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Re: IB Docket No. 97-95, RM-8811
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Mr. Caton:

The individuals listed in the attached Table 1 and the undersigned representative of Hughes Communications, Inc. met on April 1, 1997 with Commission representatives Ruth Milkman, Cecily Holiday, Damon Ladson, Steve Sharkey and Karl Kensinger to discuss the issues raised by the above-referenced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The enclosed materials served as the basis for those discussions.

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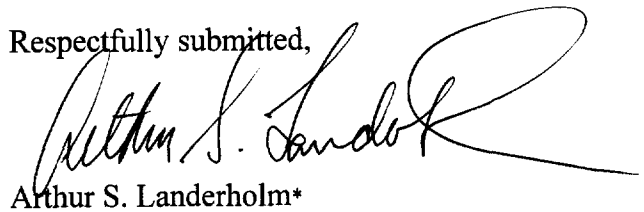
Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

cc: Ruth Milkman
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Table 1

Individual	Representing
John P Janka	Hughes Communications, Inc.
Michael T.N. Fitch	Hughes Communications, Inc.
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Satellite Industry Coalition

Presentation to the FCC

36-51.4 GHz Issues

April 1, 1997

Satellite Industry Interests

Coalition represents a broad range of interests

- FSS, MSS and BSS
- GSO and NGSO

Interests are not reflected in recent NPRM

Some members have built MILSTAR system

Commercial satellites in these bands will follow shortly

International Issues

- Global satellite allocations are critical for satellites
- Breaking up global allocations reduces spectrum efficiency of satellites
- May be appropriate to conform global uses of these bands
- No consensus exists yet in WRC-97 Ad Hoc MW Group

Domestic Issues

NPRM represents a net loss of satellite spectrum

- consolidation of FSS and BSS
- no accommodation of MSS
- NGSO/GSO segmentation is premature

Satellite requirements cannot be fully assessed before a filing window

Piecemeal implementation of band plan threatens satellite industry

- government sharing question
- band plan is dependent on WRC-97
- implementation of any part now may preclude ability to revise band plan later

Summary

Satellite industry has strong interest in preserving adequate bandwidth for next generation systems

Important international ramifications have not been fully assessed

Balance between satellite and terrestrial interests has not yet been reached

36-51.4 GHz proposal should not be implemented in pieces