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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting in MB Dkt. No. 07-18,
Application of News Corporation and the DirecTV Group,
Inc., Transferors, and Liberty Media Corporation,
Transferee, For Authority to Transfer Control**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 22, 2007, Jose Luis Rodriguez, President of the Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network, Inc. (“HITN”); Gregory Rohde, principal of E-Copernicus; Laura M. Irizarry, Special Assistant to the Executive Director for Community Affairs and Special Projects of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration; Mari Carmen Aponte, Director of the ASPIRA Association; and Rudolph J. Geist, Eric E. Menge, and Clare C. Liedquist of RJGLaw LLC, met with Rosemary Harold, Sarah Whitesell, Royce Sherlock, Mania Baghdadi, Marcia Glauberman, Elizabeth Kaiser McIntyre, Rosalee Chiara, and William Beckwith of the Media Bureau; and Neil Dellar and Ann Bushmiller of the Office of General Counsel, to discuss the DirecTV Group, Inc.’s (“DirecTV”) application for transfer of control in the above-referenced proceeding.

Participants expressed the importance of minority-owned and controlled media and the value that independent public interest programmers, such as HITN, provide. HITN has had significant and productive discussions with

DirecTV and has examined the public file on public interest programming maintained by DirecTV. As a result of this dialog and research, HITN did not object to the transfer of control, but strongly encouraged the Commission to address the importance of meeting public interest set-aside requirements and the precarious position public interest channels are in with short term contracts and the opportunities available for independent media.

Participants also discussed HITN's Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding qualification of V-Me as a public interest channel filed Friday, May 18, 2007.

Very truly yours,



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