

November 6, 2003

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

Ex Parte Notice

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 5, representatives of Comcast Corporation met with Commissioner Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Johanna Mikes-Shelton, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. Comcast was represented by David L. Cohen, Executive Vice President, James R. Coltharp, Chief Policy Advisor, FCC & Regulatory Policy, and the undersigned.

Our presentation largely tracked previously reported presentations. In particular, Mr. Cohen discussed Comcast's success in reaching voluntary digital carriage agreements (including multicast carriage arrangements) with numerous public broadcasters and Comcast's continuing efforts to work with other public broadcasters to devise practical and mutually satisfactory approaches. In the context of commercial broadcasting, Mr. Cohen discussed how the combination of multicasting and the media ownership rules (with their provisions for duopolies and triopolies) alters the role of must-carry in promoting "the widespread availability of information from a multiplicity of sources." Mr. Cohen concluded that expanded must-carry rights are not needed from a policy perspective, nor sustainable from a legal perspective.

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,

James L. Casserly

cc: Commissioner Adelstein
Johanna Mikes-Shelton