

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC**

Application of)
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General Motors Corporation, and) **MB Docket No. 03-124**
Hughes Electronics Corporation)
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Transferors,)
and)
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The News Corporation Limited,)
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Transferee,)
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For Authority to Transfer Control)
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To: The Commission

DECLARATION OF STEVEN T. BERMAN

I, Steven T. Berman, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am the Senior Vice President, Business Affairs and General Counsel for the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).
2. I am familiar with the application of The News Corporation Limited, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, a subsidiary of GM, to transfer control of their satellite, earth station and other related authorizations to The News Corporation Limited.
3. I have personal knowledge of the assertions of fact presented in the foregoing Petition To Designate Application For Hearing of NRTC and declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on

JUN 12, 2003



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