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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Basic Service Tier Encryption, MB Docket No. 11-169

*Compatibility between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, PP
Docket No. 00-67*

*RCN Telecom Services, Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Section 76.630(a) of the
Commission's Rules, File No. CSR-8525-Z*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 2, 2012, Steven Simmons, Chairman of RCN, spoke with Chairman Genachowski and Lyle Elder, Attorney-Adviser to the Chairman, regarding the above-referenced proceeding. Mr. Simmons reiterated that RCN's waiver request followed directly the waiver the Commission had granted to Cablevision. As RCN has previously described in its petition for waiver and comments in the rulemaking proceeding, the waiver is a win/win for providers and consumers, allowing consumers to be freed from waiting for cable technicians when activating service and allowing providers remotely to activate and deactivate services. Eliminating truck rolls also has environmental benefits, as well as reducing costs. Mr. Simmons also discussed the high level of signal theft RCN has found, which also was previously described in RCN's waiver and comments. As a competitor to the larger cable and telephone companies, RCN has been pushing standalone broadband services strongly, but these services increase RCN's exposure to signal theft. RCN needs the Commission's assistance in allowing it to secure products against theft when it offers robust standalone broadband products. Given the strong public interest benefits of encryption, Mr. Simmons urged the Commission to act promptly so that RCN can begin to encrypt its basic cable service immediately. Mr. Simmons also stressed that RCN has been waiting for nearly a year for a response to its petition for waiver.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nakahata". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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