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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice: Applications of Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company and NBC Universal, Inc. For Consent to Assign Licenses or Transfer Control of Licensees, MB Docket 10-56

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, the undersigned submits this *ex parte* notice relating to the above-captioned proceeding.

On October 19, 2010, the undersigned had a conversation with William D. Freedman, Associate Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, regarding the reported submission made by Comcast on October 18, 2010 pursuant to an information request from the Commission.

Press reports indicated that, as part of its filing, Comcast noted that it does not "demand exclusivity and programmers are free to contract with other transport providers."¹ As a point of clarification, the undersigned noted that NewsChannel 8, the local cable news offering in the Washington, DC, market, is distributed by Comcast on an *exclusive* basis as against direct broadcast satellite distributors in the geographic areas served by Comcast's systems. It is general knowledge in the market, based upon inquiries received from DISH Network and DirecTV subscribers, that NewsChannel 8 programming is only available from terrestrial program distributors; satellite distribution is prohibited. The restrictions also forbid *broadcast* carriage of the NewsChannel 8 programming (for example on a DTV subchannel) and *Internet* carriage is also limited.

In accordance with the Commission's rules this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerald N. Fritz', written over a horizontal line.

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cc: William D. Freedman

¹ Broadcasting & Cable tvfax, October 19, 2010, *Comcast Has Answers for FCC*, p. 1.