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Via Hand and Electronic Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, TW-A325
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation – MB Dkt. 10-56, *Application of Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company and NBC Universal, Inc. for Consent to Assign Licenses or Transfer Control of Licensees*
{{HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL}} INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO
PROTECTIVE ORDER IN MB DKT. 10-56 BEFORE THE FCC

Dear Ms. Dortch,

In numerous filings in the Comcast-NBCU merger proceeding, EarthLink has explained the proposed merger's impact on broadband affordability, especially on the price of standalone broadband.¹ As discussed in confidential information submitted by Comcast, this price increase will impact the {{[REDACTED]}} current Comcast standalone broadband service customers today.² This number of standalone customers can be expected to grow significantly as cord-cutting spreads, whether due to online video or the continuing uncertain economic climate. The FCC must act to protect these customers who will be negatively impacted by the proposed transaction.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a redacted copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket for inclusion in the public record. The filing containing highly-confidential information will be submitted in accordance with the protective orders adopted in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ See, e.g., Letter from Donna N. Lampert, Counsel, EarthLink, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, MB Dkt. 10-56 (filed Nov. 10, 2010); Petition to Condition or Deny of EarthLink, Inc., at 51 MB Dkt. 10-56 (filed Jun. 21, 2010); Reply to Opposition to Petition to Condition or Deny of EarthLink, Inc., at 12, 15 MB Dkt. 10-56 (filed Aug. 19, 2010).

² See Comcast Corporation Response to FCC May 21, 2010 Information and Discovery Request, MB Dkt. 10-56, Exhibit 4.7(b) at 11-12 (responding to Information Request 4) (filed Jun. 30, 2010).