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Re: Support for Motion for Extension of Time; ET Docket No. 14-165 and GN Docket Nos. 12-268 and 14-166

Dear Ms. Dortch:

For over 50 years, Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre, has existed to strengthen, nurture and promote the professional not-for-profit American theatre. TCG’s constituency has grown from a handful of groundbreaking theatres to nearly 700 member theatres and affiliate organizations and more than 12,000 individuals nationwide. TCG offers its members networking and knowledge-building opportunities through conferences, events, research and communications; awards grants, approximately $2 million per year, to theatre companies and individual artists; advocates on the federal level; and serves as the U.S. Center of the International Theatre Institute, connecting its constituents to the global theatre community. TCG is North America’s largest independent publisher of dramatic literature, with 12 Pulitzer Prizes for Best Play on the TCG booklist. It also publishes the award-winning AMERICAN THEATRE magazine and ARTSEARCH®, the essential source for a career in the arts. In all of its endeavors, TCG seeks to increase the organizational efficiency of its member theatres, cultivate and celebrate the artistic talent and achievements of the field and promote a larger public understanding of, and appreciation for, the theatre. www.tcg.org.

We endorse Shure Incorporated’s Motion for Extension of Time that it submitted with respect to the above-referenced dockets. The issues under consideration are complicated, technical and have dire financial and practical consequences for the live performing arts industry. The period between Thanksgiving and the New Year is a busy time in the performing arts with many holiday performances. Technical staff at our Member Theatres may not have the time to respond to the highly technical information requested in these Notices. Accordingly, in the interest of affording all parties sufficient opportunity to research and draft comprehensive responses, we respectfully request a 45-day extension of the filing deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

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