

July 24, 2006

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

Re: *Ex Parte*: In the Matter of Comcast Corporation's Request for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 76.1204(a)(1), CSR-7012-Z, CS Docket No. 97-80.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2006, following up on a previously reported meeting with the Media Bureau, Jim Casserly and I contacted Andrew Long by telephone regarding a question he raised at the meeting about the home-networking capabilities of the Pace Chicago set-top boxes. We explained that the Pace boxes have an *optional* USB port. As Comcast noted in its waiver application, there are *no* current planned uses for the USB port -- for home networking or any other purpose. As technology develops, the USB port *might* be used at some future point to support the networking of video and audio content within the home. Comcast suggested in its waiver application a possible scenario where video programming might be delivered from a DVR-enabled set-top (*i.e.*, a server device) in the living room to Pace boxes (*i.e.*, client devices) in other rooms via the USB port. Again, such an implementation does not currently exist and, even if it did, the server device in this architecture would have separate security once the integration ban goes into effect, and the Pace box would merely be receiving standard definition digital programming from the server device (just like it would receive VOD and linear programming from the network). Such a development, should it occur, would add to the options available to consumers and would serve the public interest.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

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