



ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

August 13, 2002

VIA FEDEX

Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20549

RE: EchoStar Communications Corporation
Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Please find enclosed, pursuant to the Commission's Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the sworn statements of Charles W. Ergen and Michael R. McDonnell, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively, of EchoStar Communications Corporation.

We would appreciate your stamping the enclosed acknowledgement copy of this letter with the date and time of filing and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed sworn statements, please feel free to call me at (303) 723-1095.

Sincerely,

Michael R. McDonnell
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Charles W. Ergen

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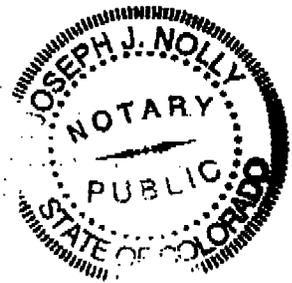
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EXHIBIT A

Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Michael R. McDonnell, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar"), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with EchoStar's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of EchoStar filed with the Commission;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of EchoStar filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.



Michael R. McDonnell
 Michael R. McDonnell
 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
 August 9, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August 2002.

[Signature]
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 3/22/05

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