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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, S.W.-- Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 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"), Applicant in the above-referenced merger proceeding, submits this letter to report that Duke Pitts of EchoStar and EchoStar's outside counsel had a telephone discussion with Timothy May of the Media Bureau and Tracy Waldon of the Wireline Competition Bureau on July 8, 2002, regarding certain data compiled by EchoStar concerning EchoStar's customers and cable competitors on a zip code and designated market area basis. The EchoStar representatives confirmed that EchoStar has compiled this information from various sources, including Tribune and TV Guide data and U.S. Census information.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Marcia Glauberman  
Linda Senecal  
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