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Re: **Rules and Policies for Local Multipoint Distribution Service
and for Fixed Satellite Services
CC Docket No. 92-297**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Sierra Digital Communications, Inc. ("Sierra"), and pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, I am filing the original and one copy of this letter to report an oral *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On Monday, December 15, the undersigned and Hal Tenney, President of Sierra, met with Kevin Martin of Commissioner Furchgott-Roth's office. During the meeting we reiterated the views expressed in my letter to Ari Fitzgerald, Office of Chairman Kennard, filed in this docket on November 13, 1997.

Sierra also exhibited, but did not operate, a 31 GHz radio of the type at issue in this proceeding.

If there are any questions about this filing, please call me directly at the number above.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Mr. Kevin Martin
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