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**CURRENT TV FORGES CARRIAGE AGREEMENT
WITH ECHOSTAR'S DISH NETWORK™**

New Distribution to Increase Network's Reach to over 38 Million U.S. Homes

San Francisco (January 31, 2007) – **Current TV** today announced a significant increase in its reach by signing a carriage agreement with **EchoStar Communications Corporation** (NASDAQ: DISH), further solidifying its position as the nation's fastest growing cable network. This carriage deal, which goes into effect today, increases the distribution of Current TV to over 38 million U.S. households. Current will be available through EchoStar's DISH Network™, [channel 196], as part of its "America's Top 200" and higher packages. Current TV will also be available in high definition as part of DISH Network's "America's Top 200 with DishHD" and higher packages.

Within the last year, Current has more than doubled its domestic carriage through new cable and satellite agreements. The network is now available to customers of the four largest distribution platforms in America; both satellite distributors, EchoStar's DISH and DirecTV, and as well as the two top cable operators, Comcast and Time Warner.

"Doubling the number of subscriber households to 38 million in less than a year is a testament to the power of Current's programming and to the relevance of Viewer Created Content (VC²)," stated Al Gore, Chairman of Current TV.

"This carriage deal with EchoStar guarantees that we can now share Current TV's groundbreaking content with a much larger audience," said Joel Hyatt, CEO of Current TV.

"Current is one of the most innovative and exciting networks for young adult audiences today offering viewers the opportunity to contribute to the programming they see on TV," stated Carl Vogel, Vice Chairman and President of EchoStar.

About EchoStar Communications:

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) serves more than 13 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network(TM), and is a leading U.S. provider of advanced digital television services. DISH Network's services include hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming,

together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service. EchoStar has been a leader for more than 25 years in satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 500 company. Visit EchoStar's Web site at www.EchoStar.com or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

About Current

Current TV, which launched on August 1, 2005, is the first network created by, for and with an 18-34 year-old audience. The network shows young adults what's going on in their world, in their voice. Current is also the first network in history whose programming is supplied in part by the very audience who watches it. It has developed the television industry's leading model of "viewer created content" (VC²), which comprises roughly one-third of Current's on-air broadcast, and allows the audience to submit short-form, nonfiction video "pods," "viewer created ads" (V-CAMs), and mobile video. Its award-winning programming ranges from the hottest trends in technology, fashion, music and videogames, to pressing issues such as the environment, relationships, parenting, finance, politics and spirituality. For more information, please visit the website: www.current.tv.

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