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Via ECFS

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: American Cable Association (“ACA”) Notice of Ex Parte Presentation; *In the Matter of Applications of Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company and NBC Universal, Inc. for Consent to Assign Licenses or Transfer Control of Licenses*; MB Docket No. 10-56.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 6, 2011, Ross Lieberman, American Cable Association, and the undersigned had telephone conversations with Joshua Cinelli, media advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps. During the calls, we discussed ACA’s views on the safeguards proposed by the Chairman to ameliorate harms from the proposed combination of Comcast and NBC Universal (“NBCU”), as indicated by press and analyst reports. The views expressed by ACA were consistent with its past filings. More specifically, ACA expressed the need for the Commission to impose conditions that smaller multichannel video programming distributors (“MVPDs”) can use effectively to ensure that Comcast-NBCU cannot use its additional post-combination market power to extract higher fees for the NBC Owned and Operated television broadcast stations and Comcast Regional Sports Networks. ACA also stated the Commission needs to grant bargaining agents the right to utilize arbitration to resolve carriage disputes on behalf of smaller MVPDs, particularly for MVPDs who routinely use such agents today to obtain national cable programming networks.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Cohen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: J. Cinelli