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BY ECFS AND EMAIL

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
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Re: Notice of *ex parte* Communication
CS Docket No. 03-124

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On December 5, 2003, Bertram W. Carp, Bruce D. Sokler, and the undersigned, on behalf of Advance Newhouse, Cable One, Cox Communications, and Insight Communications ("Joint Cable Commenters"), met with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and Johanna Mikes, Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and, separately, with Jennifer Manner, Senior Counsel to Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, concerning the possible remedies and conditions that are currently under consideration in connection with News Corp's proposed acquisition of a controlling interest in Hughes/DirecTV. David Rudd of the Palmetto Group attended the meeting with Commissioner Adelstein and Johanna Mikes. We stressed the importance of crafting remedies that effectively address the applicants' post-transaction incentives to withhold or threaten to withhold must-have Fox broadcast and regional sports network content as a means of extracting supracompetitive prices for such programming from competing MVPDs.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter is being filed with the Office of the Secretary via ECFS, with copies to the meeting participants via Email.

Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Harvie

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