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re: **Ex Parte Notification**  
DTV Carriage Rules (CS Docket No. 98-120);  
Status of LPTV Stations (RM-9260) ✓

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

The Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. ("MSTV"), hereby notifies the Commission that Mr. Victor Tawil, Senior President of MSTV, and the undersigned counsel met on Monday, May 10, 1999, with Ms. