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By email

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Dear Ms White

Proposed merger of 21st Century Fox Inc and Sky plc

Please find enclosed a European Intervention Notice ("EIN") which the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has issued under section 67 of the Enterprise Act 2002 ("the Act") in relation to the proposed acquisition by 21st Century Fox of the remaining shares of Sky plc ("Sky") which it does not already own ("the merger").

You will see that the EIN sets out two public interest considerations specified in section 58 of the Act, one in relation to media plurality and the other in relation to the commitment to broadcasting standards, and requires Ofcom to report to the Secretary of State in accordance with Article 4A of the Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 by midnight on Tuesday 16 May.

We note Ofcom's intention, as part of its ongoing duty to remain satisfied that broadcast licence holders are fit and proper, to examine any implications of a change of control over Sky for its holding of broadcast licences, within the same timeframe for reporting to the Secretary of State in response to the EIN.

In view of Ofcom's functions under the Act, as well as Ofcom's functions under the Broadcasting Acts 1990 and 1996, and in accordance with section 241(3) of the Act, we will be sending to you copies of relevant substantive representations received by the

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Department on this matter. In the interests of transparency, we anticipate publishing these subject to obtaining the necessary consents from third parties.

A copy of this letter will be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely,



Director, Department for Culture, Media and Sport

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