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LIU TO TIME WARNER: NO MORE SABER RATTLING

NEW YORK, N.Y. — City Comptroller John C. Liu made the following comment on Time Warner Cable’s (NYSE: TWC) decision last night to temporarily remove CBS (NYSE: CBS) stations from the cable systems in millions of New York City homes:

“It is disturbing that wealthy corporate executives from multi-billion dollar media conglomerates who were granted monopoly power by the City continue to engage in a high-stakes game of chicken that treats their customers, many of whom struggle to pay their monthly cable bills, as acceptable collateral damage.

“It is time for the saber rattling to stop. Both Time Warner and CBS owe something better to their loyal customers. We renew our offer: As we said last week, my office stands ready to host or assist the negotiations in order to help resolve this dispute quickly, with our boardroom as a venue and our staff as facilitators.

“Although the cable interruption was brief, less than a half-hour, it demonstrated a disdain on the part of Time Warner for its customers. Once again I urge both sides to take the threats off the table and negotiate in good faith. Your customers deserve nothing less.”

Comptroller Liu sits on the New York City Franchise Concession and Review Committee, which authorizes the television franchise agreement between New York City and Time Warner Cable and provides TWC access to New York City customers.

Background

Liu to TWC/CBS: Take the Threat off the Table

http://comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2013_releases/pr13-07-140.shtm

Liu to TWC/CBS: Come Together Now

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Video release of Comptroller Liu’s invitation to CBS and Time Warner Cable:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX1FYSSsXPA&feature=youtu.be>

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