



April 25, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, MB Docket Nos. 17-105, 17-317

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Representatives of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) met with members of the Media Bureau, including Michelle Carey, Sarah Whitesell, Martha Heller and Lyle Elder, on April 23, 2018 to discuss the Commission's rules governing broadcast television stations' carriage election notices. NAB attendees included Rick Kaplan, Jerianne Timmerman, Erin Dozier, Larry Walke, Emmy Parsons and Antrell Tyson.

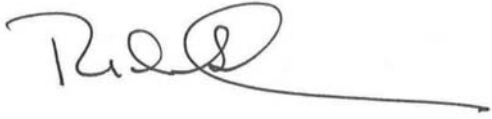
NAB's advocacy during the meeting was consistent with previous comments it filed on this issue.¹ Broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPD) agree that the carriage election notice rules need to be updated.² The current rules are onerous for broadcasters, do not guarantee timely notice to MVPDs, and fail to provide broadcasters assurance that they completed proper notice to each MVPD in their markets.

The Commission should update its carriage election notice rules to standardize cable and satellite default elections to retransmission consent, and broadcasters should be able to satisfy the notice requirement by placing the elections in their online public files. These updates will serve both broadcasters and MVPDs.

¹ See Comments of the National Association of Broadcasters, MB Docket Nos. 17-317, 17-105 (Feb. 15, 2018) (NAB Comments); Reply Comments of the National Association of Broadcasters, MB Docket Nos. 17-317, 17-105 (March 2, 2018).

² See, e.g., Joint Comments of CBS Corp., The Walt Disney Co., 21st Century Fox, Inc., Univision Comms. Inc., ABC Television Affiliates Assoc., CBS Television Network Affiliates Assoc., FBC Television Affiliates Assoc. and NBC Television Affiliates, MB Docket Nos. 17-317, 17-105 (Feb. 15, 2018); Comments of NCTA – the Internet & Television Association, MB Docket Nos. 17-317, 17-105, at 13 (Feb. 15, 2018).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick Kaplan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Michelle Carey, Sarah Whitesell, Martha Heller, Lyle Elder