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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt  
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President and  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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I am writing to urge the Commission to proceed quickly with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking directed at the elimination of the "off network" restriction of the Prime Time Access Rule.

I manage the Providence Journal Company owned, CBS affiliate, KREM-TV, in Spokane, Washington. Within our group we have stations of varying sizes...from Seattle to Boise...and different network affiliations, but the one thing we all have as a common need is the flexibility of our program acquisitions. In today's competitive marketplace, there is no need for this current barrier. It impedes, rather than fosters competition and artificially inflates what affiliates must pay for programming by creating a subsidy for large producers and major market independent stations.

The pleadings which you have already received fully address the issue. A Notice of Inquiry is not necessary and will only delay this needed reform. Let's get on with the important issues affecting the telecommunications industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Barry Barth

Via facsimile and U.S. Mail  
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October 4, 1994

Honorable Reed E. Hundt  
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Room 814  
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Re: MMS File No. 920117A, 870622A, 900418A

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are concerned about recent reports that the Commission may delay the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with respect to the "Off-Network" provisions of the Prime Time Access Rule.

We believe that there is a full and complete record that has been filed with the Commission and that there is no need for the issuance of a Notice of Inquiry, which will only serve to delay ultimate resolution of this proceeding.

The Commission will surely receive another round of comments should it proceed now to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. There is absolutely no need to delay this proceeding any further by falling back to the interim step of a Notice of Inquiry. It will simply postpone for an unnecessary and burdensome length of time whatever action the Commission may eventually take.

Scripps Howard, therefore, respectfully requests the Commission to proceed without further delay to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and promptly conclude this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Frank Gardner

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