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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
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**Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation;  
Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation,  
General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation,  
Transferor, and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee,  
For Authority to Transfer Control  
CS Docket Number 01-348**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

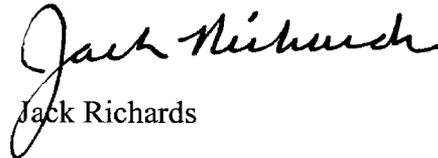
On behalf of our client, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), this is to provide notification that on April 24, 2002, the undersigned had a telephone conversation with Neil Dellar, Office of the General Counsel, in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. During our conversation, we discussed the proposals contained in the applicants' letter to the Commission, dated April 10, 2002, regarding electronic access to confidential data.

I advised Mr. Dellar that NRTC and its representatives would be pleased to implement any reasonable procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of the applicants' data in appropriate cases. I objected to certain overly restrictive proposals contained in the applicants' letter, however, to the effect that outside counsel and consultants should be permitted to access the data only on a limited basis at the applicants' designated site. Because NRTC's outside counsel and consultants are located throughout the country, I emphasized that it was critical that they be able to access and manipulate the data electronically at their own premises, on their own schedule, without the burdensome restrictions proposed by the applicants. I also indicated that it may be necessary, with appropriate safeguards, for NRTC's outside counsel and consultants to transmit the data electronically between and among their offices.

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Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
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