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July 20, 1998

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Ex Parte Presentation in CS Docket No. 95-184

Dear Madame Secretary:

As Executive Director of the Independent Cable & Telecommunications Association, I am submitting this letter regarding ex parte communications held on July 16, by the following individuals with each of the FCC Commissioners and Cable Services Bureau Staff. (See Attached list of ICTA attendees for each meeting with Commissioners and CSB staff.)

In each of the meetings, the ICTA representatives discussed with the Commissioners and the Cable Services Bureau staff the status of the Private Cable Operator (PCO) industry including a description of the number of PCOs nationwide, the technology used by these companies and the importance of altering FCC rules and regulations so that PCOs can compete more vigorously in the MDU/REIT marketplace. The ICTA representatives presented views regarding exclusive contracts and perpetual contracts as an outgrowth of the Inside Wiring Rulemaking adopted earlier by the Commission. ICTA member comments addressed the view that opening the MDU marketplace to enhanced video and telephony competition will have a positive impact on the delivery of services to all video and telephony customers because the MDU market represents approximately 35% of the entire US population. In order to accomplish enhanced competition, the FCC should build on the Inside Wiring Rulemaking and in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing exclusive contracts the FCC should recognize that exclusive contracts enhance

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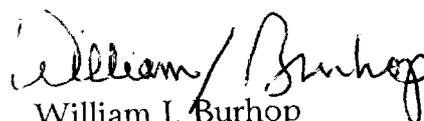
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competition because they are required by new and small business entities to assure lenders and other financial interests that the PCO will have sufficient time to recoup its investment. The ICTA representatives also stated that perpetual contracts are a significant impediment to competition because franchised operators have used these contractual provisions to prevent competitors from offering services to MDU/REIT owners and operators.

Therefore, in the meetings held on July 16, the ICTA representatives repeated the views and arguments expressed in the previous filings in the Second FNPRM, no additional arguments were offered in the meetings and no documents were presented to either the Commissioners or the Cable Services staff.

Sincerely,


William J. Burhop
Executive Director

Enc: Listing of all meetings and attendees.

ICTA Appointments

Thursday, July 16, 1998

11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Gloria Tristani
Rick Chesson, Legal Advisor
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 826

1. Jim Honiotes - leader
2. Laurie Baker
3. Dick Cecil
4. Bryan Rader
5. Henry Beaumont
6. Bob Pallé

11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Michael K. Powell
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 844

1. Mike Katzenstein - leader
2. Jim MacNaughton
3. Tim Kramer
4. Anne Walker
5. Tony Giglio
6. Mike Sims

2:00 p.m.

John Logan, Claire Blue & John Norton -
Cable Services Bureau
Cable Services Bureau
2033 M Street, NW, Rm. 918

1. Mike Katzenstein - leader
2. Henry Beaumont
3. Michael Sims
4. Bryan Rader
5. Tony Giglio
6. John Norcutt

2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Susan Ness
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 832

1. Anne Walker - leader
2. Laurie Baker
3. Dick Cecil
4. Tim Kramer

3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 802

1. Mike Katzenstein - leader
2. Dick Cecil
3. Henry Beaumont
4. Tim Kramer

3:30 p.m.

Chairman William Kennard
1919 M Street, NW, Rm. 814

1. John Norcutt - leader
2. Bob Pallé
3. Laurie Baker
4. Tony Giglio
5. Bryan Rader
6. Michael Sims
7. Anne Walker
8. Jim Honiotes
9. Jim Mac Naughton

Laurie Baker, Walden Residential Properties
Henry Beaumont, Stellarvision
Richard Cecil, GTE Media Ventures
Anthony Giglio, Equity Residential Properties Trust
Jim Honiotes, LyncStar Integrated Communications
Michael Katzenstein, OpTel, Inc.
Tim Kramer, DK COMM Inc.
W. James MacNaughton, WSNet
John Norcutt, OnePoint Communications
Bob Pallé, Blonder Tongue
Bryan Rader, Apartment Media Works
Michael Sims, Cable Plus
Bob Vogelsang, WSNet
Anne Walker, Castle Cable