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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **WESTERN DIVISION**
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17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 DIRECTV GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC,
22 et al.,

23 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:16-cv-08150-MWF-E

**UNITED STATES’
EXPLANATION OF CONSENT
DECREE PROCEDURES**

Hon. Michael W. Fitzgerald

1 The United States submits this short memorandum summarizing the procedures
2 regarding the Court’s entry of the proposed Final Judgment. This Judgment would
3 settle this case pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. §
4 16(b)-(h) (the “APPA”), which applies to civil antitrust cases brought and settled by the
5 United States.

6 1. Today, the United States has filed a Stipulation and Order and a Proposed
7 Final Judgment between the parties by which they have agreed that the Court may enter
8 the proposed Final Judgment after the United States has complied with the APPA. The
9 United States has also filed a Competitive Impact Statement relating to the proposed
10 Final Judgment.

11 2. The APPA requires that the United States publish the proposed Final
12 Judgment and the Competitive Impact Statement in the *Federal Register* and cause to
13 be published a summary of the terms of the proposed Final Judgment and the
14 Competitive Impact Statement in certain newspapers at least sixty (60) days prior to
15 entry of the proposed Final Judgment. Defendants in this matter have agreed to arrange
16 and bear the costs for the newspaper notices. The notices will inform members of the
17 public that they may submit comments about the proposed Final Judgment to the
18 United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(b)-
19 (c).

20 3. During the sixty-day period, the United States will consider, and at the
21 close of that period respond to, any comments that it has received, and it will publish
22 the comments and the United States’ responses in the *Federal Register*.

23 4. After the expiration of the sixty-day period, the United States will file with
24 the Court the comments and the United States’ responses, and it may ask the Court to
25 enter the proposed Final Judgment (unless the United States has decided to withdraw its
26 consent to entry of the Final Judgment, as permitted by Section IV.A of the Stipulation,
27 *see* 15 U.S.C. § 16(d)).

28 5. If the United States requests that the Court enter the proposed Final

1 Judgment after compliance with the APPA, 15 U.S.C. § 16(e)-(f), then the Court may
2 enter the Final Judgment without a hearing, provided that it concludes that the Final
3 Judgment is in the public interest.

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5 Dated: March 23, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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