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DIRECTV, Inc., a California corporation,

Case No. 6:01-CV-1255-ORL-31DAB

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, OTTO H.
WALTER, STEVE HUNTER, and LENNY
PONTE,

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO COURT'S ORDER OF INQUIRY
REGARDING STATUS OF MEDIATION**

Plaintiff, DIRECTV, INC., ("DIRECTV"), pursuant to this Court's Order entered October 8, 2002, hereby responds with a status report regarding the Mediation Conference previously scheduled for September 26, 2002, and states as follows:

Subsequent to the scheduling of the September 26, 2002 Mediation, Plaintiff made substantial efforts through informal negotiations to resolve its disputes with the remaining Defendants in order save the parties the costs associated with Mediation. In the week prior to the Mediation, it became apparent that all matters, except one, would likely be resolved without Mediation, so the Mediation was cancelled.

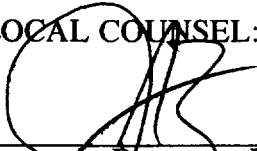
As of the filing of this Response, all remaining Defendants except for two, Defendants Hunter and Walter, had reached settlements and/or had been dismissed from the action. Plaintiff and Defendant Hunter are finalizing discussions that will likely manifest a resolution of their differences within the next ten (10) days.

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1 Settlement potential with Defendant Walter is less clear. His deposition has been set for
2 October 28, 2002, and the Mediation has been re-set for October 30, 2002, in order to provide
3 a final opportunity for Plaintiff and Mr. Walter to try and resolve their differences short of
4 trial.
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6 DATED: October 18, 2002.

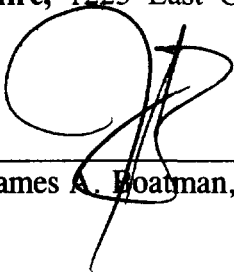
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26 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished
via U.S. Mail delivery this 18th day of October, 2002 to **Otto H. Walter** 8721 N. Pawnee
Avenue, Tampa, FL 33617; **Steve Hunter**, 4015-B Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177; and
Lenny Ponte c/o Roger B. Butcher, Esquire, 1223 East Concord Street, Orlando, Florida
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