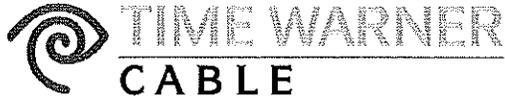


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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**Re: Notification of Ex Parte Presentation of Time Warner Cable, et al., MB
Docket No. 10-71**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 5, 2010, the following representatives of the petitioning parties (the "Petitioners") met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Rick Kaplan to discuss their petition for rulemaking to amend the Commission's rules governing retransmission consent: Steven Teplitz and the undersigned of Time Warner Cable; Gigi Sohn of Public Knowledge, Michael Calabrese of New America Foundation; Alison Minea of Dish Network; Steve Pastorkovich of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies; Ross Lieberman of the American Cable Association; Catherine Bohigian of Cablevision, Megan Delany of Charter Communications, Dan Brenner, representing Bright House Networks; Thomas Larsen of Mediacom; and Craig Rosenthal of Suddenlink.

During this meeting, the Petitioners summarized the points made in the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking, focusing on the fact that as a result of marketplace changes that have occurred since the retransmission consent regime was put in place nearly 20 years ago, those rules are now causing consumer harm. Specifically, broadcasters' substantially escalating demands for cash compensation have created an untenable situation in which consumers face increased subscription rates or the loss of popular programming. Recent disputes, including Mediacom-Sinclair, TWC-Fox and Cablevision-ABC, illustrate that this is an urgent and growing problem.

We also explained that retransmission consent agreements are not the product of free market negotiations. Instead, Congress and the Commission *insulated* broadcasters from market forces by granting broadcast stations immensely valuable spectrum at no charge and providing broadcasters with powerful regulatory advantages vis-à-vis MVPDs, including network non-duplication, syndicated exclusivity, channel placement, tier placement and other rights.

Finally, we urged that the Commission expeditiously move to a rulemaking proceeding in order to fully explore the consumers harm caused by the current retransmission consent regime, and to develop a record on potential solutions.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

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