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Via ECFS

Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Presentation

Expanding Consumers' Video Navigation Choices MB Docket 16-42

Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices CS Docket 97-80

Proposed Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable, Inc. and Charter Communications Inc. and Proposed Transfer of Control of Bright House Networks from Advance/Newhouse Partnership to Charter Communications Inc. Docket 15-149

Proposed Assignment or Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations from Cablevision Service Corporation to Altice N.V.

Docket 15-257

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 27, 2017, Andrew Jay Schwartzman, counsel to Zoom Telephonics, Inc., had a brief meeting with Alison Nemeth, Acting Media Advisor to the Chairman.

In the meeting, Mr. Schwartzman explained that there have been reports that the Commission may soon act on at least one pending reconsideration petition in Docket 15-149. He also noted that the Chairman had received a letter dated January 27, 2016 from members of Congress calling for action to terminate Docket 16-42, and that Zoom had submitted a letter dated January 27, 2017 expressing concern that the Commission should not terminate that proceeding without resolving the billing transparency issue raised therein.

Mr. Schwartzman briefly described the history of the billing issue as it has been addressed in Dockets 15-149, 15-257 and 16-42 without discussing the merits of the question in

great detail. He asked that whatever else the Commission may do, that it promptly resolve the question to insure that customers are separately billed for cable modem rentals at a non-subsidized price and thereby protect the existing robust retail market for these devices.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc. Alison Nemeth