



July 17, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, GN Docket No. 16-142

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 13, 2017, Alison Neplokh and the undersigned of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), and Rachel Nemeth and Brian Markwalter of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) met with Commission staff regarding the Commission's proposal to allow voluntary use of the Next Generation TV transmission standard by broadcast television stations. A complete list of Commission staff attending the meeting is attached.

During the meeting, NAB and CTA discussed their ongoing commitment to ensuring that television programming is accessible to viewers. We emphasized that broadcasters intend to comply with the requirements outlined in Part 79 of the Commission's rules with respect to the accessibility of video programming. In particular, we explained that the reference to Section 79.4 of the Commission's rules in the petition for rulemaking that initiated this proceeding was intended to refer to Section 79.4(c)(1)(i)'s safe harbor to provide captioning files in SMPTE-TT in order to demonstrate that the Commission has previously approved technologies closely related to the Next Gen TV standard for closed captions in the past. It was not intended to elide the requirements of Section 79.1 with respect to the types of programming that must be captioned or the obligation to caption such programming. We further explained that the Next Gen standard includes the accessibility tools necessary to comply with FCC rules, and that Next Gen devices will fully meet their accessibility obligations.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission and other stakeholders on these issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick McFadden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick McFadden
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cc: Meeting Attendees

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