



December 15, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Notice

***In the Matter of Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for
the Delivery of Video Programming, MB Docket No. 07-269***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 14, 2009, Daniel Mitchell and the undersigned from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) met with the Media Bureau Chief, William Lake, Jennifer Tatel from the Industry Analysis Division and Clay Pendarvis from the Video Division. The group discussed NTCA's members' concerns about the Comcast-NBC merger plans. NTCA briefed the FCC staff members about the difficulties small companies face in obtaining programming. The group discussed forced bundling, tiering and tying, the terrestrial loophole and retransmission consent negotiations. The information provided by NTCA was consistent with its filings in the above-reference proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (703) 351-2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jill Canfield
Jill Canfield
Senior Regulatory Counsel,
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cc: William Lake
Jennifer Tatel
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