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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

CHARLES TILLAGE and JOSEPH LOOMIS,  
Individually, As Private Attorneys General, and  
On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COMCAST CORPORATION, COMCAST  
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, and  
DOES 1-20, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:17-cv-06477-VC-DMR

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
AS MODIFIED**

**\*Modifications are in bold underlined  
text.**

1     1.     PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2           Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of  
3 confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public  
4 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted.  
5 Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated  
6 Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on  
7 all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure  
8 and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment  
9 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section  
10 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential  
11 information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and  
12 the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material  
13 under seal.

14     2.     DEFINITIONS

15           2.1.    Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of  
16 information or items under this Order.

17           2.2.    “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is  
18 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule  
19 of Civil Procedure 26(c).

20           2.3.    Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as  
21 well as their support staff).

22           2.4.    Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that  
23 it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

24           2.5.    Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
25 medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,  
26 testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or  
27 responses to discovery in this matter.

28           2.6.    Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to

1 the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
2 consultant in this action.

3 2.7. House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House  
4 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

5 2.8. Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
6 entity not named as a Party to this action.

7 2.9. Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this  
8 action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action  
9 on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

10 2.10. Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
11 consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

12 2.11. Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
13 Material in this action.

14 2.12. Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
15 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
16 organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and  
17 subcontractors.

18 2.13. Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
19 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

20 2.14. Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
21 Producing Party.

22 3. SCOPE

23 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material  
24 (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2)  
25 all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony,  
26 conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.  
27 However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following  
28 information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a

1 Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as  
2 a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the  
3 public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party  
4 prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who  
5 obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating  
6 Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

7 4. DURATION

8 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by  
9 this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court  
10 order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all  
11 claims and defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after  
12 the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action,  
13 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to  
14 applicable law.

15 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

16 5.1. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party  
17 or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care  
18 to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards.  
19 The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents,  
20 items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material,  
21 documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
22 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

23 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
24 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
25 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
26 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

27 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated  
28 for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other

1 Parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

2 5.2. Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order  
3 (see, e.g., section 5.1.1 above, and second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise  
4 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this  
5 Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

6 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

7 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents,  
8 but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing  
9 Party affix the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that contains protected material. If only a  
10 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also  
11 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the  
12 margins).

13 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection  
14 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which  
15 material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all  
16 of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the  
17 inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party  
18 must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order.  
19 Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the  
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” legend to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or  
21 portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly  
22 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

23 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings,  
24 that the Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or  
25 other proceeding, all protected testimony.

26 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any  
27 other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the  
28 container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.”

1 If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to  
2 the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

3 5.3. Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
4 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's  
5 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
6 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is  
7 treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

## 8 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

9 6.1. Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
10 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality  
11 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
12 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to  
13 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
14 original designation is disclosed.

15 6.2. Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
16 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis  
17 for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written  
18 notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this  
19 specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in  
20 good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other  
21 forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In  
22 conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality  
23 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the  
24 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered,  
25 to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next  
26 stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or  
27 establishes that the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in  
28 a timely manner.

1           6.3. Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
 2 intervention, **the parties shall follow the procedures that are set forth in the court’s Standing**  
 3 **Order to file a joint discovery letter**. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge  
 4 proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an  
 5 improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties)  
 6 may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived the  
 7 confidentiality designation by failing to file **a joint discovery letter** as described above, all  
 8 parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
 9 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the court rules on the challenge.

10 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

11           7.1. Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
 12 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
 13 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to  
 14 the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has  
 15 been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL  
 16 DISPOSITION).

17           Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and  
 18 in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

19           7.2. Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered  
 20 by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
 21 information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

22                   (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as  
 23 employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
 24 information for this litigation;

25                   (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the  
 26 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

27                   (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
 28 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment

1 and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

2 (d) the court and its personnel;

3 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock  
4 jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation  
5 and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

6 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is  
7 reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”  
8 (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
9 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be  
10 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
11 under this Stipulated Protective Order.

12 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
13 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

14 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
15 LITIGATION

16 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
17 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party  
18 must:

19 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall  
20 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

21 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
22 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is  
23 subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated  
24 Protective Order; and

25 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by  
26 the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

27 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the  
28 subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as

1 “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order  
2 issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party  
3 shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material –  
4 and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
5 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

6 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS  
7 LITIGATION

8 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-  
9 Party in this action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information produced by Non-  
10 Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this  
11 Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking  
12 additional protections.

13 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to  
14 produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an  
15 agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s confidential information, then the  
16 Party shall:

17 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party  
18 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-  
19 Party;

20 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated  
21 Protective Order in this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific  
22 description of the information requested; and

23 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the  
24 Non-Party.

25 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court  
26 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may  
27 produce the Non-Party’s confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-  
28 Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its

1 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a  
 2 determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the  
 3 burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

4 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

5 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
 6 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective  
 7 Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the  
 8 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the  
 9 Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were  
 10 made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the  
 11 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
 13 MATERIAL

14 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently  
 15 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
 16 Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This  
 17 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery  
 18 order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of  
 19 Evidence 502(d) and (e), the production of a privileged or work-product-protected document,  
 20 whether inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of privilege or protection from discovery in this  
 21 case or in any other federal or state proceeding.

22 12. MISCELLANEOUS

23 12.1. Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to  
 24 seek its modification by the court in the future.

25 12.2. Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective  
 26 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
 27 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no  
 28 Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered

1 by this Protective Order.

2           12.3. Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party  
3 or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in  
4 the public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
5 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed  
6 under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at  
7 issue. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request  
8 establishing that the Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or  
9 otherwise entitled to protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected  
10 Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) is denied by the court, then the  
11 Receiving Party may file the information in the public record pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e)  
12 unless otherwise instructed by the court.

13           13. FINAL DISPOSITION

14           Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each  
15 Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such  
16 material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
17 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
18 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must  
19 submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the  
20 Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all  
21 the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has  
22 not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or  
23 capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to  
24 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts,  
25 legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work  
26 product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected  
27 Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to  
28 this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

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IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

Dated: July \_\_, 2018

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

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Dated: July \_\_, 2018

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**Attestation Pursuant to Local Rule 5-1(i)**

Pursuant to Local Rule 5-1(i), I, Michael J. Stortz, hereby attest that I have obtained concurrence in the filing of this document from the other signatory to this document.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at San Francisco, California.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael J. Stortz

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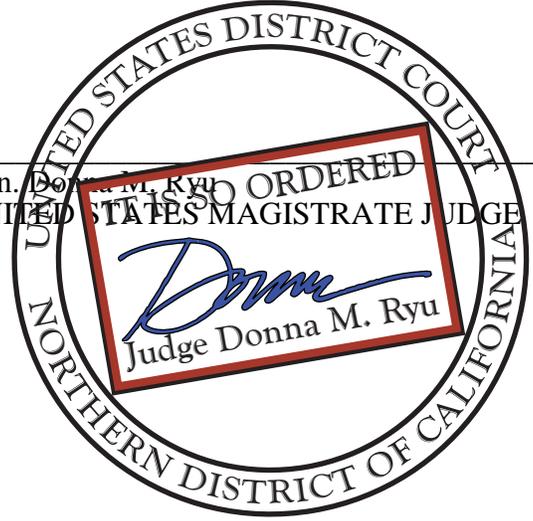
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**ORDER AS MODIFIED**

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED AS MODIFIED.

DATED: August 29, 2018

Hon. ~~Donna M. Ryu~~ ~~IS SO ORDERED~~  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in the case of *Tillage, et al. v. Comcast Corp., et al.*, No. 3:17-cv-06477-VC. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_