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A Powerful Combination

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[General Motors Logo]

R. Wagoner
CEO and President, General Motors

A Powerful Combination

- o Win / Win / Win transaction for all shareholders
- o Creates strong competitor to cable
- o Substantial benefits to consumers
- o Full support from GM and Hughes management teams

What's In It For Shareholders?

GMH Shareholders

- o Significant premium (20% at 10/26 prices)
- o Excellent partner with proven track record
- o Sufficient capital to grow the business
- o Significant subscriber base
- o Substantial potential synergies

GM 1/2/3 Shareholders

- o Improved liquidity
- o Equity in a growth company
- o Tax-free transaction
- o Management focus on core business

Opening Remarks

J. Shaw
CEO, Hughes

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E. Hartenstein
Chairman and CEO, DirecTV

Hughes			
100%	75%	100%	81%
DirecTV	DirecTV Latin America	Hughes Network Services	PanAmSat.
\$5.5-5.6B Revenues	\$0.7B Revenues	\$1.3B Revenues	\$0.9B Revenues
8.7M Owned-and- Operated Subscribers	1.6M Subscribers DTH Service	Satellite Broadband Services	Publicly Traded (\$3.4B Market Cap) 21 Satellites
DTH Service			Satellite Services

Note: Revenues and subscribers are 2001E figures.

Building on Recent
Operating Momentum

Hughes 3Q01 Results

Revenue: \$2,103M

EBITDA: \$141.8M*

[Bar chart showing subscriber growth (in millions of subscribers) from 1994 to 2001E.

Rapid Subscriber Growth

Total Subscribers (M)

0.4	1.2	2.3	3.3	4.5	8.0	9.5	10.6
'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01E

Key Financial Metrics

o Hughes Revenue: Up 24.6% year-over-year

o Hughes EBITDA: Up 31.4% year-over-year

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- o 425,000 net subscriber adds in the U.S.

[Pie chart showing Hughes' U.S. industry-leading Average Revenue Per User of \$56 allocable \$4 to Programming Packages, \$43 to Pay-Per-View and \$9 to Other]

*Excludes one-time charge

Transaction Summary

C. Ergen
Chairman and CEO, EchoStar

A Powerful Combination

- | | Hughes | EchoStar |
|---|--|----------|
| o | 100% digital nationwide platform with more than 16.7 million subscribers (including 14.9 million owned-and-operated) | |
| o | Creates stronger competitor to large, U.S. cable and broadband providers | |
| o | 100 million U.S. households offer powerful growth opportunity | |
| o | Leverages already compelling DBS economics | |
| o | Substantial synergy opportunities--both costs and revenues | |
| o | Superior management team with proven success | |

Transaction Summary

- o Hughes and EchoStar to merge
 - EchoStar shareholders to receive about 1.37 Hughes shares for each EchoStar share
 - Equivalent to 0.73 EchoStar shares per Hughes share, a premium of approximately 20%
- o Immediately before the merger
 - Hughes redeems up to \$4.2 billion of GM's interest in Hughes for cash
- o Prior to closing, GM may exchange up to 100 million shares of Class H stock

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for GM debt securities

- o Fully-committed financing totaling \$5.5 billion

Pro Forma Economic Ownership

[Diagram illustrating pro forma economic ownership of Newco (EchoStar): GM Class H Shareholders (53%), EchoStar Public Shareholders (18%), Charles Ergen (18%) and GM \$1-2/3 Shareholders (11%).]

Note: Assumes \$4.2 billion redemption by GM at an illustrative price of \$18.44 based upon the implied deal value. Does not include the exchange of up to 100 million GM Class H common stock for GM outstanding debt.

The POWER of
the Combination

EchoStar

Hughes

Multi-Channel TV Providers

By Number of Subscribers (In Millions)

[Bar chart showing number of Subscribers (in millions) of major multi-channel TV providers:

AT&T has 15.1M
while combined with
other companies it
could have between
18.1 and 27.8M

	14.9(1)	12.7	8.5 (1)	8.3	6.9	6.4	6.2	5.
AT&T + Any Major Cable Pro Forma	Pro Forma	Time Warner Cable	DIRECTV	Comcast	Charter	EchoStar	Cox	Adel

Note: Subscribers are as of September 30, 2001, pro forma for all announced transactions. Adelphia, Charter, Comcast and Cablevision are as of June 30, 2001.

(1) Excludes 1.8 million NRTC and affiliate subscribers.]

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Multi-Channel TV Providers
By Revenue (\$ in Millions)

[Bar chart showing revenue (\$ in Millions) of major multi-channel TV providers:

AT&T has \$9,572,
while combined with
other companies it
could have between

\$11,864 and \$16,648 \$9,151 \$7,076 \$5,452 \$5,140 \$4,528 \$3,714 \$3,699 \$3,

AT&T + Any
Major Cable
Pro Forma

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Adel

Note: Revenue figures reflect core cable or DBS revenue for the pro forma quarter ended September 30, 2001, annualized, except for Adelphia, Charter, Comcast and Cablevision which are as of June 30, 2001.]

EchoStar / Hughes vs. Cable

Keys to Success

Who Has the Advantage?

Fattest pipe

Satellite

Nationwide footprint

Satellite

Cost per home passed

Satellite

100% Digital quality

Satellite

Channel capacity

Satellite

Plant upgrades

Satellite

Customer service

Satellite

Incumbency

Cable

Broadband

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Substantial Potential Synergies

[Pie chart showing that Cost Savings account for 57% and revenues account for 43% of synergies.]

Total estimated annual synergies of \$5 billion by 2005.

