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**VIA ECFS**

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

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation; MB Docket No. 03-124**

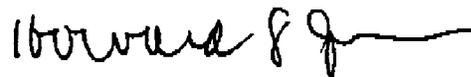
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 10, 2003, on behalf of Cablevision Systems Corporation (“Cablevision”), Tara Corvo of Mintz, Levin and the undersigned met with Catherine Bohigian of Commissioner Martin’s office to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

Cablevision argued that the record evidence in this proceeding confirms that a Fox-DirecTV merger will heighten News Corp.’s ability and incentive to engage in temporary foreclosure during retransmission consent negotiations, and discussed potential ways to remedy News Corp.’s anticompetitive leverage in those negotiations. Cablevision also distributed the handout attached to Cablevision’s December 9 notice of ex parte presentation in this proceeding.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary. Copies are also being served electronically on the Commission personnel who are required to be served pursuant to the Public Notice announcing this proceeding. Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Symons

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