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October 9, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation  
CS Docket No. 01-348

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In prior presentations in this docket, Cablevision Systems Corporation and its affiliate, R/L DBS ("Rainbow DBS") have argued that the divestiture of the 17 channels under EchoStar's control at the 61.5° W.L. orbital location could enable Rainbow DBS to become a robust national competitor to a merged EchoStar-DirecTV and provide local-into-local broadcast service in all 210 DMAs. The attached white paper prepared by Harold Furtchgott-Roth concludes that the divestiture of EchoStar's eastern orbital channels to Rainbow DBS would remedy the antitrust concerns of federal agencies reviewing the proposed merger and provide "substantial potential welfare improvement for the American consumer" because the two newly constituted carriers would compete to provide DBS services but "would be substantially more technologically capable than either carrier today."

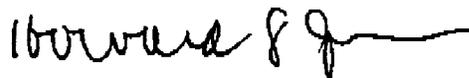
Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter and the attachment is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary. Copies are also being provided electronically to the Commission personnel listed below and those staff members who are required to be served pursuant the Public Notice establishing this proceeding. Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard J. Symons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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