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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: Broadband Industry Practices; Docket No. 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2008, James Assey, Executive Vice President of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (“NCTA”), William Check, NCTA’s Senior Vice President, Science & Technology, and I had a series of meetings at the FCC, and we were accompanied by one or more of the following cable company representatives at each meeting: Nomi Bergman, President, Bright House Networks; Megan Delany, Vice President, Federal Government Relations, Matt Bell, Vice President, IP Engineering & Development, and Marwan Fawaz, Chief Technology Officer, all of Charter Communications; Steven Teplitz, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Time Warner Inc.; Mike LaJoie, Executive Vice President, Chief Technology Officer, Time Warner Cable; Terry Cordova, Chief Technology Officer, Suddenlink Communications; Michael Olsen, Vice President, Legal and Government Affairs, Cablevision Systems; and Lauren Van Wazer, Chief Policy and Technology Counsel, Cox Enterprises, Inc.

We met separately with Chairman Kevin J. Martin, his Chief of Staff Daniel Gonzalez, and his Legal Advisor Amy Bender; Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and his Legal Advisors Scott Deutchman and Bruce Gottlieb; Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and his Legal Advisor Rudy Brioché; and Commissioner Robert M. McDowell and his Legal Advisor Nick Alexander.

We discussed technical issues in managing complex cable broadband networks as they relate to the issues raised in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling of Free Press *et al.* and the Petition for Rulemaking of Vuze, Inc., which have been incorporated into the above-captioned proceeding. We emphasized the importance of permitting ISPs flexibility in dealing with network management issues and the need for network management to provide a high-quality experience for all broadband customers. We described the dynamic nature of the Internet, the roll-out of Docsis 3.0, and cable industry involvement in the Internet Engineering Task Force in the development of network management tools.

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Sincerely,

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