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**Re: General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation/The News Corporation Limited, Application for Authority to Transfer Control, MB Docket No. 03-124**

Dear Counsel:

Today, we are restarting the transaction review clock on consideration of the license transfer applications related to the proposed acquisition by The News Corporation Limited of a 34% interest in General Motors Corporation's subsidiary, Hughes Electronics Corporation.

On October 10, 2003, we stopped the clock on consideration of your license transfer application because additional record development and consultations between the Commission and the Department of Justice, as permitted under our rules, were required. Subsequently, we

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requested additional information which you have provided.<sup>1</sup> In addition, we also have substantially completed our discussions with the Department of Justice. On this basis, we will restart the review clock effective today, November 17, 2003, at day 150.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree  
Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> See Letters to Gary M. Epstein, Counsel for General Motors Corporations and Hughes Electronics Corporation, and William M. Wiltshire, Counsel for The News Corporation Limited, from W. Kenneth Ferree, Chief, Media Bureau, Oct. 16, 2003 (Second Information and Document Request) and Oct. 31, 2003 (Third Information and Document Request).