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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 06-122 and 05-337; GN Docket No. 09-51; MD Docket Nos. 12-201 and 08-65

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 30, 2012, representatives of Hughes Network Systems, LLC ("Hughes") met with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Paul Murray (the Commissioner's Legal Advisor, Wireless). Hughes was represented by Pradman P. Kaul (CEO and President), Dean A. Manson (Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary), and Steven Doiron (Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs).

During the meeting, the participants discussed several matters related to the above-referenced proceedings. In particular, the participants discussed Hughes's views, as expressed in its comments on the *Universal Service Fund, Connect America Fund,* and related proceedings, that the Commission must provide a reasonable opportunity for the continuing establishment of satellite-delivered broadband services in this country. Satellite broadband is indispensable to the national objective of universal broadband coverage, and the Commission needs to be sure that the Universal Service Fund contribution mechanism accurately and fairly reflects the marketplace while remaining equitable and non-discriminatory. Imbalance in the contribution and disbursement mechanisms will penalize consumers and potential consumers of satellite broadband services in a way that could leave significant numbers of U.S. households without access to any broadband service.

The participants also touched upon the Commission's newly-issued notice of proposed rulemaking to reform the methodology used to calculate annual regulatory fees. Hughes is reviewing the new proposals, but has serious concerns about the potential substantial increase (upwards of 230 percent from the 2011 fee of $131, 375) in the annual regulatory fee for space stations in geostationary orbit. Such an increase could have a deleterious impact on the cost of satellite broadband service to consumers and thus run counter to the national objective of universal broadband coverage.

This notice is submitted pursuant to Sections 1.1200, *et. seq.* of the Commission's rules.

Please direct any questions to me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Murray