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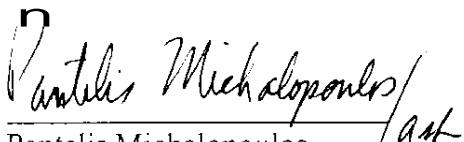
**Re: Ex Parte Notice - Consolidated Application of EchoStar
Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and
Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control
CS Docket No. 01-348**

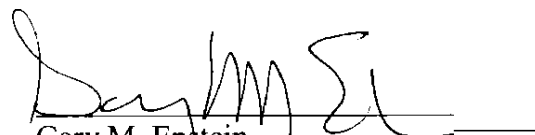
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Applicants, this letter updates the information provided in an earlier letter filed by the Applicants on July 30, 2002. Specifically, the July 30, 2002 letter reported that the Applicants had agreed to extend to September 15, 2002 a May 26, 2002 deadline for taking certain actions. The Applicants subsequently agreed to several further extensions of this deadline, ultimately to October 8, 2002. On or about that date, EchoStar presented Hughes with a plan (one of the options described in the July 30, 2002 letter), and Hughes is reviewing that plan.

An original and one copy of this *ex parte* notice are being filed with the Commission. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to either of the undersigned

Respectfully submitted,


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