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Mr. William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW – Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation – 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:

On behalf of Applicants EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, this letter will request a partial extension of time of fifteen (15) days until March 21, 2002 to respond to the letter dated February 4, 2001 from W. Kenneth Ferree, Chief, Cable Services Bureau to the undersigned.

Mr. Ferree's letter incorporated an "Initial Information and Document Request" in connection with the above-captioned proceeding and stated that the Commission would appreciate receiving a response no later than March 6, 2002. The Applicants still plan to respond to several of the Requests by March 6, 2002. Specifically, the parties will on that date commence supplying the FCC with a significant number of documents in response to Requests I, III (B)(1), IX(B)(4), X(D), X(G), XIII(D), XIV(D), XIV(E), XV(A), XV(B) and XV(C).

While the Applicants had originally planned to respond to additional Requests, an extension is necessary and warranted for the following reasons. First and foremost, during the period from the February 4 letter, the parties continued developing, and announced on February 25, 2002, the "All Channels, All Americans" plan, a plan for New EchoStar to provide local-into-local service to all 210 television Designated Market Areas. That plan is highly relevant to many of the information Requests and is an integral part of many responses. The requested extension of time is warranted to ensure that the Commission receive a comprehensive and up-to-date response that reflects, among other things, all the repercussions of this dramatic development. Furthermore, during that period in addition to working diligently to comply with the Information Request, the parties received and responded to well over 100 petitions and comments in this proceeding. That response required input from several key individuals whose contribution is also crucial in the context of the Initial Information and Data Request.

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Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please treat this letter as an ex parte presentation. An original and two copies of this letter are submitted for inclusion in the above-captioned docket.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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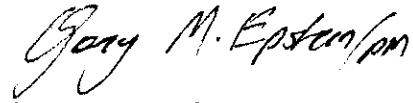

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