Saban Haim Form 4 February 13, 2007

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Saban Haim

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DIRECTV GROUP INC [DTV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2007

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

C/O THE DIRECTV GROUP, INC., 2230 EAST IMPERIAL **HIGHWAY** 

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Stock

(City)

02/12/2007

Code V Amount (D)  $M^{(3)}$ 2,000

A (3) 4,000 D

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. Numb Derivati Securitic Acquire Dispose (Instr. 3.	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/12/2007		M(3)(4)		2,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,000
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	02/09/2007		A <u>(7)</u>	4,030		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	4,030

# **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Saban Haim C/O THE DIRECTV GROUP, INC. 2230 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245	X					

## **Signatures**

Jan Williamson, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) The restricted stock units confer no voting rights and may not be sold, but automatically settle for an equivalent number of shares of common stock of the Issuer on the relevant distribution dates.
- Ordinarily, restricted stock units are distributed in four equal increments beginning on the first trading day following the grant year and (2) thereafter for each of the following years. On February 6, 2007, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors accelerated the distribution date to February 12, 2007 for all outstanding vested and undistributed restricted stock units.
- (3) Automatic settlement of restricted stock units into shares of common stock of the Issuer on distribution date.
- (4) These restricted stock units relate to a grant on 02/08/2005 pursuant to The DIRECTV Group, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan.
- (5) Not applicable.
  - The deferred stock units confer no voting rights and may not be sold, but automatically settle for an equivalent number of shares of
- (6) common stock of the Issuer to be distributed to the Reporting Person in January of the calendar year after the Reporting Person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors.

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(7) Deferral of receipt of the equity portion of the annual retainer paid to directors in shares of common stock based on closing price of the common stock on February 9, 2007.

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