

May 14, 2015

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

RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication  
GN Docket Nos. 12-268, 14-166

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 7, 2015, the representatives identified below from the Radio Television Digital News Association, CBS, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox, The Walt Disney Company, Viacom and the National Association of Broadcasters (hereinafter, the “News and Television Production Representatives”) met with Commission staff from the Spectrum Auction Task Force, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Office of Engineering & Technology (OET) as part of the above-referenced proceedings. The News and Television Production Representatives addressed the pending petitions for reconsideration of the Incentive Auction Report & Order and the decision in that Order to provide 4 megahertz of exclusive-use spectrum in the duplex gap of the new 600 MHz wireless band to meet the wireless microphone needs of entities covering breaking news. The News and Television Production Representatives reiterated that this allocation would not preserve for news gatherers the same ability they have today to use wireless microphones without risk of interference, and underscored the important role that wireless microphones play in disseminating crucial news and information across all types of media—from broadcast television and radio to online to newspapers to bloggers—particularly in emergency situations where health and safety are at risk.

Further, the News and Television Production Representatives urged the Commission to focus immediately on identifying new bands on which wireless microphones may operate for a variety of use cases, including critical television production needs, as well as a known set of always-available, exclusive-use frequencies to accommodate emergency news gathering.

This letter is being submitted electronically in the above-referenced docket, which has been granted permit-but-disclose status, pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s Rules. Should you have any questions concerning this submission, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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