



December 21, 2011

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY**

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

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication**  
***RCN Telecom Services, Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Section 76.630(a) of the Commission's Rules, File No. CSR-8525-Z; Basic Service Tier Encryption, MB Docket No. 11-169; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, PP Docket No. 00-67; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to Retransmission Consent, MB Docket No. 10-71***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on December 19, 2011, Steven J. Simmons, Chairman of RCN Telecom Services, LLC spoke to Chairman Julius Genachowski by telephone regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

In particular, Mr. Simmons discussed RCN's Petition for Waiver (File No. CSR-8525-Z) filed on August 12, 2011. He urged the Commission to expedite its processing of the waiver requested in the Petition so that RCN can promptly eliminate the inconvenience to its customers in New York and Chicago of having to be at home for service calls that, pursuant to the requested waiver, could now be handled remotely over RCN's digital cable networks. He also noted that, as stated in the Petition, the waiver would also permit RCN to eliminate the costs incurred to make such service calls and also lessen adverse impacts of such unnecessary truck rolls on traffic and the environment. Mr. Simmons also briefly discussed the increasing costs of programming and in particular the increasing level of retransmission payments requested by broadcasters for the retransmission of broadcast programming that is otherwise available to consumers over-the-air at no cost..

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed in MB Docket No. 11-169, PP Docket No. 00-67, and MB Docket No. 10-71 and an original and one copy of this letter in File No. CSR-8525-Z, as electronic filing is not possible in that proceeding. In addition, a copy of this submission is being provided to Chairman Genachowski. If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey B. Kramp". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey B. Kramp  
Senior Vice President, Secretary & General Counsel  
RCN Telecom Services, LLC

cc: (by e-mail): Chairman Genachowski