DISSENTING STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS

Re: In the Matter of General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferors, and the News Corporation Ltd., Transferee, for Authority to Transfer Control

In my earlier dissent, I concluded that the applicants had not carried their burden of proving that the potential public interest benefits of this transaction outweighed the real and potential harms of ever greater levels of media consolidation. The National Hispanic Media Coalition raises many of these same concerns on reconsideration. Nothing in the majority's perfunctory rejection of NHMC's Petition leads me to question my earlier judgment. I would have granted the Petition.