1 CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED Superior Court Of California County Of Los Angeles BRAMSON, PLUTZIK, MAHLER & BIRKHAEUSER, LLP ALAN R. PLUTZIK (Bar No. 077785) 2 aplutzik@bramsonplutzik.com 3 MAR 20 2014 JENNIFER S. ROSENBERG (Bar No. 121023) jrosenberg@bramsonplutzik.com 4 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk 2125 Oak Grove Road, Suite 120 By: Amber Hayes, Deputy Walnut Creek, California94598 5 Telephone: (925) 945-0200 6 IZARD NOBEL LLP 7 JEFFREY S. NOBEL jnobel@izardnobel.com 8 ROBERT A. IZARD rizard@izardnobel.com 9 MARK P. KINDALL (Bar #138703) 10 mkindall@izardnobel.com 29 South Main Street, Suite 215 11 West Hartford, CT06107 Telephone: (860) 493-6292 12 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 13 14 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 16 No. LBM PROPERTIES, LLC ("LBM"), a California AC540043 17 Limited Liability Company, POSAMAR, LLC ("Posamar"), a California Limited Liability CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT 18 Company, AMILA, LLC ("Amila"), a California Limited Liability Company, and GEORGE 19 KEFALAS, an individual, on behalf of themselves JURY TRIAL DEMANDED and all others similarly situated, 20 21 Plaintiffs, BY FAX 22 ν. 23 DIRECTV, Inc., a Delaware corporation, The DIRECTV Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, 24 DIRECTV HOLDINGS, LLC, a California Limited 25 Liability Company, and DOES 1 through 100, 26 Defendants. 27 28

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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## CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs LBM Properties, LLC ("LBM"), Posamar, LLC ("Posamar"), Amila, LLC ("Amila") and George Kefalas, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, upon knowledge as to themselves and upon information and belief as to all other matters, alleges as follows:

#### I. NATURE OF ACTION

- 1. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants individually, and on behalf of a class of all persons or entities that own residential multiple dwelling unit rental properties ("MDU's") in the State of California (the "Landlords") upon which Defendants or their agents (collectively, "DIRECTV") have permanently installed DIRECTV Equipment after obtaining Part 2 of a DIRECTV Installation Form.
- 2. As a matter of policy and uniform practice, DIRECTV uses an illegal sham process which enables it to violate the rights of the owners of MDUs in, *inter alia*, the State of California by permanently affixing its satellite dishes and associated equipment to rooftops, external walls and other common or restricted areas without Landlord consent. Plaintiffs bring this action to stop that policy and practice.
- 3. Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief and/or damages with regard to DIRECTV's conduct as set forth below.

#### II. PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiffs LBM, Posamar and Amila are limited liability companies organized under the laws of the State of California, with their principal places of business in Los Angeles County, California. Plaintiff George Kefalas is an individual who resides in the State of California. Plaintiffs all own MDUs in Los Angeles County, including without limitation the MDUs listed on Exhibit A to this Complaint (the "Properties"). They lease or rent individual units of the Properties to residential tenants.
- 5. Defendants DIRECTV, Inc. and The DIRECTV Group, Inc. are Delaware corporations with their principal place of business in Los Angeles County, California. Defendant

DIRECTV Holdings, LLC, is a limited liability company with its principal place of business in Los Angeles County, California.

- 6. DIRECTV is and at all times relevant hereto has been a leading provider of digital television entertainment programming throughout the United States via satellite to residential and commercial subscribers. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that all of DIRECTV, Inc.'s business operations, including the matters alleged herein, are directed from, and its business decisions are made in, the State of California.
- 7. The true names and capacities (whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise) of Defendants Does 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs. Therefore, Plaintiffs sue those defendants by such fictitious names pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Each fictitious defendant is in some manner responsible for the acts and occurrences alleged herein. Plaintiffs will seek leave of this Court to amend this complaint to state the real names and capacities of said fictitiously named defendants when the same have been ascertained.
- 8. Plaintiffs are informed and believes, and thereon allege, that each of the Defendants named herein, including those defendants named as Doe Defendants, acted as the agent, employee, representative partner, joint venture, or co-conspirators of each of the other Defendants named herein in the commission of the acts and omissions to act alleged herein, and acted within the course and scope of his, her, or its duty as such agent, employee, representative, partner, joint venture, or co-conspirator. The acts of each such Defendant were authorized and/or ratified by each other Defendant, and together constitute a single and continuing course of conduct.

