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December 10, 2001

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Federal Communications Commission
Wireless Bureau Applications
P.O. Box 358994
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5994

**Re: Application for Transfer of Control of Hughes Network Systems, Inc.
Experimental Licenses from Hughes Electronics Corporation to
EchoStar Communications Corporation (a Delaware corporation)
(Confirmation No. EL11801)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On December 7, 2001, EchoStar Communications Corporation (a Delaware corporation) electronically filed an application for transfer of control by Hughes Electronics Corporation of certain experimental licenses of Hughes Network Systems, Inc.

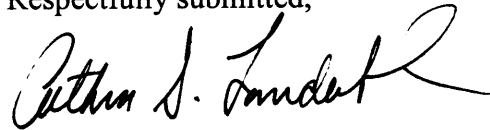
This application is part of a larger Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control being filed jointly by EchoStar Communications Corporation, Hughes Electronics Corporation and General Motors Corporation.

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On behalf of EchoStar Communications Corporation (a Delaware corporation), enclosed please find the following: (i) a check in the amount of \$50.00 for all applicable filing fees; (ii) a completed remittance advice form, FCC Form 159; (iii) the application for assignment, FCC Form 703; and (iv) an additional copy of FCC Form 703, which we ask you to date stamp and return with our messenger.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur S. Landerholm", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Arthur S. Landerholm
of LATHAM & WATKINS

Attorney for Hughes Electronics Corporation

Enclosures