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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
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Re: CS Docket No. 96-46, Open Video Systems

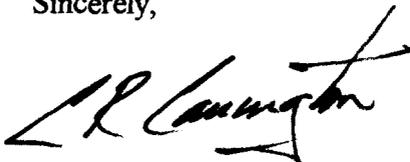
Dear Mr. Caton:

Yesterday, Ms. Shelley Harms, Mr. Jerry Udwin and I, representing NYNEX Corporation, met with William H. Johnson, Deputy Chief of the Commission's Cable Services Bureau to discuss certain issues in the above referenced proceeding. In general, the discussion centered on NYNEX's view of the Open Video System (OVS) concept and its potential, given the proper regulatory flexibility, to become a viable competitor in the video services marketplace. This discussion was consistent with the views expressed by NYNEX in its Comments and Reply Comments filed in this docket.

In addition, and more specifically, the need by OVS programming providers for access to vertically integrated cable programming, and the difficulties being experienced in this regard by NYNEX and its affiliate TELE-TV, was discussed. In this respect, rules that would provide fair access to all video programming by all multichannel distributors was urged.

If you have questions regarding this matter, I can be reached at the address or telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,



cc: W. H. Johnson

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