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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 September 6, 2012, Cristina Pauzé of Time Warner Cable, Jordan Goldstein of Comcast, Grace Koh of Cox, Jonathan Friedman of the law firm Willkie Farr & Gallagher, and I met separately with Holly Saurer, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Pai, and Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, regarding the Commission's basic tier encryption Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

During the meetings, we discussed the consumer and other public interest benefits that would result from a rule change permitting all-digital cable systems to encrypt their basic service tiers, including remote service activation/deactivation and reducing signal theft. We also noted that the real-world evidence from the Cablevision waiver in New York City demonstrates that the consumer benefits of a rule change far outweigh any potential disruption, and that amending the rule would advance the Commission's commitment to eliminating outdated regulations.

In addition, we discussed concerns raised about the commitments that the six largest incumbent cable operators have agreed to make in an effort to expedite resolution of this proceeding.¹ We noted that these commitments address any remaining issues regarding access to the basic service tier. We therefore urged the Commission to bring this proceeding to a swift conclusion.

¹ See Letter from Michael K. Powell, President and CEO of NCTA, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC, dated July 25, 2012, in MB Docket 11-169.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick Chessen

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