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BY ECFS AND EMAIL

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Notice of *ex parte* Communication
CS Docket No. 03-124

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On December 12, 2003, James Robbins, President and CEO of Cox Communications, Michael Willner, President and CEO of Insight Communications, Patrick Butler, Vice President of The Washington Post Company, Alexander Netchvolodoff, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for Cox Enterprises, 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, separately, with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy and 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. 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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