

August 12, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM**

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

***Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication; Revision of the Commission's Program Access Rules, MB Docket No. 12-68***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 10, 2015, on behalf of Discovery Communications, Inc. ("Discovery"), Catherine Carroll, Vice President – Public Policy and Corporate/Government Affairs, together with Tara Corvo of Mintz Levin, met with Nancy Murphy, Steven Broeckaert, Kathy Berthot, and Mary Beth Murphy of the Media Bureau to discuss the above-captioned matter.

In response to Media Bureau questions regarding ACA's proposal to update its definition of a buying group so that NCTC could qualify, to clarify the standard of comparability for a buying group; and to allow NCTC members automatic rights to participate in NCTC master agreements, Discovery reiterated the importance of rules protecting programmers against unnecessary financial risk and allowing programmers to be compensated fairly for the product they provide. There is no reason that buying groups should get special treatment when they stand in the place of an MVPD.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,  
/s/  
Tara M. Corvo

cc:  
Nancy Murphy  
Steven Broeckaert  
Kathy Berthot  
Mary Beth Murphy

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