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William T. Lake
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: MB Docket No. 15-151, CSR-8910-C

Dear Mr. Lake:

On June 11, 2015, Northwest Broadcasting, L.P. and six other commonly-controlled entities (“The TV Station Group”) initiated the above-referenced proceeding by filing its Emergency Complaint for Failure to Negotiate in Good Faith and Request for Relief (“Complaint”) against DIRECTV. The pleading cycle on the Complaint has been closed since July 13, 2015. The Complaint and related Reply recited ample facts and law in support of The TV Station Group’s request that the FCC utilize Commission-Controlled Discovery (defined in the Complaint) to promptly order DIRECTV to reciprocally supply The TV Station Group with data (comparable to information The TV Station Group already made available to DIRECTV) specifically requested by The TV Station Group (and refused by DIRECTV).

The TV Station Group hereby respectfully requests that there be no further delay in resolving the issues raised by the Complaint. In the more than eleven weeks since The TV Station Group filed its Complaint, the FCC has granted the AT&T/DIRECTV merger (despite the objections of, inter alia, The TV Station Group), a merger which was immediately consummated by those parties. Even more recently, the FCC prominently and publicly moved to intervene in a retransmission consent dispute involving Sinclair Broadcasting and the DISH Network. *See* the two News Releases of Chairman Tom Wheeler of August 26, 2015 concerning the DISH/Sinclair dispute. In the meantime, the Complaint, filed on an emergency basis well before the Sinclair/DISH dispute flared up, has not been acted on, to the detriment of consumers and the small- to mid-market broadcast stations in The TV Station Group. The Complaint outlined a way for the FCC to use relatively light-touch intervention to facilitate parties’ negotiation through retransmission consent impasses, and thereby minimize impacts on the viewing public. The basic point of the Complaint’s proposed alternative approach is to try to facilitate a proactive way around signal disruptions.



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The TV Station Group also takes this opportunity to report that the impasse which is the subject of the Complaint remains in place post-AT&T/DIRECTV merger, with no perceptible movement. As The TV Station Group previously made clear in its July 13, 2015 Reply, one impact of that merger's consummation is that reciprocal disclosure of relevant AT&T data, as well as DIRECTV's, is now called for.

The TV Station Group continues to urge Media Bureau action in this proceeding at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis P. Corbett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dennis P. Corbett

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