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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *EX PARTE NOTICE – In the Matter of Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB 03-15, RM 9832*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc. (CBC), I met with Johanna Mikes Shelton of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's office on Thursday, March 18, 2004, to discuss EchoStar Satellite LLC's (EchoStar) March 4, 2004 *Ex Parte*. Our discussion focused on the topics outlined in the attached documents, including digital broadcast signals in markets that the DBS provider chooses not to serve and why now is not the time to develop a distant digital white area as advocated by EchoStar.

If there are questions relating to this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Best regards,

/s/ Dianne Smith

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Enclosures

cc. Johanna Mikes Shelton, Office of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein