

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Applications of)	
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AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV,)	MB Docket No. 14-90
)	
for Consent to Assign Licenses)	
or Transfer Control of Licensees)	

**OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Pursuant to the Modified Joint Protective Order in the captioned proceeding,¹ Discovery Communications LLC (“Discovery”) hereby objects to the request for access to Highly Confidential Information (“HCI”) and Video Programming Confidential Information (“VPCI”) submitted by or on behalf of the individuals listed on Exhibit A hereto (“Submitting Individuals”).

The Submitting Individuals have each filed an Acknowledgement of Confidentiality seeking access to HCI and VPCI submitted to the Commission in this proceeding.² Ten of the Submitting Individuals are Outside Counsel or Outside Consultants for DirecTV, a party to the proposed transaction (the “DirecTV Submitting Individuals”). The remaining 15 Submitting Individuals are not affiliated with any of the parties to the proposed transaction (the “Remaining

¹ *In the Matter of Application of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorization*, Modified Joint Protective Order, MB Docket No. 14-90, DA 14-1465 (Oct. 7, 2014). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the Modified Joint Protective Order.

² A copy of the Acknowledgments (and the cover letter that accompanied the Acknowledgments) available on the FCC’s transaction website attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Submitting Individuals”). Notice of these Acknowledgements was posted to the Commission website on or after October 20, 2014.

In the case of the DirecTV Submitting Individuals, Discovery objects to the disclosure of HCI or VPCI produced by any party other than DirecTV to the DirecTV Submitting Individuals (and any of the DirecTV Submitting Individuals’ respective employees, as those terms are defined in Paragraph 13 of the Modified Joint Protective Order).³ In the case of the Remaining Submitting Individuals, Discovery objects to the disclosure of HCI or VPCI produced by any party to the Remaining Submitting Individuals (and any of the Remaining Submitting Individuals’ respective employees, as those terms are defined in Paragraph 13 of the Modified Joint Protective Order).

I. None of the Submitting Individuals Should Be Permitted To Access HCI or VPCI.

Discovery’s objection rests on its longstanding objection to permitting *any* individual to access its highly confidential carriage agreements with the transaction parties and related negotiation materials. Instead, the Bureau should follow the same approach the Commission has successfully implemented in other proceedings pursuant to which Commission personnel review VPCI in the custody of the Department of Justice. Alternatively, the Bureau should place only the relevant portions of VPCI in the public record and redact and/or anonymize certain of the information contained in those materials. This is especially appropriate here, where the Submitting Individuals have not made a particularized, good-faith showing as to why each needs access to Discovery’s VPCI. The substance of this objection is set forth more fully in the Application for Review filed in the captioned proceeding on October 14, 2014.

³ Under the Modified Joint Protective Order, Discovery is entitled to object to the Submitting Parties’ requests for access because it is a Third Party Interest Holder and has a confidentiality interest in certain of the documents to which access is sought.

This objection is applicable even though the DirecTV Submitting Individuals are affiliated with one of the parties to the proposed transaction. Discovery's HCI and VPCI are subject to strict restrictions on access. The DirecTV Submitting Individuals have made no showing that they would be entitled to access Discovery's HCI and VPCI in the absence of the Commission's grant of access to such information in this proceeding. Indeed, under the confidentiality provisions of many carriage agreements, most (if not all) of the employees of a third-party purchaser of one of the parties to a carriage agreement are prohibited from knowing the terms of that agreement until after the purchase closes—and even then, access to the agreement's terms may continue to be tightly restricted.

It makes no difference whether DirecTV or the DirecTV Submitting Individuals would be entitled to access to HCI and VPCI if the proposed transaction closes; there is no guarantee that it will, and Discovery does not believe the Submitting Individuals currently have the right to access Discovery's HCI and VPCI.

Moreover, even if DirecTV or the DirecTV Submitting Individuals would otherwise have a right to access this information, it cannot be the case that a total of 14 Outside Counsel (from three different law firms) and one Outside Consultant⁴—plus their employees—need access to Discovery's most sensitive information, including VPCI, to provide legal or consulting services to DirecTV in connection with the Commission's review of the proposed transaction. The volume of individuals seeking access to Discovery's HCI and VPCI increases the likelihood of even inadvertent misuse of that information and makes it more difficult to detect the source of any improper use of that information. And the fact that some subset of one of the transaction

⁴ These totals include the five Outside Counsel who were the subject of Discovery's October 20 objection filed in this proceeding. *See* Objection to Request for Access to Highly Confidential Information and Video Programming Confidential Information, MB Docket No. 14-90 (Oct. 20, 2014).

parties' lawyers may have had access to certain agreements of the other parties does not justify access for *all* lawyers for both parties to *all* agreements. Otherwise, if the transactions do not close, there is an unacceptably high risk that one transaction party may later use for its benefit the terms of the other transaction party's deals.

