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Via ECFS

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

Re: GN Docket No. 18-122; MB Docket No. 18-349; MB Docket No. 17-318; MB Docket No. 14-261

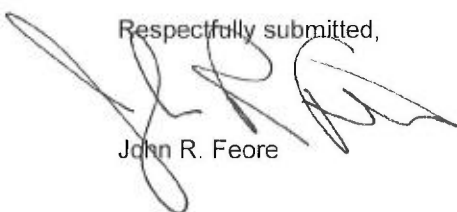
Dear Ms. Dortch:

This will report that on September 23 and 24, 2019, representatives of the television affiliates associations, and their counsel, met with Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel and Starks to discuss and update the Commission on the competitive video marketplace uniquely served by the over 700 television stations represented by the affiliate associations. During these meetings, the affiliates outlined the competitive overview of the current video marketplace, the role of the FCC and DOJ in fostering more competitive and less regulation. They also discussed the multi-faceted relationship with their television networks, the current distribution market including traditional MVPD's and OTT operators and the role the affiliate stations play in providing the local program complement to their network programming. The affiliates raised the issue of protecting their current use of the C-Band spectrum and the importance of that spectrum to their programming distribution and the reliance of the viewing public on the reliable delivery of video programming arising from the use of the C-Band. They also discussed the current status of the television repack and the affiliates continuing efforts to meet the Commission's repacking deadlines and suggested several areas of possible improvement in the reimbursement program.

To the extent the affiliates discussed matters in pending proceedings they relied on the previous affiliate filings with the Commission in the form of either Comments or Reply Comments in the C-Band proceeding, the Quadrennial Ownership Review, the TV Cap proceeding and the MVPD Distribution Services proceeding.

A list of the meeting participants is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


John R. Feore



LIST OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS

FCC Officials:

September 23, 2019:

Chairman Ajit Pai
Alexander Sanjenis, Media Advisor to Chairman Pai

September 24, 2019:

Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Joel Miller, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly

Commissioner Brendan Carr
Evan Swarztrauber, Policy Advisor for Media to Commissioner Carr

Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Jessica Martinez, Special Advisor and Confidential Assistant to Commissioner Rosenworcel

Commissioner Geoffrey Starks
Michael Scurato, Acting Legal Advisor for Media and Consumer Protection to Commissioner Starks

Non-Government Representatives:

Brian Lawlor (ABC Television Affiliates Association)

Perry Sook (CBS Television Network Affiliates Association)

Sandy Breland (FBC Television Affiliates Association) (*September 24 only*)

Pat LaPlatney (NBC Television Affiliates)

Counsel to Affiliates:

Robert McDowell and John Feore, Cooley LLP

Mark Prak and Julia Ambrose, Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP