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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, S.W.-- Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 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**

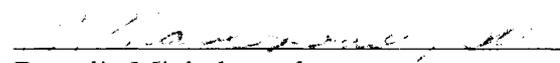
Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes") and General Motors Corporation ("GM"), Applicants in the above-referenced merger proceeding, submit this letter to report that Pantelis Michalopoulos, outside counsel to EchoStar, and Gary Epstein, outside counsel to Hughes and GM, met with Ken Ferree, Barbara Esbin, Jim Bird, Marcia Glaubergerman, Tracy Waldon and C. Anthony Bush of the Commission's staff on July 17, 2002. The meeting addressed certain questions regarding the timing of the Applicants' past introduction of local-into-local service and payments to retailers. The Applicants undertook to file certain additional information regarding these matters.

One copy of this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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