

March 21, 2012

EX PARTE

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

RE: CS Docket No. 98-120; Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals

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

**MB Docket No. 10-71; Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to
Retransmission Consent**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 20, 2012, Steve Miron, CEO of Bright House Networks, and the undersigned met with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski and Sherrese Smith, Senior Counsel and Legal Advisor for Media, Consumer, and Enforcement Issues.

Mr. Miron discussed technological developments of Bright House Networks' video and broadband services. Mr. Miron noted his company's leadership in deploying DOCSIS 3.0, the industry's robust upstream and downstream IP specification. The company offers 40 MB downstream service to customers in many markets on a "no contract required" basis.

On video matters, he expressed support for the expiration of the FCC's 2007 dual carriage requirement¹ in Docket No. CS 98-120. He also urged the Chairman to approve rule changes to allow encryption of the basic service tier, as proposed in the proceedings captioned above. These efforts will allow Bright House Networks the needed flexibility to manage its wireline networks to balance increasing demands for more bandwidth-intensive HD programming as well as more robust broadband performance.

¹ *Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals*, CS Docket No 98-120, Third Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 22 FCC Rcd 21064 (2007).

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Mr. Miron also discussed Bright House Networks' role as a facilities-based competitor to incumbent phone companies, noting a recent competitive win for the company with a major government customer in Orlando, Florida. Revenues from these business-to-business services are a growing part of the company; and the ability of companies like Bright House Networks to compete for and win these contracts, which could not have been predicted just a few years ago, is providing a more robust and spirited competitive environment for public and private entities.

Mr. Miron also reported on recent retransmission consent agreements entered into by his company, urging Commission attention to its ongoing review in MB Docket No. 90-71.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically via ECFS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Brenner".

Daniel Brenner

cc: Sherrese Smith (*via email*)