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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, November 21, 2006, Jeffrey L. Abbas, President and CEO of the National Cable Television Cooperative, Inc. ("NCTC") and Seth Davidson, Fleischman and Walsh, L.L.P., met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate.

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
*Counsel for the National Cable Television Cooperative,
Inc.*

cc: Commissioner Tate
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