



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 21, 2003

OMB Control Number 3060-1038

(Letter sent to Cable Operators)

Re: Information Request

Dear :

At the direction of Chairman Powell, the Media Bureau is in the process of gathering information on certain aspects of the digital television transition. This information will be used to assess the impact of prior policy initiatives and to inform future efforts in this area. Accordingly, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please provide a written response stating:

- (1) The identity of your cable systems (by physical system identifier) subject to your commitment of May 1, 2002 (i.e., those with more than 25,000 subscribers and activated bandwidth of at least 750 MHz in the top 100 markets), including the number of subscribers to each system;
- (2) The identity of your cable systems (by physical system identifier) not subject to your commitment of May 1, 2002, including the number of subscribers to each such system;
- (3) The digital broadcast or other high-definition digital programming services that were offered carriage at no cost on your systems identified in (1), above;
- (4) Which HDTV or other "value added" digital programming services are actually being carried on each system identified in (1), above, the tier(s) on which such programming is available, and the cost to consumers for both the service and the equipment;
- (5) Which analog and digital broadcast signals are being carried on each of your cable systems identified in (1) and (2), above, and whether each such station is being carried pursuant to must-carry or a retransmission consent agreement. To the extent a broadcast station's analog signal is being carried but not its digital signal, an explanation of why;
- (6) Your current and planned high-definition programming on affiliated cable programming services;
- (7) The status of your procurement of integrated high definition digital set-top boxes that include digital connectors such as 1394/5C and/or DVI/HDCP; and

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(8) Your current and planned efforts to advertise and market HDTV and any other "value added DTV programming" you provide.

Please provide your response by U.S. Mail or electronically to DTVSurvey@fcc.gov. If you wish to request confidential treatment of any information under sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, please provide, as required therein, a complete explanation of why such treatment is appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me or Rick Chessen, Chair of the Commission's DTV Task Force, at (202) 418-7200.

Sincerely,

W. Kenneth Ferree
Chief, Media Bureau

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