

DIRECTV GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NEWS CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DIRECTV GROUP INC [DTV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**C/O NEWS AMERICA
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE
OF THE AMERICAS**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2008

____ Director 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10036

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 470,420,752 | D | 0 | see footnote (2) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NEWS CORP C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence A. Jacobs, Senior EVP - Group General Counsel, News Corporation 02/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On December 22, 2006, News Corporation ("News Corp") entered into a share exchange agreement (the "Share Exchange Agreement") with Liberty Media Corporation ("Liberty"). On February 27, 2008, the transaction contemplated by the Share Exchange Agreement closed after satisfaction of all conditions to closing. Upon closing, News Corp exchanged a 100% interest in a News Corp subsidiary, whose holdings consist of (i) 470,420,752 shares of common stock of the issuer, (ii) three of News Corp's Regional Sports Networks and (iii) approximately \$625 million in cash, for approximately 325 million shares of Class A Common Stock of News Corp and 188 million shares of Class B Common Stock of News Corp held by Liberty.
- (2) Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. ("FEG") was the record and beneficial owner of the 470,420,752 shares of common stock of the issuer. News Corp was a beneficial owner of such shares by virtue of News Corp owning 100% of the shares of FEG.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Ex-99.1 Joint Filer Information

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