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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Re: *In the Matter of Establishment of a Digital Transition Quiet Period for Retransmission Consent*  
Notice of Ex Parte Presentation Filed in Docket No. 07-148

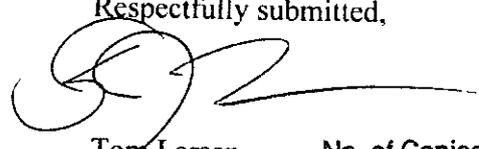
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, September 22, 2008, Megan Delany of Charter Communications, Craig Rosenthal of Suddenlink Communications, and Tom Larsen of Mediacom Communications Corporation (together, the "Cable Commenters") met with Rosemary Harold of Commissioner McDowell's office to discuss the introduction of a "quiet period" for retransmission consent negotiations surrounding the February 17, 2009 DTV transition. The Cable Commenters encouraged adoption of a quiet period, consistent with our April 24, 2008 Petition for Expedited Rulemaking. The discussion focused on ensuring that the timing of the proposed quiet period be sufficiently long to facilitate the DTV transition and provide consumers with the intended benefits.

In particular, the Cable Commenters advocated adoption of a start date to the quiet period early enough to incorporate the large number of retransmission consent agreements scheduled to expire by year-end 2007. The Cable Commenters expressed concern that a failure to incorporate these agreements into the quiet period would lead to numerous consumer messages regarding the possible termination of broadcast carriage that would undermine the Commission's consumer education initiative at a particularly critical juncture. The Cable Commenters emphasized that we do not believe the requested timeframe would economically disadvantage broadcasters, as retransmission consent agreements delayed by the quiet period could include provisions requiring retroactive payments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Larsen

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cc: Rosemary Harold