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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 Rick Chessen, Sr. Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Tristani.

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*

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Attachment

cc: Rick Chessen

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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.