRECTV 3 satellite would be “used exclusively for service by Telesat or Telesat’s customers to facilitate service to Canadian BSS subscribers, and will not be used to provide U.S. service from a Canadian orbital position.” File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300, Letter From Thomas S. Tycz, Chief, Satellite Division, to James H. Barker, Counsel for DIRECTV (Dec. 8, 2003).
- On December 8, 2003, Pegasus filed a “Motion to Designate Proceedings As Permit-But-Disclose,” including the DIRECTV 3 STA proceeding, File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300.
- On December 17, 2003, Industry Canada granted its “approval in principle” to Telesat “to develop and operate a broadcast–satellite space station at the 72.5° W.L. orbital position using the 12 GHz frequency band.”
- On December 17, 2003, DIRECTV filed for the record in File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300 a Request for Confidential Treatment of certain contract pages requested by International Bureau staff in the processing of the DIRECTV 3 STA.
- On December 18, 2003, DIRECTV responded to the International Bureau’s December 08 request for additional information regarding the proposed relocation of DIRECTV 3, providing information responsive to the Bureau’s request. DIRECTV sought confidential treatment for one particular response, and filed a redacted version of the response in the public file. *See* File No. SAT-STA-20030903-00300, Letter to Thomas S. Tycz, Chief, Satellite Division, from James H. Barker, Counsel for DIRECTV (Dec. 18, 2003).
- On January 6, 2004, pursuant to a status inquiry, DIRECTV advised the International Bureau of the execution of certain revised documents concerning its arrangements with Telesat (subsequently submitted for confidential FCC review on January 13, 2004).
- On January 7, 2004, DIRECTV filed a request for Special Temporary Authority to relocate its DIRECTV 5 satellite to the 72.5° W.L. orbital position. File No. SAT-STA-20040107-00002.

- On January 12, 2004, DIRECTV filed its request for downlink blanket licensing and market access application requesting authorization to provide U.S. service from the 72.5° W.L. orbital position.
- On January 13, 2004, DIRECTV submitted revised documentation of its arrangements with Telesat to the Commission along with a request for confidential treatment.
- On January 15, 2004, the Commission placed the DIRECTV 5 STA on Public Notice. *See Public Notice*, Report No. SAT-00187 (Jan. 15, 2004).
- On February 17, 2004, Pegasus petitioned to deny the DIRECTV 5 STA request, while EchoStar and SES Americom each submitted comments, and Rainbow DBS submitted a letter in lieu of comments.