

National Cable Television Association

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EX PARTE

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW - Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-248

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 22, 1998, Jill Luckett, Michael Schooler, and Diane Burstein of the National Cable Television Association ("NCTA") met with Helgi Walker, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

During this meeting, consistent with our written comments in this proceeding, NCTA discussed why the Federal Communications Commission should not modify its program access rules. A copy of the attached chart was distributed.

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Burstein

Attachment

cc: Helgi Walker

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Carriage of Top 20 Cable Networks by Cable Competitors Ranked by Subscribers

Cable Network	Offered on DirecTV/USSB	Offered on EchoStar	Offered on Ameritech's Americast systems in Midwest	Offered on BellSouth's Digital Wireless System In New Orleans	Offered on People's Choice TV of St. Louis*
Discovery Channel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ESPN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TBS Superstation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TNT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C-SPAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CNN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TNN: The Nashville Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
USA Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lifetime Television	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Weather Channel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
AMC (American Movie Classics)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Headline News	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Family Channel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A&E Television Network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MTV: Music Television	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nickelodeon/Nick at Nite	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CNBC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
QVC	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VH1 (Music First)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Learning Channel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* PCTV offers 34 channels and also carries six local broadcast stations, three premium services, five PPV channels, four additional basic networks and a regional cable sports channel.

Source: Marketing materials from individual companies.