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Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW – Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**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 Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), an Applicant in the above-captioned proceeding, submits this letter to advise the Commission that, on April 24, 2002, representatives of EchoStar had a telephone conversation with Neil Dellar and Joel Rabinovitz of the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

In that conversation, EchoStar reiterated the Applicants' request for appropriate procedures and enhanced protection under a revised protective order to govern review of certain zip code and DMA subscriber data provided by the Applicants by parties in the proceeding. EchoStar specifically expressed its view that, in reviewing these electronic data, outside counsel or experts for other parties should not be permitted to use computers connected to a network. EchoStar also expressed the view that the same procedures should govern any other highly confidential information that the Applicants may submit in an electronic format.

One copy of this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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