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Hughes Sales Executive Elected to Industry Association Board of Directors

Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association names Allen McCabe to Board

Germantown, Md., December 19, 2011—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, is pleased to announce that Allen McCabe, vice president of consumer sales at Hughes, has been elected to the Board of Directors for 2012 by the Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association (SBCA).

With over 620,000 subscribers, HughesNet[®] is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service for consumers, and McCabe is responsible for managing the North American consumer sales team, comprising a network of national and regional sales agents, distributors, consumer electronics retailers' national associations, and local independent retailers.

“We are very pleased to have Allen on the Board of SBCA,” said Joe Widoff, executive director of SBCA. “With Hughes on the Board, SBCA will represent both the video and broadband platforms of the consumer-based satellite industry. Allen’s unique experience and skills will be very valuable in setting the strategic direction of the Association.”

“It’s an honor to be elected to the SBCA Board,” said McCabe. “They lead the way in representing industry issues around the country, providing a platform for training and certification of dealers and installers, helping fight zoning restrictions and taxes against satellite, and more. I look forward to working with other Board members to further grow the satellite industry by bringing high-speed Internet, video and voice services to the millions of people that are unserved or underserved by terrestrial broadband.”

Commenting on the election of McCabe to the SBCA Board, Mike Cook, senior vice president, North America at Hughes said, “Allen is very deserving of this recognition for his contributions to the consumer satellite electronics industry, and I’m certain his many years of experience will prove very beneficial to the association.”

McCabe joined Hughes in 1995 to develop and lead the sales group initially responsible for selling the company’s designed and manufactured DirecTV set-top boxes, and subsequently HughesNet high-speed satellite Internet service, a business which now represents a significant portion of Hughes annual revenue.

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About the SBCA

The Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association is the national trade organization representing all segments of the consumer satellite industry. It advocates on behalf of the industry before legislative and regulatory bodies at the state level to assure fair and reasonable access to its services and is committed to creating value added programs to improve the long term growth and sustainability of our member companies. Additional information can be found at www.sbca.org.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services, and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet® is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.5 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com.

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