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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication of Time Warner Cable Inc. in
*Petition of Time Warner Cable Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(5) of the
Communications Act for Preemption of the Jurisdiction of the North
Carolina Rural Electrification Authority Regarding Arbitration of an
Interconnection Agreement with Star Telephone Membership
Corporation, WC Docket No. 13-204***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 19, 2013, Amanda E. Potter and the undersigned, both of Latham & Watkins LLP, spoke by telephone with John Visclosky of the Wireline Competition Bureau to provide an update regarding the ongoing negotiations between Time Warner Cable Inc. (“TWC”) and Star Telephone Membership Corporation (“Star”) for an interconnection agreement (“ICA”). We explained that the parties have now exchanged drafts of an ICA, and that they have made progress toward reaching agreement on a number of issues. While the parties recognize that the *NCREA Preemption Order* contemplates that TWC would file a petition for arbitration “no more than 30 days after the pre-filing conference”¹—*i.e.*, by December 25, 2013—the parties have agreed to a 30-day extension of the filing deadline so that they may continue their negotiations

¹ *Petition of Time Warner Cable Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act for Preemption of the Jurisdiction of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority Regarding Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Star Telephone Membership Corporation*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, WC Docket No. 13-204, DA 13-2117 ¶ 26 (WCB rel. Nov. 1, 2013) (“*NCREA Preemption Order*”).

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on the issues that remain outstanding.² Accordingly, with Star's consent, TWC expects to file a petition for arbitration on or before Monday, January 27, 2014.³

Consistent with the instructions provided by staff, TWC is submitting this letter to memorialize the parties' agreement for the Commission's records. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew A. Brill

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Carol Simpson
John Visclosky

² Star's counsel has authorized us to state that Star agrees to the 30-day extension.

³ TWC will update Commission staff regarding the status of the parties' negotiations in advance of filing the petition for arbitration to the extent necessary.