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**Ex Parte**

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

**Re: ET Docket No. 10-235**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 18, 2012, Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, and I spoke by telephone with Charles Mathias of the Office of the Chairman regarding NCTA's comments in the above-captioned proceeding. On April 19, 2012, we met with Louis Peraertz of Commissioner Clyburn's office and spoke by telephone with Barbara Kreisman of the Media Bureau regarding the same proceeding.

We stated that NCTA does not oppose the channel sharing proposal contained in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* so long as it does not result directly or indirectly in the expansion of cable operators' must carry obligations. We therefore urged the Commission to ensure that any channel sharing arrangements for television licensees not impose any additional must carry burdens on cable operators. In particular, we pointed out that the must carry provisions of the Cable Act only require cable operators to carry certain low power stations that meet specific statutory criteria, and advocated that any rules regarding channel sharing by low power stations should not expand their limited cable carriage rights.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Rick Chessen**

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cc: C. Mathias  
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B. Kreisman