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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication  
MB Docket No. 03-124**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, November 20, 2006, Jeffrey L. Abbas, President and CEO of the National Cable Television Cooperative, Inc. ("NCTC"), Frank Hughes, NCTC's Senior Vice President, Programming, and Seth Davidson, Fleischman and Walsh, L.L.P., met by telephone with Heather Dixon and Krista Witanowski of Chairman Martin's office.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the difficulties that NCTC has encountered in attempting to establish the "rules of the road" for acting as a bargaining agent on behalf of small cable companies in negotiations for carriage of Fox-affiliated regional sports networks pursuant to a condition imposed on News Corp. in the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 03-330, rel. Jan.14, 2004) in the above-referenced docket (the "*News/Hughes Order*"). These difficulties include News Corp.'s refusal to recognize and acknowledge that NCTC would stand in the shoes of the companies that appoint it to negotiate on their behalf under the *News/Hughes Order* as well as uncertainties regarding the operation of the arbitration process established by the *News/Hughes Order*. It was emphasized that many Fox-affiliated regional sports network carriage agreements are expiring at the end of the year, making it imperative that that questions regarding the bargaining agent/arbitration condition be resolved as soon as possible.

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In accordance with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this notice is being submitted for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth A. Davidson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Seth A. Davidson  
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Inc.*

cc: Heather Dixon  
Krista Witanowski  
Lindsay Gardner