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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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You are cordially invited to a Demonstration of
Satellite-Delivered Digital Television
and
High Speed Internet Access

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 on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the 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.

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*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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Satellite-Delivered Digital Television and High Speed Internet Access

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

**New York State Museum
4th 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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Albany, NY - On April 30, 2002 at 11:00 a.m., there will be a demonstration showcasing satellite-delivered digital television and high-speed Internet access and information on how the proposed merger between EchoStar Communications Corporation and Hughes Electronics' DIRECTV will make local TV channels available to every resident in New York. Attendees will be able to surf the Internet, delivered via satellite, following the demonstration.

**The demonstration will be held at the
New York State Museum, Terrace Gallery, 4th Floor
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Press invited to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Jonathan Pierce of Sawchuk, Brown Associates at (518.462.0318).

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