

August 4, 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 August 3, 2006, Jim Casserly, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, and the undersigned met with Sam Feder, Susan Aaron, Joseph Palmore, Marilyn Sonn, Matthew Berry, and Eric Miller of the Office of General Counsel to discuss Comcast's pending request for waiver of the integration ban for certain low-cost, limited-capability set-top boxes.

We discussed the Commission's prior statements, in its latest major order concerning the integration ban and in its advocacy before the D.C. Circuit in the appeal of that order, regarding favorably considering waiver requests for precisely the types of low-cost, limited-capability set-top boxes covered by the Comcast request. Furthermore, we also reviewed the directive in Section 629(c) of the Communications Act and the accompanying legislative history that the Commission act on such waiver requests within 90 days. *See, e.g.*, S. Conf. Rep. No. 104-230 at 181 (Feb. 1, 2006) ("The conference agreement also directs the Commission to act on waiver requests within 90 days."). In this regard, we also discussed similar deadline requirements that were added elsewhere in the Communications Act by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and explained that these deadlines were not intended by Congress to be discretionary.

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Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Friedman  
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Susan Aaron  
Joseph Palmore  
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