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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Expansion of Online Public File Obligations to Cable and Satellite TV Operators and Broadcast and Satellite Radio Licensees; MB Docket No. 14-127

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 15, 2016, Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, and I, of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, spoke separately by telephone with Jessica Almond, Legal Advisor, Media, Public Safety, and Enforcement, Office of Chairman Wheeler, and Jennifer Thompson, Special Advisor and Confidential Assistant, Office of Commissioner Rosenworcel, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Consistent with our comments, we explained that, given the large number of cable systems and numerous documents that must be retained in a cable system's local public file, the Commission should take steps to minimize any unnecessary burdens imposed by any online public file requirement.¹ We also urged the Commission to balance the interest in ensuring access to the Commission-hosted database with the need for a reasonable transition period to the online system.²

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephanie L. Podey

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cc: Jessica Almond
Jennifer Thompson

¹ See NCTA Comments at 3-9; NCTA Reply Comments at 4-5. We noted that the Commission should not adopt specific formatting requirements for documents, and that it should limit the types of documents to be uploaded.

² See NCTA Comments at 11-13.