

October 15, 2004

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

Re: *Ex Parte: A La Carte and Themed Programming and Pricing Options for Programming Distribution on Cable Television and Direct Broadcast Satellite Systems*, MB Docket No. 04-207

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 14, 2004, Marc Lawrence-Apfelbaum, Executive Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary, Time Warner Cable Inc., and the undersigned, met with Kenneth Ferree, Ben Golant, Deborah Klein, Tracy Waldon, and Mary Beth Murphy, all of the Media Bureau. During this meeting, we discussed issues relating to retransmission consent. We argued that the current retransmission consent process is in need of reform. Many more stations are electing retransmission consent than Congress could possibly have imagined when it enacted retransmission-consent 12 years ago. This has led to expanded carriage of broadcast affiliated programming and increases in cable rates.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, copies of this notice are being filed electronically in the above-captioned proceedings for inclusion in the public record. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Steven Teplitz

cc: Kenneth Ferree  
Ben Golant  
Deborah Klein  
Tracy Waldon  
Mary Beth Murphy