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**BY ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte* Communication; MB Docket 10-71; and  
WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135,  
WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45 and  
WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 23, 2011, Steve Friedman, Chief Operating Officer of Wave Broadband, on behalf of the American Cable Association (“ACA”) participated in a meeting in Seattle, Washington with Chairman Genachowski and Josh Gottheimer. Also attending were Congressman Jay Inslee, Maura Little from Representative Inslee’s office, Greg Marney from Northwest Open Access Network, and John Abbott from Philips.

Mr. Friedman discussed the ACA’s position on retransmission consent matters in the above referenced docket consistent with ACA’s filed comments.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Friedman explained that thousands of retransmission consent agreements involving smaller cable operators are set to expire by the end of the year, and encouraged the Commission to adopt rules in time for them to govern this year’s carriage negotiations, particularly to avoid consumer disruptions.

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<sup>1</sup> See Comments of the American Cable Association, MB Docket No. 10-71 at 2 (filed May 27, 2011) and Reply Comments of the American Cable Association at 2 (filed June 27, 2011).

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Mr. Friedman also discussed the need for the Universal Service Fund program and intercarrier compensation to be modernized so that they are more competitively neutral and fiscally responsible.<sup>2</sup>

As required by Section 1.1206(b), this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas Cohen

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<sup>2</sup> See Comments of the American Cable Association, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., at 7-17 (filed Aug. 24, 2011).