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Ex Parte

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

Re: MB Docket No. 07-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 24, 2011, Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, National Cable & Telecommunications Association (“NCTA”), and I met with Sherrese Smith, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski.

We stated that the cable industry is looking forward to participating in any Commission proceeding considering potential changes to its program carriage rules. In addition, we stated that the Commission should seek further comment from interested parties before it considers adopting final rules. The record in this docket is now over three years old and is based on a brief Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that raised a small number of issues with no proposed rules. In the meantime, the Commission has handled several high-profile program carriage cases that could provide much-needed record evidence based on practical experience of the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rick Chessen

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cc: Sherrese Smith