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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication  
MB Docket No. 05-192 (Adelphia)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of RCN Corporation (“RCN”) and Echostar Satellite L.L.C. (“Echostar”), and pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this is to provide notice of *ex parte* meetings in connection with the above-referenced proceeding on June 21 and June 22, 2006. The meetings were attended by Peter D. Aquino, RCN’s Chief Executive Officer, Richard Ramlall, RCN’s Senior Vice President, Strategic, External and Regulatory Affairs, Eric Sahl, Echostar’s Senior Vice President, Programming, Amy R. Mehlman of Mehlman Capitol Strategies, Inc., and the undersigned (“RCN/Echostar Participants”). The RCN/Echostar Participants met separately with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and Rudy N. Brioché, and with Commissioner Robert M. McDowell and Cristina Chou Pauzé (“FCC Participants”).

The purposes of these meetings was to discuss some of the points raised in RCN and Echostar’s comments and *ex parte* submissions filed in MB Docket No. 05-192 concerning examples of program access abuses that support the need for the Commission to impose conditions on the proposed mergers that will protect and promote competition in the marketplace for the delivery of multi-channel

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video programming to consumers. In particular, the RCN/Echostar Participants demonstrated the need for the Commission to close the terrestrial loophole, eliminate exclusive carriage arrangements and establish arbitration obligations to resolve carriage disputes, especially for such “must have” programming as regional sports, PBS Kids and other children’s programming, and film libraries. The only written materials distributed to the FCC Participants at the meetings were materials previously filed in the above-referenced docket by RCN.

Should any additional information be required with respect to this *ex parte* notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Jean L. Kiddoo

cc w/att. (by electronic mail): FCC Participants