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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Ex Parte Notice

Re: Carnage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals, CS Docket No. 98-120
(also CS Docket Nos. 00-96 and 00-2)

Dear Ms. Dortch,

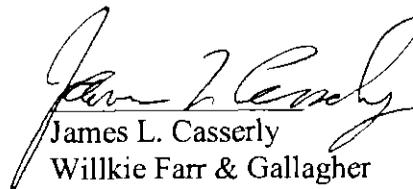
On Thursday, July 24, representatives of Comcast Corporation met with various representatives of the Media Bureau to discuss technical issues. Comcast was represented at the meeting by David Fellows, Chief Technical Officer, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. and James Coltharp, Chief Policy Advisor, FCC & Regulatory Policy. They were accompanied by William Check, Vice President of Science and Technology, and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. The Media Bureau was represented by William Johnson, Richard Chessen, Michael Perko, Michael Lance, and Eloise Gore.

Portions of the discussion pertained to issues relevant to the above-captioned rulemaking. Specifically, Mr. Fellows discussed technical aspects of how different approaches to must-carry requirements could affect a cable operator's ability to make efficient use of spectrum on the cable plant. He explained that, during times when a broadcaster's primary video transmission was not a high-definition signal but a standard-definition signal, the primary video signal could be transmitted using less bandwidth and the remaining spectrum could be recaptured and put to productive use by the cable operator. He also discussed how a digital signal transmitted by a broadcaster over the air might be retransmitted by a cable operator over the cable plant using advanced compression techniques that increase spectrum efficiency without causing any degradation in the quality of the video or audio information as perceived by the consumer.

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This letter is filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules. Please let me know if you have any questions

Respectfully submitted,



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