II. Discovery Specifically Objects to Disclosure of HCI and VPCI to Certain Submitting Individuals.

Even if some individuals are permitted to access HCI or VPCI, there are additional reasons why certain Submitting Individuals should not be permitted to access HCI or VPCI.

A. Attorneys Representing DISH Network

Andrew W. Guhr, Georgios A. Leris, James M. Hobbs, Sarah K. Leggin, Christopher Bjornson, Stephanie A. Roy, and Pantelis Michalopoulos have sought access to HCI and VPCI on behalf of DISH Network as Outside Counsel for DISH Network (the "DISH Submitting Individuals"). They should not be permitted to access such information.

The DISH Submitting Individuals are affiliated with the law firm Steptoe Johnson LLP ("Steptoe"), and some have been or are currently involved in Competitive Decision-Making and are therefore expressly prohibited under the terms of the Modified Joint Protective Order from viewing HCI or VPCI. Steptoe advises clients on distribution and retransmission consent matters.⁵ In fact, Mr. Michalopolous has submitted at least one communication to the Commission that reveals he has been involved in Competitive Decision-Making on behalf of DISH Network.⁶ To counsel on retransmission consent matters, attorneys necessarily must consult with their clients and colleagues concerning Competitive Decision-Making matters.

⁵ Steptoe Johnson LLP, 2013 Lobbying Disclosure Act Report, No. 16.

⁶ *See, e.g.*, Letter from Pantelis Michalopoulos, Counsel to DISH Network, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Docket No. 13-191 (filed Oct. 25, 2013) (discussing details of DISH's retransmission negotiations with Media General Communications Holding).

Thus it is highly unlikely that counsel who lobby and advocate on retransmission matters for DISH would have no interaction on Competitive Decision-Making matters with their client.

Indeed, DISH's counsel at Steptoe itself has urged the Commission to protect sensitive, proprietary information in the context of a different proposed merger. In connection with a proposed transaction to which DISH was a party, its counsel warned that the "inadvertent or intentional" disclosure of proprietary data to competitors "would have a devastating effect on [DISH's] business and place the companies at a significant competitive disadvantage."⁷ Discovery shares that very concern with regard to disclosure of HCI and VCPI in this proceeding.

B. Matthew F. Woods, S. Derek Turner, and Lauren M. Wilson

Matthew F. Wood, S. Derek Turner, and Lauren M. Wilson have submitted Acknowledgments of Confidentiality on behalf of Free Press. Each of these individuals serves as an attorney with Free Press, does not qualify as an Outside Counsel or as an Outside Consultant, and therefore should be prohibited under the terms of the Modified Joint Protective Order from viewing HCI or VPCI. Accordingly, Mr. Wood, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Wilson should not be granted access to HCI or VPCI.

C. Ross Lieberman

Ross Lieberman has submitted an Acknowledgment of Confidentiality on behalf of the American Cable Association. Mr. Lieberman, who serves as Vice President of Government Affairs with the American Cable Association, does not qualify as Outside Counsel or as an

⁷ *In the Matter of Consolidated Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to Transfer Control*, CS Docket No. 01-348, Ex Parte Notice, Submitted by Steptoe & Johnson LLP on behalf of EchoStar Communications Corporation, (Apr. 22, 2002).

Outside Consultant and therefore is expressly prohibited under the terms of the Modified Joint Protective Order from viewing HCI or VPCI. Accordingly, Mr. Lieberman should not be granted access to HCI or VPCI.

D. Barbara Esbin, Noah Cherry, and Maayan Lattin

Barbara Esbin, Noah Cherry, and Maayan Lattin filed Acknowledgments of Confidentiality seeking access to Confidential and Highly Confidential Information on behalf of the American Cable Association. These three individuals are members of the law firm Cinnamon Mueller, which has been or is currently involved in Competitive Decision-Making, and are therefore expressly prohibited under the terms of the Modified Joint Protective Order from viewing HCI or VPCI.

Like certain of her colleagues at Cinnamon Mueller, Ms. Esbin provides advice about and participates in the business decisions of the firm's distributor clients involved in affiliation transactions. She also regularly advises clients with respect to policy issues implicating distribution and carriage agreements. In order to do so, she must consult with her clients concerning competitive decision-making matters.⁸ Thus, disclosure to Ms. Esbin of Discovery's sensitive commercial information—including the license fees and carriage terms to which Discovery has agreed—would cause manifest and irreparable competitive harm.

