Dear Mr. Gravino:

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Based on our review, we conclude that, given the nature of the meeting, the notice filed by NAB is adequate. We have been informed that the purpose of the meeting was to encourage the private stakeholders present to confer among themselves (apart from the Commission) about the challenges associated with repacking and to see whether they could agree on measures that might address these challenges and serve the interests of both broadcasters and carriers. The meeting was not intended to present views to FCC staff but merely to lay the groundwork for future discussion. At such time as the private stakeholders had views to present to the FCC, these would be fully disclosed in detail. Arguably, under these circumstances, there was no need to file an ex parte notice of the meeting at all. *See, e.g.,* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(a)(10) (exempting presentations requested by or made with the advance approval of the Commission for purposes including how a proceeding might be settled). In the interests of transparency and out of caution, however, FCC staff requested that the parties file an ex parte notice. The notice NAB filed conformed to the staff's expectations.

We appreciate your continuing interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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