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BY HAND DELIVERY

Mr. William F. Caton
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 Mr. Caton:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar") submits this letter to report that, on February 21, 2002, David Goodfriend of EchoStar Communications Corporation, Pantelis Michalopoulos and Tim Walsh of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, counsel for EchoStar Communications Corporation, William Slowey of General Motors Corporation (telephonically) and Gary Epstein and Alex Hoehn-Saric of Latham & Watkins, counsel for General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes"), met with:

Marcia Glauberman (Cable Services Bureau),
Barbara Esbin (Cable Services Bureau),
JoAnn Lucanik (International Bureau),
David Sappington (Office of Plans & Policy),
C. Anthony Bush (Office of General Counsel),
Joel Rabinovitz (Office of General Counsel),
Jim Bird (Office of General Counsel),
Neil Dellar (Office of General Counsel),
Marilyn Simon (International Bureau), and
Julius Knapp (Office of Engineering and Technology) of the FCC.

At the meeting, EchoStar, General Motors and Hughes (collectively "the Applicants") discussed the Commission's February 4, 2002 requests for additional information and documents. The representatives of EchoStar and Hughes described their

effort to coordinate the process of reviewing and producing responsive materials and information with their ongoing efforts to respond to requests for additional information under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. The Applicants also described their plan to respond to the requests in a focused manner, so as to provide the Commission with the information required for it to reach its decision in this proceeding. Specifically, the Applicants discussed their plan to focus their responses to document requests on key personnel of the two companies and on key documents. The Applicants explained that certain documents and information called for by the requests contain highly proprietary and competitively sensitive material, and that additional steps would have to be taken to maintain the confidentiality of such items.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting or this ex parte notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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