#### III. DIRECTV'S ACTIONABLE CONDUCT

9. DIRECTV delivers its satellite television service to subscribers who reside in MDUs by means of satellite dishes and associated equipment (collectively, "Equipment") that it installs in, on or near the MDUs. Because the DIRECTV system requires unrestricted "line of sight" access to a satellite, the Equipment is typically affixed permanently to the exterior of the MDU in which the subscriber resides and in which the subscriber's television is to be used. DIRECTV installs the

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Equipment by drilling holes in the MDU and bolting or otherwise permanently affixing the Equipment to the MDU.

- 10. DIRECTV uses professional installers, who may either be DIRECTV employees or third-parties with whom DIRECTV contracts. DIRECTV causes those installers to permanently affix DIRECTV's Equipment to common or restricted areas of MDUs, including exterior walls or rooftops, according to policies and procedures dictated by DIRECTV.
- 11. DIRECTV knows that it is – and at all times relevant hereto, was – improper and illegal to permanently affix its Equipment to common or restricted areas of an MDU, such as the MDU's exterior walls or rooftop, without first obtaining the authorization of the Landlord. In the mid-1990s, DIRECTV actively participated in a rulemaking proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") which concerned a proposed rule concerning restrictions that impair the ability of viewers to receive video programming through over-the-air broadcasts. The end-product of the proceeding was a regulation (the "Regulation") that, inter alia, limited restrictions by Landlords on the attachment of devices such as DIRECTV's Equipment to, or its use on, property "within the exclusive use or control of" a tenant (47 C.F.R § 1.4000), but did not diminish the ability of Landlords of MDU's to prohibit the installation or use of such Equipment in common or restricted access areas that are not within the tenant's exclusive use or control. Although some participants in the rulemaking proceeding advocated restrictions on a landlord's authority over areas not within the exclusive use or control of tenants, the FCC declined to impose such restrictions, concluding that requiring Landlords to permit the use of devices such as the Equipment in that way, or limiting their rights to restrict or prohibit such use, would constitute a per se taking of property under the Fifth Amendment:

While by virtue of a lease a landlord invites a tenant to take possession of property within the leasehold, the landlord does not invite the tenant to take possession of common and restricted access property. If the Commission were to extend the Section 207 rules to permit a tenant to have exclusive possession of a portion of the common or restricted access property where a lease has not invited a tenant to do so, the tenant would possess that property as an "interloper with a government license"

thereby presenting facts analogous to those presented in *Loretto [Loretto v. TelePrompter Manhattan CATV Corp.*, 458 U.S. 419 (1982)] . . . .

... [W]e agree with those commenters that argue that the permanent physical occupation found to constitute a per se taking in *Loretto* appears comparable to the physical occupation of the common and restricted areas at issue here. In *Loretto*, the physical occupation of the landlord's property consisted of the direct attachment of cable television equipment to the landlord's property, occupying the space immediately above and upon the roof and along the building's exterior. Likewise, the physical occupation here would involve the direct attachment of video reception devices to common areas such as hallways or recreation areas, or to restricted areas such as building rooftops.

Loretto is not distinguishable on the grounds asserted by the commenters. First, we disagree that the potential occupation in this instance would be temporary, not permanent. In *Loretto*, the Court found that the cable operator's occupation was "permanent" because so long as the property remained residential and a cable company wished to retain the installation, the landlord must permit it. The occupation here would be similarly "permanent" because so long as an individual viewer wished to receive on of the services covered by Section 207, the property owner would be forced to accept the installation of the of the necessary reception equipment.

