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November 15, 2002

Via HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, CS Docket No. 01-348*

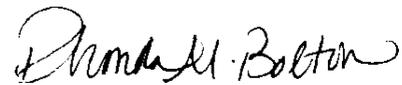
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), enclosed for filing is EchoStar's Notice of Appearance in the above-referenced proceeding. The Notice of Appearance is submitted in triplicate as required by Commission Rule 1.221(c) and the Hearing Designation order in this matter. *See In the Matter of Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferors, and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee, Hearing Designation Order, CS Docket No. 01-348, FCC 02-284 (rel. Oct. 18, 2002), at ¶ 296.*

Also enclosed is an additional copy of EchoStar's Notice of Appearance which we ask you to date-stamp and return with our messenger.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,



Rhonda M. Bolton

Enclosures

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to paragraph 296 of the *Hearing Designation Order* in the above-captioned proceeding,¹ and in accordance with Commission Rule 1.221(c), 47 C.F.R. § 1.221(c), EchoStar Communications Corporation (“EchoStar”), by its attorneys, submits this Notice of Appearance to inform the Commission of its intention to appear on the date fixed for hearing and present evidence on the issues specified in **the** *Hearing Designation Order*.²

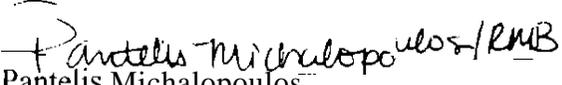
¹ See *In the Matter of Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferors, and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee*, Hearing Designation Order, CS Docket No. 01-348, FCC 02-284 (rel. Oct. 18, 2002) (“*Hearing Designation Order*”), at ¶ 296 (directing applicants to file a written appearance “within 20 days of the mailing of [the *Hearing Designation Order*]”). The *Hearing Designation Order* was mailed to EchoStar on October 28, 2002. Accordingly, this Notice of Appearance is timely filed.)

² EchoStar has been advised by Commission staff that a hearing fee does not apply to its Notice of Appearance. On November 14, 2002, the Commission issued a Public Notice stating that the Commission’s fee provisions “do[] not, . . . , provide for a fee for this type of hearing.”

EchoStar reserves the right to submit an amended application and a petition to suspend the hearing proceeding pending Commission review of the amended application, as invited by the Commission in paragraph 295 of the *Hearing Designation Order*.³ EchoStar does not, by filing this Notice of Appearance, intend to waive or prejudice this right.

Respectfully submitted.

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³ See *Hearing Designation Order* at ¶ 295.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 15th day of November 2002, a copy of the foregoing was sent by first-class mail (or by hand delivery as indicated by asterisk) to the following:

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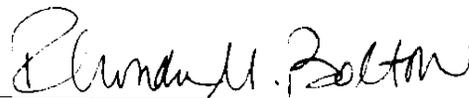
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