PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE AND [PROPOSED] ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE ORIGINAL

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## TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs EchoStar Satellite L.L.C. (f/k/a EchoStar Satellite Corporation), EchoStar Technologies Corporation, EchoStar Communications Corporation, and NagraStar LLC (collectively, "EchoStar") hereby move for a continuance of the hearing on EchoStar's Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to the Court's Inherent Authority presently set for 8:30 a.m. on December 18, 2006.

On November 17, 2006, EchoStar filed Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to the Court's Inherent Authority ("Motion for Sanctions"). On December 4, 2006, Defendants NDS Group PLC and NDS Americas, Inc. (collectively, "NDS") filed Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to the Court's Inherent Authority ("Opposition"). On December 11, 2006, EchoStar filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions Pursuant to the Court's Inherent Authority ("Reply"). A hearing on EchoStar's Sanctions Motion is currently scheduled for 8:30 am, December 18, 2006.

As set forth in footnote 1 of EchoStar's Reply, Graham James, a material witness to EchoStar's Motion for Sanctions and a resident of the United Kingdom, is currently in the process of obtaining a travel visa for entry into the United States. (Reply at 2.) Because it appeared unlikely that James would receive those documents prior to the scheduled December 18th hearing date, James agreed to provide telephonic testimony or video-feed testimony if possible. EchoStar has since been informed by the Court that it does not permit telephonic testimony, and that it would be necessary to request a motion for continuance if additional time is needed for James to obtain a travel visa to enter the United States.

EchoStar's Motion for Sanctions is largely based on the sworn declaration of James. EchoStar requests a continuance of the hearing date not for purposes of delay but so as to avoid prejudicing its Motion for Sanctions by the absence of live

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testimony from its material witness. No prejudice would result to NDS as a result of a continuance. In fact, NDS's Opposition requested notice of the Court's intent to take live testimony so that two of its witnesses from the United Kingdom, Michael Barley and Michael Wright, could make the necessary travel arrangements. (Opp. at 17.)

Counsel for EchoStar, Chad Hagan, has conferred with counsel for NDS regarding this motion. Based on the information provided to counsel for NDS by Chad Hagan's email of 4:05 p.m. PST on December 12, 2006, counsel for NDS has indicated that they anticipate filing promptly a statement of non-opposition pursuant to L.R. 7-9(b).

WHEREFORE, EchoStar respectfully requests that the hearing on Plaintiffs' Motions for Sanctions Pursuant to the Court's Inherent Authority presently set for December 18, 2006, be continued. It is unknown at this time when Mr. James will receive his travel visa in order to appear before the Court for live testimony. EchoStar will promptly inform the Court when it receives notice that James's travel visa application has been ruled upon so that the hearing may be rescheduled.

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DATED: December 13, 2006

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Respectfully submitted,

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