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Ex Parte Notice

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Applications for Consent to the Assignment and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses, Adelphia Communications Corp., Assignors, to Time Warner Cable Inc., Assignees; Adelphia Communications Corp., Assignors and Transferors, to Comcast Corporation, Assignees and Transferees; Comcast Corporation, Transferor, to Time Warner Inc., Transferee; Time Warner Inc., Transferor, to Comcast Corporation, Transferee, MB Docket No. 05-192

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 16, 2006, Jim Coltharp of Comcast Corporation and Wayne Johnsen of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP, representing Comcast Corporation (“Comcast”), David Rudd of The Palmetto Group, Susan Mort of Time Warner Inc. (“Time Warner”), and the undersigned, representing Adelphia Communications Corp. (“Adelphia”), (collectively, the “Applicants”) met with Jordan Goldstein and Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisors to Commissioner Michael Copps, regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

Applicants addressed the availability of regional sports networks (“RSNs”) with which they are affiliated. Comcast pointed out that, as a result of the transactions, it is not adding subscribers or is only adding minimal subscribers in all areas in which it is affiliated with an RSN. Consequently, the transactions will not alter Comcast’s incentives in making affiliated RSN programming available to its competitors.

Applicants also thoroughly refuted the argument that DBS subscribership is lower in Philadelphia than in other markets as a result of SportsNet Philadelphia’s limited exclusivity. According to Media Business Corp., which has been tracking DBS penetration by DMA for years,

DBS penetration in Philadelphia was 12.04% as of September 2005.¹ By way of comparison, the following cities have *lower* DBS penetration: Boston (10.73%), Las Vegas (10.96%), Hartford (8.6%), Providence (9.39%), Springfield-Holyoke (8.65%), Laredo (7.92%), El Paso (11.01%), and Palm Springs (11.80%).² And the following cities have DBS penetration comparable to Philadelphia: New York (15.24%), Tampa (14.03%), Baltimore (14.15%), Milwaukee (15.08%), Norfolk (14.22%), and Harrisburg (13.29%). Thus, the claim that SportsNet Philadelphia's limited exclusivity has substantially undermined DBS operators' abilities to compete in Philadelphia is without merit.

Applicants also explained that the prices charged for RSNs are based on numerous factors specific to each RSN and its market. Some of those factors include: (1) the size of the fees paid to the sports teams for carriage of their games and related programming, as well as the length of the contract and when it was negotiated with the teams; (2) the size of the RSN's market; (3) the number of teams carried by the RSN; (4) the number of professional teams in the market; (5) the quality of the teams; (6) the affinity of fans for the sports teams in their markets; (7) the types of sports covered by the RSN (*i.e.*, professional or non-professional); and (8) the number of games produced in high-definition, for which there are higher production costs and values.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael H. Hammer

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¹ Media Business Corp., *Satellite Subscribers by DMA* (data as of Sept. 2005).

² *Id.*