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**Hughes - Echostar Conference Call**

DATE: October 29, 2001

SPEAKER(S): Michael McDonald, CFO EchoStar  
Mike Gaines, CFO Hughes  
Jack Shaw, CEO Hughes  
Eddy Hartenstein, Chairman, CEO, DirectTV  
David Moskowitz, Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel, EchoStar  
Charlie Ergen, Chairman and CEO, EchoStar

TOPIC: Analysts Conference Call

OPERATOR: Good day, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to today's Hughes EchoStar Analysts Conference Call. Today's conference is being recorded. At this time, for opening remarks and introductions, I'd like to turn the conference over to the Chief Financial Officer of EchoStar, Mr. Michael McDonald. Please go ahead, sir.

MICHAEL McDONALD: Thank you, operator. Good afternoon, everyone, and we're thrilled that you could join us on this big day for both of our companies. I'm joined here today by Mike Gaines, the Chief Financial Officer of Hughes; Jack Shaw, the Chief Executive Officer of Hughes; Eddy Hartenstein, the Chairman and CEO of DirectTV; David Moskowitz, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of

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