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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Ex Parte Notice – Consolidated Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control, CS Docket No. 01-348

Dear Mr. Caton:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar") submits this letter to report that, on March 11, 2002, David Goodfriend of EchoStar Communications Corporation (telephonically), Pantelis Michalopoulos and Tim Walsh of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, counsel for EchoStar Communications Corporation, William Slowey of General Motors Corporation (telephonically), Merrill Spiegel of DirecTV, Inc. and Gary Epstein and Alex Hoehn-Saric of Latham & Watkins, counsel for General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes"), met with:

Marcia Glauberman (Cable Services Bureau),
Barbara Esbin (Cable Services Bureau),
JoAnn Lucanik (International Bureau),
C. Anthony Bush (Office of General Counsel),
Joel Rabinovitz (Office of General Counsel),
Jim Bird (Office of General Counsel),
Neil Dellar (Office of General Counsel),
Marilyn Simon (International Bureau),
Julius Knapp (Office of Engineering and Technology)
Doug Webbink (International Bureau),
Tracy Waldon (Common Carrier Bureau), and
Donald K. Stockdale, Jr. (Office of Plans & Policy) of the FCC.

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At the meeting, EchoStar, General Motors and Hughes (collectively "the Applicants") discussed their responses to the Commission's February 4, 2002 requests for additional information and documents and the Commission's letter dated March 7, 2002. The Applicants described their March 6, 2002 productions in response to the requests calling for documents and their ongoing work to provide responses to remaining requests (and intense effort to do so promptly). The participants discussed the parameters for the search process set forth in a letter filed by the Applicants on March 5, 2002, including definitions and procedures designed to coordinate it as closely as practicable with Applicants' ongoing efforts to respond to requests for additional information under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. The Applicants also described their ongoing work to identify materials for protective order treatment, and stated that they will review certain documents filed with the Department of Justice in order to identify such materials. The participants discussed additional information to be submitted to the Commission in response to these or potential additional data requests.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting or this ex parte notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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