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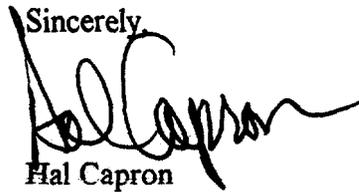
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We strongly urge the commission to reject this approach and to adopt instead an allocation plan utilizing the full TV spectrum band width.

Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
  
Hal Capron

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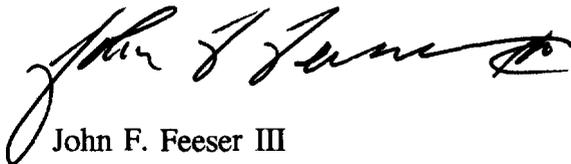
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Feeser III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "F".

John F. Feeser III  
VP/General Manager

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

It is our understanding that you will soon be proposing a Digital Television rule that will provide a second 6 MHz channel to every full power station for digital service. We further understand that the selection of these second channels is being made without regard for the spectrum currently assigned to FCC authorized and licensed Low Power Television (LPTV) stations that are currently providing valuable programming in our states. We understand that the risk of spectrum loss for LPTV stations could be further increased with a decision not to assign any digital television channels in the 60-69 UHF range, spectrum that is currently being used for analog television broadcasting.

We know that the task of identifying second channels for every full power TV station is not easy. The answer, however, is not to shut off the community (LPTV) stations that are providing valuable local news, information and other positive programming to our constituents.

Mr. Chairman, we urge you to make every effort to preserve LPTV service during the transition to Digital TV. We also urge you to provide a suitable broadcast environment so that LPTV stations will be able to inaugurate digital service at a future time.

Sincerely,

  
David M. Valderrama  
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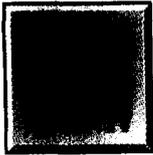
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