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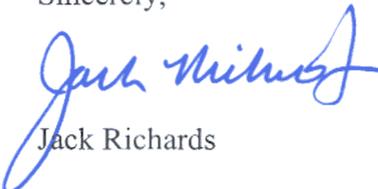
**Re: Notice of Written Ex Parte Presentation;  
Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation,  
General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation,  
Transferor; and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee,  
For Authority to Transfer Control;  
CS Docket Number 01-348**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of our client, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), the attached comment, which was filed today in a separate Commission proceeding, is being submitted electronically for consideration in the above referenced proceeding in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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