



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 21, 2003

OMB Control Number 3060-1038

(Letter sent to DBS Operators)

Re: Information Request

Dear :

At the direction of Chairman Powell, the Media Bureau is in the process of gathering information on certain aspects of the digital television transition. This information will be used to assess the impact of prior policy initiatives and to inform future efforts in this area. Accordingly, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please provide a written response stating:

- (1) Whether you are carrying five digital programming services that are providing high-definition or other "value-added" digital programming during at least 50% of their prime-time schedule, which programmers are being carried, and the cost to consumers for such services;
- (2) Whether, due to capacity constraints or other reasons, it is necessary for subscribers to obtain larger or additional dish antennas to access the digital programming, and whether such capacity constraints are expected to limit your ability to provide local, high-definition and/or value-added digital programming in the future; and
- (3) Your current and future plans to promote and market HDTV services.

Please provide your response by U.S. Mail or electronically to DTVSurvey@fcc.gov. If you wish to request confidential treatment of any information under sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, please provide, as required therein, a complete explanation of why such treatment is appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me or Rick Chessen, Chair of the Commission's DTV Task Force, at (202) 418-7200.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree
Chief, Media Bureau

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