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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: *TCR Sports Broadcasting Holding, LLP v. Comcast Corp.*
MB Docket No. 08-214, CSR-8001-P

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Order (FCC 09M-43) issued by Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel on May 27, 2009, enclosed please find a "Glossary" submitted jointly on behalf of TCR Sports Broadcasting Holding, L.L.P., d/b/a Mid-Atlantic Sports Network and Comcast Corporation in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

Please contact the undersigned if you have questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,



David H. Solomon

Encl.

GLOSSARY¹

- 1992 Cable Act** Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992).
- 2005 Complaint** Program Carriage Complaint filed by **MASN** against **Comcast** on June 14, 2005.
- 2006 HDO** FCC order designating the **2005 Complaint** for hearing. *TCR Sports Broadcasting Holding, L.L.P. v. Comcast Corp.*, MB Docket 06-148, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Hearing Designation Order*, 21 FCC Rcd 8989, 8995 (2006).
- 2006 Settlement Agreement** The **Agreement** and **Release**, both executed on August 4, 2006.
- 2008 Complaint** Program Carriage Complaint filed by **MASN** against **Comcast** on July 1, 2008, which resulted in the instant proceeding.
- ACC** Atlantic Coast Conference — a conference within the **NCAA**, comprising Boston College, Clemson University, Duke University, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Wake Forest University.
- Adelphia** Adelphia Communications Corporation.
- Adelphia Order** *Applications for Consent to the Assignment and/or Transfer of Control of Licenses; Adelphia Communications Corp. to Time Warner Cable Inc.; Adelphia Communications Corp. to Comcast Corp., Comcast Corp. to Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Inc. to Comcast Corp.*, MB Docket No. 05-192, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 21 FCC Rcd 8203, 8287-88 ¶ 190 (2006) — an order in which the FCC consented to certain license transfers associated with the reorganization of **Adelphia**, and in which the FCC established certain conditions associated with the integrated programming and cable operations of certain **MVPDs**, including **Comcast**.
- Affiliation Agreement** The name of the type of agreement typically used to license a network to an **MVPD**. These agreements set forth the terms and conditions of carriage of the network by the **MVPD** and may also be referred to as “carriage agreements” or “carriage contracts.”
- Agreement** The **Affiliation Agreement** between **MASN** and **Comcast** — specifically, the

¹ Terms cited in **boldface** refer to other entries in the glossary.

“Affiliate Term Sheet between TCR SPORTS BROADCASTING HOLDING, L.L.P. (“TCR”) trading as Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (“MASN”), on the one hand, and COMCAST CORPORATION, on the other hand” (executed August 4, 2006).

ALJ	Administrative Law Judge.
Analog	Technology originally designed for transmitting voice (<i>e.g.</i> , telephones) where signals are transmitted as continuous electromagnetic waves. Analog broadcast signals consist of modulated radio frequency transmitted over the air; cable systems distribute analog video signals in the form of modulated radio frequency transmitted through a closed transmission path such as coaxial cable or fiber. Interference or signal ingress during cable transmission, and the accumulation of “noise” as signals are amplified over the course of transmission, can result in reduced picture quality for analog signals. Compare Digital .
Bandwidth	The amount of electromagnetic spectrum available on a cable system for delivery of video, voice and data. A linear analog channel typically occupies six MHz of bandwidth on a cable system.
Comcast	Comcast Corporation, a cable operator, MSO , and MVPD .
Comcast Cable	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Comcast .
Commission	The Federal Communications Commission.
Complaint	The 2008 Complaint in the instant case.
CSN-MA	Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic, L.P., an RSN affiliated with Comcast .
CSN-P	Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia, L.P., an RSN affiliated with Comcast .
DBS	Direct Broadcast Satellite provider — an MVPD that transmits video programming from satellites directly to dishes at viewers’ homes. DBS providers include DirecTV and Dish Network.
Digital	When referring to video transmission, video signals encoded into streams of binary electronic “bits,” which are then sent over the network and can be converted to analog at the subscriber’s premises. Digital signals are less susceptible to interference during transmission, resulting in higher signal quality and resolution. Digital technology also allows for compression so that more channels can be carried in a given amount of bandwidth. Compare Analog .
DMA	Designated Market Area — a group of counties making up a television market, as designated by Nielsen Media Research; there are currently 210

DMAs in the United States.

