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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Electronic Delivery of MVPD Communications, et al., MB Docket Nos. 17-317, 17-105**
Notice of Ex Parte Presentation


Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter reports on a meeting on April 16, 2018, between the undersigned and Jason Rademacher of Cooley LLP, representing ION Media Networks ("ION"), and Media Bureau Chief Michelle Carey, Deputy Chief Sarah Whitesell, Policy Division Chief Martha Heller, and Attorney Lyle Elder, regarding the above-referenced dockets.

In the meeting, the parties discussed ION's Reply Comments and its position on proposals to modify the Commission's requirements for broadcasters to notify multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs") of their election between retransmission consent and mandatory carriage. Specifically, ION's representatives advocated for a simplified, streamlined, electronic process that would reduce broadcasters' costs and eliminate the risks of failed elections that arise under the current rules. In addition, the parties discussed proposals to change the current default under the notice rules from mandatory carriage to retransmission consent. ION reiterated its position from its Reply Comments that such a change should be made only as part of the adoption of notification procedures that make an affirmative election of carriage status much less costly and much less susceptible to error.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in each of the above-referenced dockets. A copy of this letter also is being provided by email to the FCC participants in the meeting. If you have any questions about this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,



John R. Feore
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cc (via email): Michelle Carey
Sarah Whitesell
Martha Heller
Lyle Elder