Second Report and Order in In the Matter of Implementation of Section 207 of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, Restrictions on Over-the-Air Reception Devices ["OTARDs"]:

Television Broadcast, Multichannel Multipoint Distribution and Direct Broadcast Satellite

Services, CS Docket No. 96-83, F.C.C. Comm'n Order No. 98-273, 63 Fed. Reg. 71027, 71032,

1998 WL 888546, 13 FCC Rcd 23874 (1998) (the "OTARD Second Report and Order").

Accordingly, under the OTARD Second Report and Order, a lease may not prohibit installation of temporary antennae such as "rabbit ears," the installation of which would cause only ordinary wear and tear such as marks or scratches. 63 Fed. Reg. at 71030-01. However, as the FCC explicitly recognized, a tenant does not have direct or indirect control over the exterior walls or roof of an MDU, which are common or restricted areas, and therefore the Regulation does not authorize installation of Equipment in those areas without consent of the Landlord. Id. at 71030-02. In particular, the OTARD Second Report and Order makes clear that DIRECTV cannot drill holes in

an exterior wall or roof of an MDU without consent of the Landlord. *Id*.at 71031. DIRECTV therefore knows that it cannot permanently attach its Equipment to the exterior wall or roof of an MDU without Landlord consent. Yet, DIRECTV's policy and procedure for obtaining "authorization" for such attachments fails to take proper account of the Landlords' rights.

12. Before installing the Equipment, DIRECTV should seek the Landlord's permission directly. But instead, DIRECTV requests its *subscribers* to submit to DIRECTV a written authorization form (the "Installation Form" or "Form"). The Installation Form acknowledges that installation of the Equipment is improper without prior approval of the Landlord, and purports to release DIRECTV from any liability arising from the installation of the Equipment. The Installation Form gives MDU tenants two alternatives: either (i) obtain the Landlord's written authorization for the installation of the Equipment by getting the Landlord to sign and return Part 1 of the Installation Form to DIRECTV; or (ii) simply sign the Form themselves and return to DIRECTV Part 2 of the Installation Form ("Part 2"), which states:

Landlord approval of a DIRECTV System installation at
(address) has been verbally approved by my landlord (or is not required
pursuant to my lease or rental agreement).

Signature of DIRECTV customer	Date

This Form is available to be downloaded from DIRECTV's website for use by any prospective MDU tenant subscriber no matter where that subscriber lives within the United States (a copy is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit B). On information and belief, DIRECTV requires the same Installation Form for all prospective subscribers it permanently installs Equipment to serve.

13. Just as DIRECTV has a financial incentive to obtain as many subscribers as possible, tenants who are attempting to obtain DIRECTV service have an interest in obtaining service. Indeed, the authorization process typically, or even exclusively, arises when a tenant has contacted DIRECTV and asked it to provide satellite TV service to him or her. Moreover, MDU tenants have little interest in obtaining their Landlord's written permission when offered the simple alternative of providing DIRECTV with Installation Form Part 2, which they could easily complete without

actually obtaining any permission at all, knowing that DIRECTV will accept their representation that the Landlord has given "verbal" permission. If they just complete the Form, they will obtain the satellite TV service they want. If they ask the Landlord, the Landlord might say no.

- 14. DIRECTV's purpose in allowing customers to obtain "consent" through part 2 of the Form is to help it circumvent the requirement that it obtain the required Landlord consent, thereby enabling DIRECTV to sell its services to prospective customers. Part 2 of the Form enables DIRECTV to document and perpetuate the fiction that it has obtained the required Landlord consent when it knows that it has not.
- 15. DIRECTV has and adheres to, and at all relevant times has had and adhered to, a uniform sham practice and policy designed to evidence the fiction that it has obtained consent from the Landlord and thereby justify the wrongful installation of the Equipment a practice and policy that was conceived by, is directed by, and is implemented under the direction of, the executives and other corporate decision-makers in DIRECTV's Los Angeles County corporate headquarters.
- 16. DIRECTV's main competitor in the market for the transmission of digital television entertainment programming throughout the United States via satellite is the "dishNetwork Service LLC" ("dishNetwork"). Unlike DIRECTV, dishNetwork, on information and belief, does not have a policy of accepting a tenant's "word" that the Landlord has consented. A copy of the dishNetwork's application form for MDU tenants is attached as Exhibit C.
- 17. As alleged above, DIRECTV knows that it is illegal to place permanent attachments in or on common or restricted areas of a Landlord's property without permission. DIRECTV has a duty to avoid actions which are likely to breach this legal duty and injure a foreseeable class of persons such as Landlords. It is reasonable for companies to obtain actual permission from Landlords prior to permanently installing their equipment on a Landlord's MDU, and it is unreasonable to have a policy of making installations without Landlord permission. Rather than meet this reasonable standard of care, DIRECTV instead authorized installation of its Equipment based on nothing more than the representations of tenants by accepting Part 2 of the Installation Form.

