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**Re: Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control
MB Docket No. 07-18**

Dear Mss. Agress, O'Connell, Eid, Fuller and Messrs. Quale, Sher, Wiltshire, Nilsson, and Carter:

On January 30, 2007, the Commission received a consolidated application from News Corporation ("News Corp."), The DIRECTV Group, Inc. and Liberty Media Corporation ("Liberty Media") seeking consent to transfer control of various Commission licenses and authorizations held by The DIRECTV Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively "DIRECTV") from News Corp. to Liberty Media.¹ In order for the Commission to review the consolidated application and make the necessary public interest findings under section 310(d) of the Communications Act,² we require additional information and clarification of certain matters discussed in the consolidated application.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 308(b) of the Act,³ we request that you provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth in the attached Information and Document Request and, where appropriate, amend the consolidated application to reflect such responses. We would appreciate receiving your response to each inquiry no later than

¹ The application was submitted pursuant to Section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934.
47 U.S.C. § 310(d).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* § 308(b); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

Monday, July 9. Information and documents called for by the requests, as well as narrative responses, should be grouped based on the request to which they are responsive. All such material shall be so marked and shall be separated from the responses to other requests.

Your responses should be filed with Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, under reference number MB Docket No. 07-18. For any responses that contain confidential or proprietary information, please follow the filing instructions set forth in the Protective Order.⁴ For all hand deliveries pertaining to the Protective Order, please call William Beckwith (202-418-0134) to schedule receipt of hand delivery or, in his absence, Brenda Lewis (202-418-1447). For any responses that are submitted on paper that do not contain confidential or proprietary information, please file the original plus four copies with the Secretary's Office in accordance with the filing instructions set forth in the Public Notice.⁵ For any responses filed electronically in accordance with the Public Notice's instructions for electronic filings, please also deliver two paper courtesy copies of the filing to William Beckwith, Room 2-C232, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. These courtesy copies may be left at the filing window at the same address if clearly marked to William Beckwith's attention (please do not leave confidential or proprietary filings at this filing window but follow the directions above for hand deliveries pertaining to the Protective Order). One copy of any filing that does not contain confidential or proprietary information must be sent to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., as described in the Public Notice.⁶

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact William Beckwith, Media Bureau, at 202-418-0134.

Sincerely,

/s/

Monica Shah Desai
Chief, Media Bureau

Attachment

⁴ See *Application of News Corporation and The DIRECTV Group, Inc., Transferors, and Liberty Media Corporation, Transferee, For Authority to Transfer Control, Protective Order*, MB Docket No. 07-18, DA 07-2116 (rel. May 21, 2007) ("Protective Order") at ¶14.

⁵ See *News Corporation, The DIRECTV Group, Inc. and Liberty Media Corporation Seek Approval to Transfer Control of FCC Authorizations and Licenses*, Public Notice, MB Docket No. 07-18, DA 07-637 (rel. Apr. 9, 2007) ("Public Notice") at 2-4.

⁶ See Public Notice at 4.