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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
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,[1] the Applicants in the above-captioned proceeding submit this letter to report that, on August 5, 2002, representatives of the Applicants had a brief telephone conversation with Neil Dellar from the Commission's Office of General Counsel. The Applicants discussed the contemplated Hughes/EchoStar merger financing referenced in the Applicants' letter filed with the Commission on July 30, 2002 and the reasons why the Applicants have classified the June 25, 2002 letter attached to that submission as highly confidential.

[1] This letter is submitted without prejudice to the Applicants' position that the subject matter of this conversation is not within the scope of the ex parte rules.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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