- 18. DIRECTV's Part 2 procedure, which has had the purpose and effect of "documenting" non-existent Landlord "consents," allows DIRECTV to "justify" the unauthorized and illegal installation of the Equipment.
- 19. Within the past three years, DIRECTV has provided its service to at least one tenant of an MDU at each of the Properties, has permanently and illegally installed and maintained the Equipment in or on common or restricted areas of each of the Properties, and has drilled holes in and/or made attachments to the exterior of each of the Properties, without obtaining any authorization therefor from any of the Plaintiffs or any authorized agent of any of the Plaintiffs (the "Attachments"). On information and belief, when DirecTV or its agents make attachments without having received permission from the Landlord, they do so pursuant to Question 2 of the form.

#### IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

20. Plaintiffs bring this case as a class action, under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated as members of the proposed class, defined as follows:

all persons or entities ("Landlords") that own and rent or lease residential MDUs in the State of California (the "MDU's") upon or in common or restricted areas of which Defendant DIRECTV or its agents ("DIRECTV") have permanently installed DIRECTV Equipment after obtaining Part 2 of a DIRECTV Installation Form to the installation of the Equipment.

- 21. The class is ascertainable and is united by a community of interest.
- 22. The exact number of class members is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, but, upon information and belief, there are at least several thousand Class Members. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that the members of the class are so numerous that individual joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 23. Common questions of both law and fact exist as to DIRECTV's liability to the Class. Furthermore, common injunctive, declaratory and monetary relief is sought for the members of the class.

- 24. The questions of law and fact common to the class members predominate over questions affecting only individual class members, and include, but are not limited, to the following:
  - a) Whether DIRECTV's use of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form constitutes negligent conduct;
  - b) Whether DIRECTV's use of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form violates the Unfair Competition Law, California Business and Professions Code §§17200 et seq. (the "UCL");
  - c) Whether DIRECTV should be enjoined from continuing its unfair and negligent business practices; and
  - d) Whether DIRECTV is liable for damages arising from its negligence, and, if so, the proper measure of damages.
- 25. Individual issues will not predominate. The definition of the Class is limited to only those owners of MDUs where the Equipment has been permanently installed upon DIRECTV's receipt of a document (i.e., Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form) that does not contain written authorization by the Landlord to install the Equipment.
- 26. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the class members. Plaintiffs were subjected to the same conduct of DIRECTV as each class member, were harmed in the same way and have claims for relief under the same legal theories as each class member.
- 27. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. Plaintiffs have common interests with all members of the class and will vigorously protect the interest of the class through qualified counsel experienced in handling class action litigation. Neither Plaintiffs nor their counsel have any interests that would conflict with the interests of the class members.
- 28. Given the common questions to be resolved, class litigation is the superior method of resolving these legal challenges in one proceeding, thus avoiding a multiplicity of parallel suits. A class action will avoid the possibility of inconsistent adjudications of the same legal and factual issues.

- 29. Plaintiffs bring this action under California law. California law applies to the claims of Plaintiffs and all class members. DIRECTV has its principal place of business in California. On information and belief, all decisions, policies, and procedures relating to the conduct alleged herein and below are conceived in, and directed and implemented from, California. The MDUs owned by Plaintiffs and the class members that are affected by the DIRECTV policies and procedures challenged herein are all located in the State of California.
- 30. Plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs against DIRECTV.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment as set forth below.

# COUNT I – VIOLATION OF UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW (CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 ET SEQ.)

