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I believe it may be significant for interested parties contemplating the Echostar merger to carefully consider the following quotation, which was made by the same accounting firm that represented ENRON:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of EchoStar Communications Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999 and 2000, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States."

-ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

As an Echostar retailer, I strongly urge all concerned federal agencies and members of Congress to thoroughly review of Echostar's financial statements, accounting practices and other financial records BEFORE this merger and the ensuing monopoly is approved.

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Postscript: Please forgive the absence of comments of my fellow retailers--fear of retaliatoin is the primary reason they are absent.