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General Motors Corporation,  
and EchoStar Communications Corporation  
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Media Advisory  
Monday, April 29, 2002

***EchoStar and DIRECTV Present:  
Local Channels and Affordable Broadband Everywhere in North Carolina***

*Dean Phillips to Host Presentation, which will demonstrate how broadband Internet service can be available across North Carolina, including areas without DSL or cable access*

Raleigh, NC - On April 30, 2002 at 11:30 a.m., television personality Dean Phillips will host a demonstration showcasing satellite-delivered digital television and high-speed Internet access. The presentation will explain how the proposed merger between EchoStar Communications Corporation and Hughes Electronics' DIRECTV will make local TV channels and broadband Internet service available to every resident in North Carolina. Attendees will be able to surf the Internet, delivered via satellite, following the demonstration.

***The demonstration will be held at Exploris in Downtown Raleigh  
at 11:30 a.m. on April 30,  
2002. The event will be held in Room B on the Ground Floor. Lunch will be served.***

**Please contact Brad Crone at (919) 834-8994 to RSVP or for more information.**

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Satellite-Delivered Digital Television  
and  
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**12:00pm**  
**Thursday, May 2, 2002**  
**No. 9 Park**  
**9 Park Street**  
**Boston**

Satellite-delivered digital television and affordable broadband  
Internet access will be available all across the State of  
Massachusetts if the merger of EchoStar and Hughes  
Electronics is completed.

Representatives of EchoStar and DIRECTV will be  
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benefits of television programming and Internet  
access available with a home satellite dish.

**\*\*Lunch will be served\*\***

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***You are cordially invited to a demonstration  
by  
EchoStar and DIRECTV:***

***Local Channels and Affordable Broadband Everywhere in Florida***

**Tallahassee, FL** - On May 2, 2002 at 11:30 a.m., Senator Durell Peaden, Rep. Bruce Kyle, and Rep. Bob Henriquez, will host a demonstration showcasing satellite-delivered digital television and high-speed Internet access and explain how the proposed merger between EchoStar Communications Corporation and Hughes Electronics' DIRECTV will make local TV channels available to every resident in Florida. Attendees will be able to surf the Internet, delivered via satellite, following the demonstration.

***The demonstration will be held on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol  
at 12:00 p.m., May 2, 2002.***

**Lunch will be provided.**

**For more information please contact Jim Rimes at (850-942-2977).**

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**Tuesday, April 30, 2002  
11:00 a.m.**

**New York State Museum  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor – Terrace Gallery  
Albany, New York**

Satellite-delivered digital television, including local channels, and affordable broadband Internet access will be available all across New York state if the merger of EchoStar and Hughes Electronics is completed.

Representatives of EchoStar and DIRECTV will be on hand to

answer questions and demonstrate the benefits of television programming and Internet access available with a home satellite dish.

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**The demonstration will be held at the  
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