

September 29, 2017

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication in GN Docket No. 16-142

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At our meeting with the Media Bureau on September 19th, Commission staff asked us the extent to which MVPDs carry low power or Class A television stations. Since each ATVA member operates in different areas and carries different local stations, we thought it most useful to give you generalized market data.

SNL Kagan reports that 124 low power or Class A stations are affiliated with either ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, Univision, Telemundo, MyNetworkTV, or the CW. Of these, 55 are affiliates of the “big four” ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC networks. ATVA members report that they almost always carry low power or Class A stations affiliated with the big four networks, at least if they do not have access to another affiliate of the same network in that market. They also report that they often carry low power or Class A stations affiliated with the other networks listed above. They do so either because such stations offer programming that their viewers want, or they are compelled to do so because such stations are owned by station groups with *other* stations that their viewers want.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Nilsson
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cc: September 19th Meeting Attendees