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Estimate of Potential Cost Synergies (\$ in Millions)

	Assumption	Estimated 2005 Synergies
Reduced SAC	Standardization of set-top boxes Increased production volumes \$125 / Gross add (blended)	\$900-1,200
Reduced Churn	0.3% reduction Increased services and higher customer loyalty	750-850
Reduced Programming Costs	5% cost reduction in 2002 Additional 5% reduction thereafter	600-700
Reduced G&A	Elimination of duplicative overhead	400-450
Subtotal - Cost Synergies		\$2,650-\$3,200*

Note: Excludes approximately \$75-125 million of CapEx synergies.

Estimate of Potential Revenue Synergies (\$ in Millions)

		Results			Estimated 2005 Synergies
Assumption		Subs	ARPU	Churn	
Advertising	Incremental revenue Interactive o \$30 / Year by 2005	Up	Up	Down	\$900-\$1,000
Local Service	Approx. 60 new markets \$5.99 / month	Up	Up	Down	700-800
Digital Divide	Offer broadband to more areas ARPU from \$70 down to \$55	Up	Up	Down	250-300
VOD / PPV	Offer more content Additional 0.5 buy / month \$3.99 / buy	Up	Up	Down	75-125
HDTV	More content, \$10 / month	--	Up	Down	50-100
Subtotal - Revenue Synergies					\$1,975-\$2,325*

Note: Excludes approximately \$625 million of cost to swap boxes, which is non-recurring.

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Pro Forma Leverage

	Total Debt (\$M)	Basic Subs (M)	Total Debt / Subscriber
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AT&T	\$17,202	15.1	\$1,139
Comcast	11,699	8.3	1,410
Charter	15,571	6.9	2,243
Cox	9,114	6.2	1,478
Adelphia	13,061	5.7	2,291
Cablevision	7,667	3.0	2,556

Average			\$1,853
EchoStar / Hughes			\$700-800

Note: Total debt includes convertible notes. All statistics are as of June 30, 2001. Subscribers are pro forma for all announced swaps. AT&T, Adelphia and Cablevision debt per Wall Street estimates.

EchoStar / Hughes total debt per subscriber estimate is as of 9/30/02.

Road Map to Completion

Proposed Process	Expected Timing
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o Execution of Definitive Agreements	Immediate
o GM and GMH Shareholders Meeting	4-6 Months
o Receive Regulatory Clearances	9-12 Months
- DOJ, FCC	
o Close Transaction	9-12 Months

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In connection with the proposed transactions, General Motors, Hughes and EchoStar intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including one or more Registration Statement(s) on Form S-4 that contain a prospectus and proxy/consent solicitation statement. Because those documents will contain important information, holders of GM \$1-2/3 and GM Class H common stock are urged to read them, if and when they become available. When filed with the SEC, they will be available for free at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and GM stockholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from General Motors. Such documents are not currently available.

General Motors, and its directors and executive officers, and Hughes, and certain of its officers, may be deemed to be participants in GM's solicitation of proxies or consents from the holders of GM \$1-2/3 common stock and GM Class H common stock in connection with the proposed transactions. Information about the directors and executive officers of GM and their ownership of GM stock is set forth in the proxy statement for GM's 2001 annual meeting of shareholders. Participants in GM's solicitation may also be deemed to include the following persons whose interests in GM are not described in the proxy statement for GM's 2001 annual meeting:

John M. Devine	Vice Chairman and CFO, General Motors
Jack A. Shaw	Chief Executive Officer, Hughes
Roxanne S. Austin	Executive VP, Hughes; President and COO, DIRECTV
Eddy W. Hartenstein	Senior Executive VP, Hughes; Chairman, DIRECTV
Michael J. Gaines	Corporate VP and CFO, Hughes

Mr. Devine beneficially owns 139,204.80 GM \$1-2/3 shares and 27,177 GM Class H shares. Mr. Shaw beneficially owns 3,604 GM \$1-2/3 shares and 1,415,915 GM Class H shares. Ms. Austin beneficially owns 2,804 GM \$1-2/3 shares and 860,454 GM Class H shares. Mr. Hartenstein beneficially owns 2,622 GM \$1-2/3 shares and 1,138,899 GM Class H shares. Mr. Gaines beneficially owns 337 GM \$1-2/3 shares and 165,329 GM Class H shares. The above ownership information includes shares that are purchasable under options that are exercisable within 60 days of October 15, 2001. In addition, Mr. Devine holds options to acquire shares of GM \$1-2/3 common stock that are not exercisable within 60 days of October 15, 2001, and each of Mr. Shaw, Ms. Austin, Mr. Hartenstein and Mr. Gaines holds options to acquire shares of GM Class H common stock that are not exercisable within 60 days of October 15, 2001.

Each of Mr. Shaw, Ms. Austin, Mr. Hartenstein and Mr. Gaines has a severance agreement with Hughes that provides for severance in the event of an involuntary termination after a change in control, and each also has a retention agreement that provides for certain payments in the event of a change in control.

EchoStar and certain of its executive officers may be deemed to be "participants" in GM's solicitation of consents from the holders of GM \$1-2/3 and GM Class H shares in connection with the proposed transactions. Information about the executive officers of EchoStar is set forth in the proxy statement for EchoStar's 2001 annual meeting of shareholders. As of Oct. 28, 2001, EchoStar held approximately 1,000 shares of GM \$1-2/3 common stock and 185,000 shares of GM Class H common stock. Mr. Ergen beneficially owns approximately 1,000 shares of GM \$1-2/3 common stock and approximately 10,000 of GM Class H common stock.

Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the participants by reading the prospectus and proxy/consent solicitation statement if and when it becomes available.

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