⁸ See, e.g., Notice of Ex Parte Presentation of American Cable Association, Time Warner Cable, DISH Network, DirecTV; 2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review -- Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MB Docket No. 09-182; and Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to Retransmission Consent, MB Docket No. 10-71 (Nov. 21, 2012) ("Esbin acknowledged that although consumers have a choice in video programming, cable operators have no choice in where they get their broadcast programming: 'You have to say yes,' she said. Esbin expects the increasing retransmission fees to continue, with 'no obvious break in sight...unless the arms race of attacking the consumer wallet comes to an end.' She later emphasized that cable consumers cannot opt out to programming they do not want to pay for, like ESPN.").

Mr. Cherry and Ms. Lattin recently joined the Cinnamon Mueller firm.⁹ Both have been active in retransmission consent advocacy at the Commission adverse to broadcast television stations.¹⁰ Thus, Discovery is concerned that they too may already be advising Cinnamon Mueller clients in retransmission consent negotiations or—given that many retransmission consent agreements will be under negotiation before the end of the year—intend to do so in the next few months. To counsel on retransmission consent matters, attorneys necessarily must consult with their clients and colleagues concerning Competitive Decision-Making matters. Thus it is highly unlikely that counsel who lobby and advocate on retransmission matters for the American Cable Association—a trade association that represents more than 1,000 distributors, many of whom negotiate with Discovery for programming rights—would have no interaction on Competitive Decision-Making matters with their client or its members.

For the reasons stated herein, Discovery objects to providing HCI and VPCI (1) to each of the Remaining Submitting Individuals, and (2) to each of the DirecTV Submitting Individuals, to the extent that such individuals seek access to confidential information produced by parties other than DirecTV.¹¹ A copy of this Objection is being provided to the Submitting Individual's

⁹ See *FCC Releases Open Internet Enforcement Advisory, Aims for Tougher Enforcement of Transparency Rule*, CINNAMON MUELLER (Aug. 4, 2014), <http://cm-chi.com/clientupdates/read/fcc-releases-open-internet-enforcement-advisory-aims-for-tougher-enforcement-of-transparency-rule.html> (“Both Noah and Maayan joined Cinnamon Mueller on July 23rd.”).

¹⁰ See, e.g., *2014 Quadrennial Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Comments of the American Cable Association, MB Docket No. 14-50 (Aug. 6, 2014); Letter of Gerard J. Duffy to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Docket Nos. 10-71, 14-16 (Mar. 26, 2014).

¹¹ As Discovery stated in an October 22, 2014, filing, if the Commission adopts the “trifurcation” approach proposed by Cogent Communications Group, Discovery will withdraw the objections it has asserted against the Submitting Individuals that have the effect of preventing those individuals from accessing non-VPCI HCI. See Content Companies’ Comments Regarding Cogent Communications Group’s Response to Objection To Request for Access To Highly Confidential Information and Video Programming Confidential Information, MB Docket Nos. 14-57, 14-90 (Oct. 22, 2014), at 3-4. This commitment is conditioned on the assumption that the Applicants have implemented—as they suggest they have, *see id.*—a procedure that would prevent any third-party individuals from accessing VPCI but would permit them to access other, non-VPCI HCI. This commitment does not apply to (continued...)

counsel, placing his employees on notice that they may not access such HCI or VPCI until this Objection (including the Application for Review referenced in this Objection) is finally resolved by the Commission and any court of competent jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A
Submitting Individuals

1. Christopher Bjornson, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
2. Stephanie A. Roy, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
3. Pantelis Michalopoulos, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
4. Andrew W. Guhr, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
5. Georgios A. Leris, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
6. James M. Hobbs, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
7. Sarah K. Leggin, Outside Counsel for DISH Network
8. Thomas Hubbard, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
9. Joe Sims, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
10. Bin Chen, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
11. Jarrod Welch, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
12. Thomas J. Forr, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
13. Steven Salop, Outside Consultant for DirecTV
14. Kristine Devine, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
15. Bruce McDonald, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
16. Kevin J. Arquit, Outside Counsel for DirecTV
17. Maayan Lattin, Outside Counsel for American Cable Association
18. Barbara Esbin, Outside Counsel for American Cable Association
19. Noah Cherry, Outside Counsel for American Cable Association
20. Ross Lieberman, In house counsel to American Cable Association
21. Matthew F. Wood, In house for Free Press
22. S. Derek Turner, In house for Free Press

