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IN RE: DirecTV, Inc. v SCDOR
Lower Court Case No. 2014ALJ170158CC
Appellate Case No 2015-001509

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Dear Ms. Kitchings and Ms. Allen:

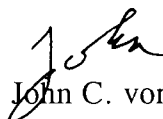
I am in receipt of Ms. Allen's letter of January 4th, informing me that that the above-referenced case has been set for oral argument on February 14th. I am the lead counsel for the taxpayer on the case and it is anticipated that I will make the argument. I was informed last week that I will have a serious operation on February 2nd, which will cause me to miss a number of weeks of work.

My purpose in writing is to ask the court to continue the oral argument until the March term and not to set the arguments before March 13th.

I regret any inconvenience that this might cause the Court, and request the Court's indulgence to postpone the argument until March 13th.

We have informed the attorneys for the SCDOR, and they have no objection to the continuance.

Sincerely,


John C. von Lehe, Jr.

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