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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, S.W.-- Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

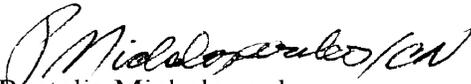
**Re: Ex Parte Notice -- Consolidated Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control, CS Docket No. 01-348**

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 the attached email messages to Charles Ergen, Chairman and CEO of EchoStar, which Mr. Ergen referenced during the *ex parte* presentation made to Commission staff on July 10, 2002.<sup>1</sup> These messages underscore the substantial and growing competitive threat to DBS services from digital cable, one of the important factors creating the need for the proposed merger of EchoStar and Hughes Electronics Corporation.

One copy of this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pantelis Michalopoulos  
Counsel to EchoStar Communications Corporation

Attachments  
cc (w/ att.): Marcia Glauberman  
Linda Senecal

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos to Marlene H. Dortch, File No. CS Docket No. 01-348 (dated July 11, 2002).

**Subject:** RE: The future of TV is here. Experience iO now!

From: KevinH6016@aol.com [mailto:KevinH6016@aol.com]  
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2002 5:47 PM  
To: Ergen, Charlie  
Subject: Re: The future of TV is here. Experience iO now!

Charlie  
thanks for response.  
But I am one of many who goes with what is best.  
How long before you could possibly offer these services,as right now  
Cablevision is offering a much better deal for TV and Internet access. I have always been in love with DISH but what Cbale are  
offering now is so  
tempting and so far ahead of DISH.  
Never thought I would see the day.  
The word on Long island was always satellite but now it has changed to  
digital cable.

Hopefully you will have good news soon on new services.

Regards  
kevin Hume

**Subject:** RE: The future of TV is here. Experience iO now!

-----Original Message-----

From: KevinH6016@aol.com [mailto:KevinH6016@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 12:30 PM

To: Ergen, Charlie

Subject: Fwd: The future of TV is here. Experience iO now!

charlie

watch out,cable getting better and cheaper...

see e-mail I received from Cablevision.

Whats the plans for NY area,after many years my cablevision company if offering more than DISH.

Will In-Demand service be available on DISH soon ??

kevin hume

dish customer