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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 27, 2012, I spoke by phone with Michelle Carey, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Media Bureau, regarding the above-captioned proceedings.

In the conversation, we discussed the commitments that the six largest incumbent cable operators have agreed to make in an effort to expedite resolution of the rulemaking. Those commitments are described in the letter filed on July 25, 2012 from Michael Powell, NCTA's President and CEO, to Chairman Genachowski. We also discussed NCTA's hope that the Commission will move forward quickly to complete the rulemaking and realize the consumer benefits that encryption of the basic service tier would bring.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick Chessen

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cc: M. Carey