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Re: *Ex Parte* Notification Regarding MB Docket No. 10-71 and GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 4, 2010, I joined Darrell Brown, Ray Cole, Ralph Oakley, and William Fine of the ABC Television Affiliates Association and Susan Fox of ABC, Inc. at a meeting with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and her legal assistant, Rick Kaplan.

At this meeting, we expressed our concern at any possible involuntary reclamation of television spectrum for wireless broadband and urged the Commission not to implement any involuntary reallocation.

We also urged the Commission not to change the current rules regarding retransmission consent. The broadcasters indicated that the number of negotiations that have resulted in an impasse is a small fraction of the thousands of negotiations that have taken place. They expressed their view that the current rules work, and the public interest would not be served by imposing mandatory arbitration or forced carriage as part of the negotiation process.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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