



July 30, 2012

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Marlene H. Dortch
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication

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

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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 26, 2012, I spoke on behalf of RCN Telecom Services, LLC ("RCN") with Michelle Carey of the Media Bureau regarding RCN's petition for waiver and the Commission's rulemaking, both of which concern encryption of the basic service tier. We discussed the concerns RCN has repeatedly raised with the ongoing problem of basic-tier service theft.¹ I thus reiterated RCN's hope that the Commission resolve the above-captioned proceedings expeditiously. I also renewed RCN's request that the Commission grant (or permit the Media Bureau to grant) RCN's waiver upon release of any order of general applicability, such that RCN may begin encrypting those systems immediately upon release of the Order. I also stated that while RCN is reviewing the latest filings, it is somewhat differently situated than the top 6 incumbent cable operators.

¹ See, e.g., Letter from Michael Nilsson to Marlene Dortch, MB Docket No. 11-169, PP Docket No. 00-67 (filed Feb. 24, 2012).

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.

John Nakahata
Counsel to RCN Telecom Services, LLC

Cc: Michelle Carey