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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 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 July 12, 2012, James Assey, Executive Vice President of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (“NCTA”), Neal Goldberg, NCTA’s Vice President and General Counsel, Cristina Pauzé of Time Warner Cable and the undersigned met with the following Commission staff to discuss the Commission’s basic tier encryption Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”): Bill Lake, Chief of the Media Bureau; Lyle Elder, Attorney Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, and Michelle Carey, Nancy Murphy, Alison Neplokh, and Brendan Murray of the Media Bureau.

In the meeting, we discussed potential technical solutions for enabling cable customers with IP-capable Clear QAM devices to access encrypted basic tier channels. We also discussed the relationship of potential equipment-based technical solutions, such as digital transport adapters or set-top boxes with home-networking capability, to the consumer protection measures proposed in the rulemaking, including offering free equipment to certain basic tier customers for a transitional period and providing customer notice regarding the availability of such equipment offers.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Rick Chessen**

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