

March 5, 2012

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

**Re: Basic Service Tier Encryption; Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, MB Docket No. 11-169, PP Docket No. 00-67.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 1, 2012, Rick Chessen of NCTA, Jordan Goldstein of Comcast Corporation, Diana Oo of Cablevision, and the undersigned met with Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Clyburn, to discuss the Commission's basic tier encryption Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

We noted the substantial consumer and other public interest benefits associated with the rule change, including, among other things, remote service connections and disconnections and reduced theft of service. We cited to Cablevision's experience in New York City as providing clear evidence that these benefits are real and can be implemented rapidly. We asked that the rule change be made promptly so that other all-digital cable systems can quickly realize similar benefits, and indicated our support for reasonable transitional equipment measures for the small number of customers who receive digital basic service without a set-top box or retail CableCARD device. In addition, we responded to comments that Boxee has made regarding the proposed rule change and explained why they were without merit.<sup>1</sup>

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Friedman  
Jonathan Friedman  
*Counsel for Comcast Corporation*

cc: Dave Grimaldi

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Neal M Goldberg, General Counsel, NCTA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Dkt. No. 11-169, PP Dkt. No. 00-67 (Feb. 7, 2012); Letter from Neal M Goldberg, General Counsel, NCTA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Dkt. No. 11-169, PP Dkt. No. 00-67 (Feb. 21, 2012).