



February 20, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street SW
Washington DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
MB Docket No. 07-18; CS Docket Nos. 98-120 and 00-96**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 19, Jerianne Timmerman and the undersigned of NAB met with Amy Blankenship to discuss the carriage of local broadcast television stations by Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) operators. In its consideration of this issue, we urged the Commission to make sure that DBS operators' claims of capacity constraints were factually supported, particularly in regard to any assertions that DBS operators lack the capacity to offer local-into-local satellite delivery of broadcast television stations. We reiterated our position that DBS operators should offer local-into-local satellite delivery of broadcast television stations in all 210 Designated Market Areas (DMAs). With regard to the pending transfer of control of DIRECTV Group, Inc. from News Corp. to Liberty Media, we argued that DIRECTV should provide local-into-local satellite delivery of local television stations in all 210 DMAs by December 31, 2008, because only such satellite delivery would truly constitute a seamless, integrated local service.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane E. Mago". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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