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Ms. Donna R. Searcy
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W. Room 222
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Dear Ms. Searcy,

The following are comments on behalf of Clear Channel Communications, Inc. (CCC) responding to the FCC's Notice of Inquiry on the future of the video marketplace.

1. Must Carry and Retransmission Consent

CCC favors support of the must carry and retransmission consent provisions of S-12 and support the FCC re-instituting must carry rules.

2. Video Compression

CCC recommends the Commission assure broadcasters they will continue to enjoy the use of any additional spectrum that may be made available within our assigned frequencies as a result of compression technology, and that broadcasters be allowed maximum flexibility with respect to how we choose to utilize such additional spectrum.

3. Multiple Ownership Rules (National Ownership Limits)

CCC feels there should be no limits to the number of television stations one broadcaster can own. With the changing of the video landscape as well as other news and entertainment media, it would seem impossible that a monopoly of public opinion could ever be achieved. Economies of scale can be achieved to make multiple ownership more competitive and better prepared to serve the public interest.

4. Duopoly

CCC feels duopoly rules should be totally eliminated. Broadcasters must be freed to be multichannel operators. Cable operators provide multichannels.

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Newspapers are "multichannel" operators either through captive suburban additions or in their single newspaper (food section, sports section, business section, etc.) If broadcaster's competitors are multichannel providers then television should be allowed to compete with multiple stations in the same market.

5. TV/Radio Cross-Ownership

CCC favors elimination of any cross ownership rules as they apply to radio and television. This rule is non-competitive. There is no opportunity for monopoly of public opinion in today's marketplace. The elimination of this rule should strengthen the competitiveness of broadcasters and as such, enable broadcasters to provide better service to the public.

6. Broadcast/Newspaper Cross Ownership

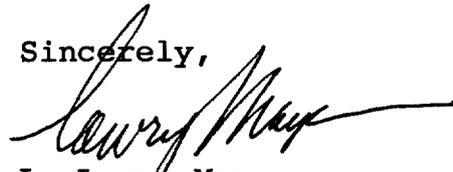
CCC favors the elimination of this rule for the same reasons as mentioned in 5 above.

7. Broadcast/Cable Cross Ownership

CCC favors the elimination of this rule for the same reason.

In summary, Clear Channel feels strongly about the foregoing because we feel the change of the rules will make our Company better prepared to compete in this rapidly changing marketplace. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



L. Lowry Mays
President

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