Eastern Division (Comcast)	Regional administrative grouping of Comcast cable systems comprising systems in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.
Expanded Basic	A widely subscribed (usually second-highest) tier of MVPD service, typically including cable channels such as CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN, and ESPN.
HD	High Definition — digital transmission of video programming with substantially improved video and audio quality using any of the following formats: 1080p, 1080i, 720p.
HDO	Hearing Designation Order — <i>Herring Broadcasting Inc. d/b/a WealthTV, v. Time Warner Cable, Inc. et al.</i> , MB Docket 08-214, <i>Memorandum Opinion and Hearing Designation Order</i> , 23 FCC Rcd 14787 (MB 2008).
Headend	The facility where an MVPD receives television programming (including broadcast satellite networks) and processes the signals electronically for distribution over the cable system.
Hunting License	An affiliation agreement between a programmer and an MSO that gives the MSO the right, but not the obligation, to carry the programming service pursuant to pre-negotiated rates, terms, and conditions.
IRD	Integrated Receiver Decoder — a piece of electronic equipment installed at a cable system headend to receive and decode encrypted network programming transmitted by satellite.
HTS	Home Team Sports, the predecessor of CSN-MA .
MASN	TCR Sports Broadcasting Holding, L.L.P., d/b/a Mid-Atlantic Sports Network, the complainant in the instant proceeding.
MLB	Major League Baseball.
MSO	Multiple System Operator — a cable company that owns or operates multiple cable systems, often in disparate geographic locations, such as Comcast , Time Warner Cable, Cox, Bright House, <i>etc.</i>
MVPD	Multichannel Video Programming Distributor — an enterprise that packages and distributes multiple channels of video programming for sale to consumers, regardless of distribution technology; includes MSOs , DBS , and telephone company fiber-based distribution networks such as AT&T U-verse and Verizon FiOS.
NBA	National Basketball Association.

NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association.
NHL	National Hockey League.
NFL	National Football League.
Program Access Rules	Although not the subject of MASN’s complaint, program access rules prohibit vertically integrated programming networks in certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions, from discriminating on the basis of affiliation against unaffiliated MVPDs . <i>See</i> 47 U.S.C. § 548(c)(2)(B); 47 C.F.R. § 76.1002(b).
Program Carriage Rules	In the 1992 Cable Act , Congress directed the Commission to promulgate rules designed, among other things, to prevent MVPDs from engaging in conduct which would unreasonably restrain the ability of an unaffiliated video programming vendor to compete fairly by discriminating in video programming distribution on the basis of affiliation or non-affiliation with regard to the selection, terms, or conditions for carriage of video programming. <i>See</i> 47 U.S.C. § 536(a)(3). The FCC has adopted implementing rules. <i>See</i> 47 C.F.R. § 76.1301(c).
Release	The release signed contemporaneously with the Agreement , specifically the “Addendum to Affiliate Term Sheet” (executed August 4, 2006).
RSN	Regional Sports Network — as defined by the Commission in its Adelphia Order , 21 FCC Rcd at 8275 ¶ 158, a programming network that distributes within a limited region live or same-day broadcasts of the games of a sports team that is a member of MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, NASCAR, NCAA Division I Football, or NCAA Division I Basketball , and in any year carries at least 100 hours of such programming or 10% of the regular season games of such a team.
SD	Standard Definition — digital transmission of video programming with video and audio quality generally comparable to traditional analog transmission.
Sports Programming Rights Fees	The fees that an RSN or other video programming provider must pay to a college or professional sports team for the right to distribute the sports programming of that team.
Vertical Integration	A term describing an economic situation in which an upstream supplier integrates with a downstream distributor.

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