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Re: 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. Michalopoulos and Mr. Epstein:

Over the course of the last week, your law firms have each delivered several boxes of material to the Commission in response to the Commission's February 4, 2002, request for information in the above referenced docket. These boxes included both materials marked "Confidential" and materials marked "For Public Inspection." The boxes were delivered either to the Cable Services Bureau or to the Secretary's Office, as appropriate. However, upon review of the contents of the boxes, it appears that the Commission has received only one copy of each submission of these materials.

We first note that both the Protective Order¹ and the Public Notice² require the submission of multiple copies of all *Ex Parte* and other filings submitted in this proceeding. We recognize, however, that there may be some confusion regarding specific filing requirements.

¹ See *EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation Seek FCC Consent for a Proposed Transfer of Control, CS Docket No. 01-348*, Public Notice, DA 01-3005 (rel. Dec. 21, 2001) ("Public Notice").

² See *EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Order Adopting Protective Order*, CS Docket No. 01-348, DA 02-27 (rel. Jan. 9, 2002) ("Protective Order").

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Thus, we want to clarify the necessary minimum filing requirements to allow the staff to expeditiously review the proposed transfer of control.

It is very important that in the future the Cable Services Bureau, and its successor “Media Bureau”³ receive, at a minimum, two copies of all paper filings, including both documents marked “Confidential” and documents marked “For Public Inspection,” in addition to any required copies for the Secretary’s Office.⁴ These copies are intended for, respectively, Marcia Glauber and Linda Senecal. It is not necessary to duplicate what you have already given us. For any electronic filings made using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”), parties also should serve the documents via e-mail to Marcia Glauber, mglauber@fcc.gov, and to Linda Senecal, lsenecal@fcc.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Marcia Glauber at 202-418-7046.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree
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³ See *FCC Announces Effective Date for Reorganized Bureaus*, News Release (rel. Mar. 8, 2002)..

⁴ See Public Notice, pp. 3-4; Protective Order at ¶ 3.