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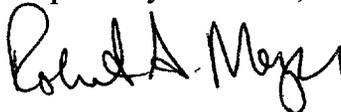
Re: RM-9395
Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Salas:

U.S.A. Digital Radio, Inc. ("USADR"), by its attorneys, hereby notifies the Commission, pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, of a meeting held on April 26, 1999 with Rick Chessen of Commissioner Tristani's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the USADR Petition for Rulemaking ("PFR") on digital audio broadcasting and timing of Commission action on that PFR. Copies of materials presented to Mr. Chessen are attached. An original and one copy of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary's Office. A copy of this letter is being provided to Mr. Chessen as well.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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USA Digital Radio NAB 99 Wrap-up

-Successful ITU Meeting Sponsorship-

-Over 400 Stations Sign Up For EASE Program-

-Enthusiasm Strong For Passing IBOC Waveforms Through Transmission Equipment -

COLUMBIA, MD (April 29, 1999) -- USA Digital Radio Inc., a privately-held technology company headquartered in Columbia, Md., announced that a successful NAB 99 show and ITU meetings have contributed to bringing In-band On-Channel (IBOC) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) closer to reality on a worldwide scale. Specific events that occurred prior to and during NAB 99 include:

1. USA Digital Radio initiated the "EASE" (Early Adopter Station Enhancement) program to facilitate participation by broadcasters in the implementation of In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) in the United States, with tremendous initial response from small and medium size broadcasters. In the first week, more than 155 station owners, representing 415 radio stations spread across 46 states, requested an EASE package.
2. Working with transmitter manufacturers, USADR successfully demonstrated AM transmitters passing IBOC waveforms. Many domestic and international radio broadcasters gathered at the Nautel and Harris booths for the demonstrations. A significant milestone in IBOC Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) development, these successful tests show that transmitter manufacturers have taken initial steps towards equipment certification.
3. USA Digital Radio, with employees acting as United States delegates to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), hosted the AM and FM band working group international broadcast standards meetings in Las Vegas just prior to NAB 99. The ITU subcommittee working groups are chartered to develop international digital radio AM and FM standards. Currently, USADR's IBOC AM and FM system, designated by the ITU as Digital System "C", is the only proposed DAB system by the United States for ITU consideration.

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"NAB 99 and the ITU meetings were a huge success towards ultimate worldwide implementation of IBOC DAB", said Robert J. Struble, president and chief executive officer of USA Digital Radio, Inc. "The number of EASE request forms received in such a short timeframe has exceeded our expectations. The respondents to date serve 97 Arbitron rated markets, adding 26 to the 192 Arbitron markets already covered by USA Digital Radio's current owners. Even more impressive was the interest demonstrated by 184 stations in smaller non-Arbitron rated markets."

Continued Struble, "We are thrilled at the interest shown by customers from the US and abroad in the passing of the USADR IBOC waveform through AM and FM transmission equipment. This was indeed a tremendously successful week for USA Digital Radio as international interest has expanded for IBOC DAB, and our USADR alliances for digital radio continue to develop rapidly".

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About USA Digital Radio

USA Digital Radio is developing and marketing In-Band On-Channel Digital Audio Broadcasting (IBOC DAB) technology for AM and FM radio. On October 7, 1998, the company filed a Petition for Rulemaking with the Federal Communications Commission for implementing Digital Audio Broadcasting in the United States using USA Digital Radio's IBOC technology.

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USA Digital Radio's efforts include development agreements with several outside parties including Xetron Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio; Fraunhofer Institut fur Integrierte Schaltungen (IIS), Erlangen, Germany; BittWare Research Systems, Concord, New Hampshire; and Nautel Limited, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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QEI Corporation And USA Digital Radio Form Alliance - Another Key Transmitter Manufacturer Joins IBOC DAB Implementation Team -

COLUMBIA, MD (April 30, 1999) -- USA Digital Radio Inc., a privately-held digital radio technology company owned by the nation's largest radio broadcasters and headquartered in Columbia, Maryland, and QEI Corporation, a leading supplier of FM broadcast transmission equipment headquartered in Williamstown, New Jersey, announced that they have signed a joint technology and marketing agreement designed to further the implementation of digital radio. QEI and USA Digital Radio will work together to develop, test, and promote the necessary In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) transmission equipment required for the radio broadcast industry. Additionally, both companies will work together to define the IBOC DAB certification process for QEI transmission equipment and develop coordinating strategies required for the market launch of IBOC Technology and associated QEI product. QEI plans to integrate IBOC DAB into their Quantum Series Solid State Transmitters and their FMQ Single Tube Transmitter Series products.

"Working closely with QEI, a pioneer of solid-state FM transmitter designs, is important to help ensure an effective and efficient implementation of IBOC DAB to FM radio broadcasters," said Robert J. Struble, president and chief executive officer, USA Digital Radio, Inc. "USA Digital Radio and QEI are committed to providing a seamless digital radio transition process which will bring the great benefits of IBOC DAB to all broadcasters and their listeners."

Charles H. Haubrich, president and chief executive officer, QEI Corporation, stated, "We look forward to the technology and marketing alliance with USA Digital Radio. We believe that it will be a benefit to the industry merging our respective expertise in digital transmission technology."

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About QEI Corporation

QEI Corporation is a manufacturer of broadcast, scientific RF and digital products. As early as 1982 they pioneered solid-state FM transmitter design with the first commercial 1 kW solid-state FM transmitter. They continue to direct the industry in both low and high power FM systems. In addition to meeting the needs of the broadcast community, QEI supplies many scientific RF applications, and were recently awarded a contract to supply Brookhaven National Lab with driver amplifiers for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). QEI remains one of a select group of manufacturers who still produce their RF amplifiers domestically.

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USA Digital Radio Announces "EASE" - An Early Adopter Program For Broadcaster Participation In DAB Implementation - Paves The Way For Broadcasters To Ready Themselves For IBOC Digital Radio -

COLUMBIA, MD (April 19, 1999) -- USA Digital Radio Inc., a privately-held technology company headquartered in Columbia, Md., unveiled its early digital adopter program to ease broadcasters into the digital age. The program, called "EASE" (Early Adopter Station Enhancement) will allow for all broadcasters to begin the implementation of and participate actively in the transition to In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) in the United States. As part of the EASE program, USA Digital Radio will provide broadcasters free station assessments which will detail the necessary actions and equipment required to convert to IBOC DAB, early access to transmitter manufacturers under agreement with USA Digital Radio, advance announcements of key activities, access to and potential representation on an IBOC DAB Broadcaster Rollout Advisory Board, and many potential business arrangements downstream.

"We instituted EASE largely because of input we have been receiving from broadcasters of all sizes who have contacted USA Digital Radio about preparing themselves for the digital future", said Robert J. Struble, president and chief executive officer of USA Digital Radio, Inc. "This program highlights USA Digital Radio's commitment to work with all broadcasters to make digital a reality for them and their listeners."

"We have been following digital for some time now and feel USA Digital Radio's IBOC DAB system will provide superior audio quality and enhanced services to our local communities and listeners", said Jim Schaeffer, manager and owner of KGR-AM in Helena, Montana and manager of KBLL-AM and KBLL-FM in Helena, Montana. "The early adopter program will help smaller broadcasters like myself get ready for the digital age by having access to USA Digital Radio's technical and business expertise".

David Salemi, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for USA Digital Radio stated, "Based upon broadcaster enthusiasm to date for digital conversion, we believe that the interest level in EASE will be very high. All broadcasters should have received or will shortly receive a fax notification on how to request a registration and information package."

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