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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *Ex Parte Notice: In the Matter of Basic Service Tier Encryption; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment*, MB Dkt. No. 11-169, PP Dkt. No. 00-67.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 12, 2011, I had separate phone conversations with Sherrese Smith, Senior Counsel and Legal Advisor for Media, Consumer and Enforcement Issues to Chairman Genachowski, and Michelle Carey, Deputy Chief of the Media Bureau, to discuss the Commission's basic tier encryption rulemaking. In those discussions, I reviewed Comcast's reply comments and the responses set forth therein.¹ I emphasized the need for expedited Commission action in this rulemaking given the demonstrated consumer benefits associated with encryption of the basic tier in all-digital systems, including remote service connections, fewer truck rolls, and reduced piracy,² and the absence of any countervailing consumer harms.³

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

¹ See Comments of Comcast Corporation, MB Dkt. No. 11-169 (Nov. 28, 2011) ("Comcast Comments"); Reply Comments of Comcast Corporation, MB Dkt. No. 11-169 (Dec. 12, 2011) ("Comcast Reply Comments").

² See Comcast Comments at 3-11; Comcast Reply Comments at 2-4.

³ See Comcast Comments at 13-15; Comcast Reply Comments at 9-10.

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Sincerely,

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