23. Lauren M. Wilson, In house for Free Press

EXHIBIT B

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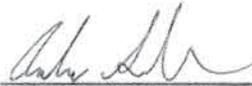
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**Re: Acknowledgements of Confidentiality, Applications of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV
for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, MB
Docket No. 14-90**

Dear Mr. Lake:

On behalf of DISH Network Corporation ("DISH") enclosed are executed copies of the Acknowledgements of Confidentiality required by the Media Bureau's Modified Joint Protective Order (DA 14-1465) for access to Confidential and Highly Confidential documents filed in the above-referenced docket. The executors of the enclosed Acknowledgements are inside counsel for DISH who are seeking access to Confidential Information, and outside counsel for DISH who are seeking access to Confidential and Highly Confidential Information. The executors are filing their Acknowledgements pursuant to the Modified Joint Protective Order.

Sincerely,



Andrew W. Guhr
Counsel for DISH Network Corporation

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT B

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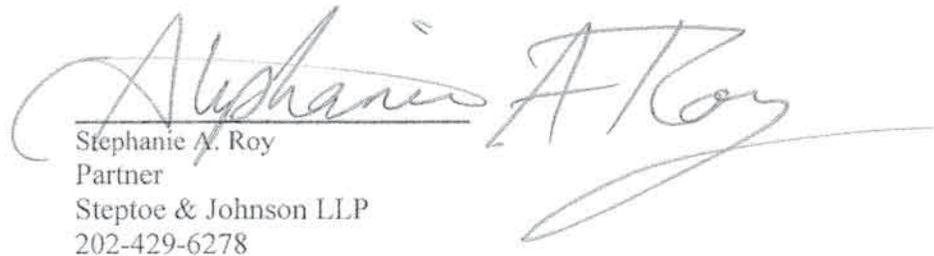
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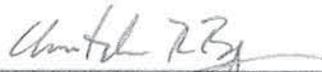
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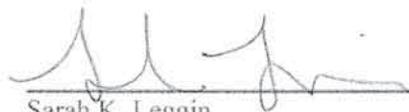
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Sarah K. Leggin

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October 10, 2014

VIA ECFS

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

Re: *Applications of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer
Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Modified Joint Protective Order*,¹ I hereby submit the signed Acknowledgments of Confidentiality of Kristine Devine, Adrienne Fowler, and myself, attorneys for DIRECTV with the law firm of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP; Kara Trivolis, legal assistant to Michael Nilsson and myself; Caitlin-Jean Juricic, legal assistant to Kristine Devine and Adrienne Fowler; J. Bruce McDonald, Joe Sims, and Thomas J. Forr, outside counsel for DIRECTV with the law firm of Jones Day; and Kevin J. Arquit and Sara Y. Razi, outside counsel for DIRECTV with the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. Additionally, we are including the signed Acknowledgments of Dr. Robert S. Stillman, Bin Chen, and Jarrod Welch of Charles River Associates, along with Professor Steven Salop of Georgetown Law Center and Professor Thomas Hubbard of Northwestern University, who are outside consultants to DIRECTV.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-730-1300 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William M. Wiltshire
William M. Wiltshire
Counsel to DIRECTV

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¹ See *Applications of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, Modified Joint Protective Order, DA 14-1463, MB Docket No. 14-90 (rel. Oct. 7, 2014).

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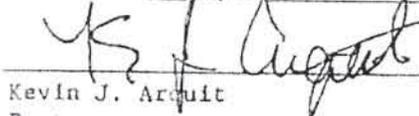
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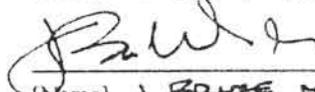
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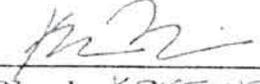
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STEVE STALD

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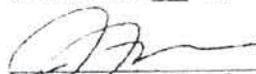
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October 9, 2014

VIA ECFS

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Re: Applications of AT&T and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations; MB Docket No. 14-90

Ms. Dortch:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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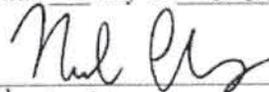
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S. Derek Turner, Research Director
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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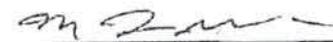
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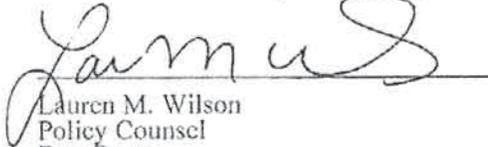
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