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February 14, 2014

**Via ECFS**

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

**Re: American Cable Association Notice of Ex Parte Presentation Re: Amendment of the Commission's Rules Related to Retransmission Consent, MB Docket No. 10-71; 2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MB Docket No. 09-182.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 10, 2014, Ross Lieberman, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Cable Association (“ACA”) and the undersigned, counsel to ACA, met via teleconference with Jonathan Levy, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy and Raelynn Remy, Policy Division, Media Bureau to discuss evidence submitted into the record in the above referenced dockets concerning coordinated retransmission consent negotiations. During the call, ACA described its understanding of the methodology employed in its members’ calculations,<sup>1</sup> that showed these multichannel video programming distributors paid higher carriage fees when separately owned, same-market broadcast stations affiliated with the “Big 4” television networks coordinated their negotiations compared to the prices paid for carriage when broadcast stations affiliated with the “Big 4” television networks negotiated on their own.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Sincerely,

Barbara Esbin

cc (via email): Jonathan Levy  
Raelynn Remy

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Christopher A. Dyrek, Executive Vice President, Cable America Missouri LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed May 28, 2010 in MB Docket 10-71); Letter from Christian M. Hilliard, President, USA Companies to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed May 28, 2010 in MB Docket 10-71); Letter from Scott Ulsaker, Manager, Pioneer Long Distance / Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed June 4, 2010 in MB Docket 10-71).