- 31. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 32. Under the UCL, "unfair competition" is defined as: 1) an unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice; 2) unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising; and/or 3) an act prohibited by Chapter I (commencing with § 17500) of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 33. DIRECTV has violated the UCL by adopting and implementing policies and procedures with the purpose and effect of enabling the illegal and/or unfair installation of the Equipment in and on the MDUs of Plaintiffs and the members of the Plaintiff Class, including the Properties listed on Exhibit A hereto, in contravention of its legal duty not to enter into, or cause its agents to enter into, common or restricted areas of MDUs without permission for installation of DIRECTV's Equipment. Specifically, DIRECTV's policy of installing the Equipment upon receipt of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form is unfair, as the Tenant is neither the Landlord, nor the agent of the Landlord, nor do the Tenant and the Landlord have a unity of interests with respect to the permanent installation of the Equipment.

- 34. This conduct violates the "unfair" prong of the Unfair Competition Law. These acts offend established public policies or are immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous or substantially injurious to consumers. Alternatively, these acts cause harm to class members which outweigh any utility flowing from them.
- 35. Plaintiffs and the members of the Plaintiff Class have suffered injury in fact as a result of DIRECTV's acts of unfair competition. The injury to Plaintiffs and the members of the class unauthorized use of common or restricted areas of their property for DIRECTV's commercial purposes is substantial. It is not outweighed by any countervailing benefits to consumers or competition, and it is injury that Plaintiffs and the members of the Plaintiff Class themselves could not reasonably have avoided. Moreover, DIRECTV's aforementioned policies, practices and conduct are inconsistent with the legislatively declared policies embodied in California Penal Code § 602, including without limitation Penal Code § 602(m).
- 36. On information and belief, DIRECTV will continue to engage in some or all of these unfair acts unless enjoined.
- 37. Plaintiffs and the class are entitled to injunctive relief and other equitable relief enjoining DIRECTV from using the Installation Form Part 2 policy and procedure.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment as set forth below.

# **COUNT II- NEGLIGENCE (Equitable Relief)**

- 38. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 39. DIRECTV has a legal duty not to install the Equipment in or on common or restricted areas of the Properties, and of MDUs owned by members of the class, upon receipt of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form.
- 40. DIRECTV breached that duty by negligently adopting and employing the Installation Form Part 2 policy and procedure.

- 41. Plaintiffs and class members have been injured by DIRECTV's unauthorized installation and use of the Equipment.
- 42. Upon information and belief, DIRECTV will continue to permanently install its Equipment on Plaintiffs' and class members' MDUs upon receipt of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Form, and after-the-fact damages are inadequate relief. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief to prohibit DIRECTV's policy.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment as set forth below.

## **COUNT III- NEGLIGENCE (Damages)**

- 43. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 44. DIRECTV has a legal duty not to install the Equipment in or on common or restricted areas of the Properties, and of MDUs owned by members of the class, upon receipt of Part 2 of the DIRECTV Installation Form.
- 45. DIRECTV breached that duty by negligently adopting and employing the Installation Form Part 2 policy and procedure.
- 46. Plaintiffs and class members have suffered harm caused by DIRECTV's unauthorized installation and use of the Equipment.
- 47. Plaintiffs and class members are entitled to recover damages incurred as a result of DIRECTV's negligence.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment as set forth below.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment as follows:

(a) Certifying this case as a Class Action with Plaintiffs as class representatives of the class, and Plaintiffs' counsel as class counsel;

- (b) Granting appropriate preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, including without limitation enjoining DIRECTV from using the Installation Form Part 2 policy and procedure to obtain access to common or restricted areas of the Properties and of MDUs owned by members of the class;
- (c) Granting declaratory relief, including a declaratory judgment that use of the Installation Form Part 2 policy and procedure is improper.
- (d) With respect to Count III of the Complaint only, awarding damages and prejudgment interest on all other amounts awarded;
  - (e) Awarding attorneys' fees, costs and expenses to the extent authorized by law;
- (f) Granting such other and further relief as may be deemed just and proper in the premises.

