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In the Matter of Application Serial No. 85/732,374
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COMCAST CORPORATION,
COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
CSC HOLDINGS, LLC, and
TIME WARNER CABLE INC.,

Opposers,

v.

DISH NETWORK, L.L.C.,

Applicant.

Opposition No. 91/212,667
Mark: DISH ANYWHERE
Filed: September 18, 2012
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ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Applicant Dish Network, L.L.C. (“Applicant”), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby answers the Notice of Opposition in the above-identified proceeding. Applicant’s responses to the allegations of Opposers, Comcast Corporation, Cox Communications, Inc., CSC Holdings, LLC, and Time Warner Cable Inc. (collectively, “Opposers”), are based upon actual knowledge of its own actions and information and belief with respect to all other matters. For reference, the original paragraphs in the Notice of Opposition are reproduced here, followed by Applicant’s response. The paragraph numbers below correspond to those in the Notice of Opposition.

1. Opposers and Applicant are each telecommunications companies that provide, among other things, television broadcasting services, delivery of pre-recorded video content, and a variety of interactive television services to subscribers.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations pertaining to Opposers and as such denies them. Applicant admits that it provides, among other things, television broadcasting services, delivery of pre-recorded video content and a variety of interactive television services to its subscribers.

2. On September 18, 2012, Applicant filed an application to register DISH ANYWHERE, App. Ser. No. 85/732,374, covering "Telecommunication services, namely, transmission of voice, data, images, graphics, audio, and video by means of wired and wireless networks, communications networks, and global computer information networks; transmission of television broadcasting services via satellite, cable, wireless, fiber optics, and global computer networks; providing satellite and terrestrial services for mobile users for voice, data, audio, video, and fax communications; providing computer communications and data transmission services via radio at remote locations; wireless transmission and networking of messages, communications and data; multi-channel, multi-point distribution services for the high speed, wireless transmission of voice, data, images, graphics, audio, video and faxes; providing multiple-user access to the internet, global computer networks, and electronic communications networks; providing access to world-wide information networks; webcasting audio and visual programming via local and global communications networks; television broadcasting and webcasting audio-visual programming; television broadcasting services via the internet, global computer networks, and electronic communications networks; television broadcasting to handheld mobile devices, namely mobile phones, smartphones, laptops and tablet PC's; providing wireless telecommunications to a global computer network for internet browsing and e-mail messaging through a hand held device; audio and video broadcasting services over the Internet; satellite television broadcasting; satellite transmission services, television and radio broadcasting services; subscription television broadcasting; television transmission services; transmission of radio and television programmes by satellite; transmission of sound, video and information; video transmission over digital networks; providing access to world-wide information networks; streaming of audio and video material on the Internet. streaming of audio and video material via a global computer network; transmission of audio and video material; electronic transmission and streaming of digital media content for others via global and local computer networks; video-on-demand transmission services via wired and wireless networks, communications networks, and

global computer information networks” in Class 38 based upon an intent to use the term in commerce.

Applicant’s Answer

Admitted.

3. On information and belief, Applicant has used the applied-for term in connection with goods, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment, and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant’s Answer

Applicant has used the mark DISH ANYWHERE in connection with Applicant’s goods and services including smartphone and tablet software and services which enable television programming and other content to be accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers and mobile devices; otherwise denied.

4. On information and belief, Applicant intends to use the applied-for term in connection with goods, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment, and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant’s Answer

A complete list of the services upon which Applicant intends to use the mark DISH ANYWHERE is provided in the Application; otherwise denied.

5. Others have used the term ANYWHERE in connection with goods and services other than Applicant's, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment, and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in this paragraph and therefore denies them.

6. Applicant was aware prior to publication of the applied-for term that others had used ANYWHERE in connection with goods and services other than Applicant's, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment, and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant's Answer

Denied.

7. Applicant is aware that others are continuing to use the term ANYWHERE in connection with goods and services other than Applicant's, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment, and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant's Answer

Denied.

8. ANYWHERE is descriptive of the applied-for services and related goods, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers, or it is a term which has become the common name of such goods and services.

Applicant's Answer

Denied.

9. ANYWHERE has not become distinctive of Applicant's services in commerce.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant applied for the mark DISH ANYWHERE and not ANYWHERE alone;
otherwise denied.

10. ANYWHERE is so highly descriptive so as not to be capable of acquiring distinctiveness for Applicant's services.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant applied for the mark DISH ANYWHERE and not ANYWHERE alone;
otherwise denied.

11. ANYWHERE does not function as a trademark but is merely informational as applied to Applicant's services.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant applied for the mark DISH ANYWHERE and not ANYWHERE alone; otherwise denied.

12. ANYWHERE is a generic term for the applied-for services and related goods, including digital video recorders and other communications equipment and services which enable television programming and other content to be broadcast and transmitted to, or accessed from, a variety of display devices including computers, mobile devices, and televisions to subscribers.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant applied for the mark DISH ANYWHERE and not ANYWHERE alone; otherwise denied.

13. If Applicant were granted registration of DISH ANYWHERE without a disclaimer of ANYWHERE, Applicant would obtain certain statutory rights, including *prima facie* rights, to the exclusive use of ANYWHERE, all to the damage of Opposers.

Applicant's Answer

Applicant admits that if it were granted registration of DISH ANYWHERE, Applicant would obtain certain statutory rights, including *prima facie* rights, to the exclusive use of DISH ANYWHERE in connection with the services listed in the registration; otherwise denied.

14. Registration by Applicant of Application Serial No. 85/732,374 without a disclaimer of ANYWHERE would be inconsistent with Opposers' and others' right to use ANYWHERE descriptively, informationally, or generically.

Applicant's Answer

Denied.

DEFENSES

Unclean Hands¹

3. Opposer Cox is barred from seeking the relief requested in the Notice of Opposition by virtue of unclean hands. For example, Cox has itself applied for a mark containing "anywhere" for similar services without disclaiming "anywhere."

¹ Although not currently ripe for counterclaims, to the extent the Board considers the term ANYWHERE to be descriptive and/or generic for the claimed goods and services such that a disclaimer is required, Applicant will seek to oppose Cox's application. Cox's application, which has yet to publish for opposition, similarly includes in a composite mark the term ANYWHERE for similar goods and services to the Application and do not include a disclaimer of ANYWHERE.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Opposition be dismissed and that Application Serial No. 85/732,374 proceed to registration.

Respectfully submitted,

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