



BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM, INC.

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Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket Number 05-192

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein:

On behalf of the Black Leadership Forum (BLF), I write to express our strong support for the acquisition of Adelphia cable systems by the Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Inc. and urge the Commission to approve the parties' application to transfer FCC authorizations and licenses as needed to complete the acquisition.

The BLF was founded in 1977 as a confederation of civil rights and service organizations dedicated to empowering African Americans to improve their own lives and expanding opportunities in order to fully participate in American social, economic and political life. Today, the BLF is comprised of over 20 organizations which represent nearly 15 million African-Americans.

Economic empowerment forms the basis of the BLF's analysis of any major transaction such as this one. By saving a failing company and dedicating much needed resources and expertise to upgrade dated network infrastructure, this acquisition will be a much needed shot in the arm for our economy while at the same time significantly improving the delivery and quality of cable and high speed internet technology in local communities.

Consumers in Adelphia's existing market will benefit significantly from Comcast's and Time Warner's leadership in providing subscribers with innovative digital and broadband services as a result of their commitment to invest in system upgrades. The transaction will also allow Comcast and Time Warner to reduce costs and improve efficiencies, which will permit them to

increase investments in attractive programming (including new programming to attract African American consumers) and improved customer service.

One of our chief concerns at the BLF is finding solutions to the ongoing digital divide between the technological haves and have nots that afflict this nation. Adelphia's bankruptcy has limited the company's ability to use its technological know how to tackle this problem. We believe that this transaction will be a big step forward in helping to close the divide as Comcast and Time Warner are committing substantial resources to high quality and advanced communication services in predominantly low-income and minority communities. By reputation Adelphia did not have the best reputation in communities of color, however, the BLF has faith that Comcast will continue to be the exemplar of diversity that it has been in the areas, of business procurement, senior staff, board members and hiring practices.

We believe given the track record of Comcast and in the interests of the public and expanding the benefits of new technology to all, we strongly urge the FCC to support this transaction.

Sincerely,

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