## **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues in the above matter that are properly so triable.

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## **Attachment**

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## George Kefalas

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## Posamar, LLC

937-945 Mariposa, Altadena, CA 91001

### Amila, LLC

110 N. Lima, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

#### DEAR PROSPECTIVE DIRECTV CUSTOMER,

Please complete either 1 or 2 helow-

Congratulations on your decision to sign up for DIRECTV® service! You have made the best choice in digital television entertainment and we are confident you will be thrilled with the service. To ensure you have a smooth installation experience, if you do not own the building in which you intend to install your DIRECTV® System, we ask that you obtain landlord approval prior to any installation if necessary.

Installation of a DIRECTV System may involve modifications to the building/office. While these modifications are often minor, standard professional installation many times includes the drilling of holes in order to run cable and attaching a dish securely to the outside of the structure. Any such type of modification may be forbidden pursuant to the terms of your lease/rental agreement or may require pre-approval by the landlord. Please be advised that landlord approval is often the case with multi-tenant office buildings.

You should carefully review your lease agreement to determine if you have the right to make such modifications. If landlord approval is required, please request that the landlord, or its authorized representative, sign the bottom of this form to acknowledge authorization for the installation and provide this signed form to the DIRECTV technician at the time of installation. In the alternative, if landlord verbally gives you permission (or if landlord approval is not required pursuant to your lease or rental agreement), please indicate that below and sign as well.

By providing this signed form to your professional installer, you are granting DIRECTV permission to install your new DIRECTV System and are releasing DIRECTV from obligation to remove your system after it is installed. The signed installation permission form releases DIRECTV (including any installation technician) from any liability related to damages your landlord may claim as a result of an alleged violation of your lease/rental agreement as it relates to the installation of your new DIRECTV System.

Should your landlord only approve the DIRECTV System installation subject to special requirements that makes the actual install more expensive (or exceeds what DIRECTV offers within its standard professional installation), you will be asked to pay a corresponding charge, to be agreed upon by you and your installer, for the additional services. In addition, please remember that technical issues may still prevent installation of your DIRECTV System. Though this is rare, challenges such as a poor line-of-sight to the satellite, or inadequate grounding availability can prevent installation of the DIRECTV System in which case your money will be refunded.

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Signature of DIRECTV customer Date					



## Your Rights to have DISH Network and Landlord Permission Form

We value your right to watch the best in television entertainment and we want you to be informed of your legal right to receive DISH Network service, whether you rent or own your home.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed rules in 1996 regarding the installation of satellite dishes for residents of apartments, condos, town homes or covenant-controlled communities managed by a Homeowners Association.

The FCC ruled that a resident has the right to have a satellite dish that is less than one meter (39.37 inches) in diameter. The dish may be installed within the renter's or owner's exclusive area, such as inside a balcony, yard or patio. However, the landlord or the Homeowners Association can enforce restrictions on common areas, such as the exterior of the building or the roof.

The FCC ruling also covers unreasonable installation or maintenance costs as well as unreasonable delays in dish installation, maintenance or use. This means that a landlord or Homeowners Association cannot ask you to pay unreasonable extra costs or create undue delays for you to use or install a satellite dish, nor can they prevent you from installing a dish within the guidelines.

For any questions or to receive the complete FCC rules, please visit <u>www.fcc.gov</u>. For questions about DISH Network service, please visit <u>www.dishnetwork.com</u>. Thank you for being a DISH Network customer.



# Landlord/Homeowners Association LETTER OF PERMISSION FOR PROPERTY MODIFICATION

# **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Date:		
Tenant/Resident Name:		
Street Address:		Unit #:
City:	State:	Zip:
Community or Apartment Name	:	
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Street Address: City:		Zip:
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Signature:		Date:
Title:		
Modifications approved:		









# Landlords or Homeowners Associations may prohibit placement on:

- 1 Common areas
- 2 Rooftops
- 3 Outside walls
- 4 Window sills

(Unless permission is granted from landlord or Homeowners Association.)

# Landlords or Homeowners Associations may NOT prohibit placement on:

- **A** Balconies
- B Patios
- **©** Gardens
- Areas totally within the exclusive use of the resident











