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Re: ***MB Docket No. 07-18***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 25, 2007, The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (“DIRECTV”) identified seven additional markets in which it had firm plans to build out and launch standard definition (“SD”) local-into-local service via satellite.<sup>1</sup> This letter provides updated information on the schedule for initiation of such service in those markets.

As stated in its October 25 submission, DIRECTV expected to launch SD local service in five of these markets by the end of 2007. DIRECTV did so in Beaumont, TX on December 19, 2007. Unfortunately, delays in securing necessary fiber links delayed initiation of service in four other markets, which are now scheduled to launch on the dates indicated below:

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As stated in the October 25 submission, **REDACTED**. DIRECTV still anticipates that SD local service in those markets will launch this spring, but has not yet established specific dates for initiation.

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from William M. Wiltshire to Marlene H. Dortch at 5 and n.16 (Oct. 25, 2007).

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If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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