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Ex Parte via Electronic Filing

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 17, 2012, the undersigned and Alan Fishel of Arent Fox LLP spoke via conference call with the following members of the Media Bureau regarding the above-referenced rulemaking: Bill Lake, Chief; Nancy Murphy, Associate Chief; Alison Neplokh, Chief Engineer; Steven Broeckert, Senior Deputy Chief, Policy Division, and Brendan Murray, Attorney Advisor. On that call, we discussed the proposed initial and long-term solutions for enabling consumers with third-party devices to access encrypted basic cable previously suggested by Boxee and Comcast,¹ as well as “cloud based” methods for delivery of content by cable operators, as mentioned in a recent filing by Cablevision.² We expressed that cable providers should not be permitted to encrypt the basic tier without offering a comparable successor to ClearQAM, and that a hardware-based solution on its own would not be a sufficient long-term replacement, although one could form an interim solution, as suggested in the Boxee and Comcast proposal.

¹ See Letter from Jonathan Friedman, Counsel for Comcast Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Dkt. No. 11-169, PP Dkt. No. 00-67 (June 27, 2012).

² See Letter from Michael Olsen, Cablevision, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Dkt. No. 11-169, PP Dkt. No. 00-67 (June 29, 2012).

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Melissa Marks

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