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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 23, 2007, Gregory Rohde, principal of E-Copernicus; and Rudolph J. Geist and Angela P. Mason of RJGLaw LLC, on behalf of the Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network, Inc. ("HITN"), met with Commissioner Robert M. McDowell to discuss the DirecTV Group, Inc's ("DirecTV") application for transfer of control in the above-referenced proceeding.

We 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. We 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Geist', written over a horizontal line.

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Gregory Rohde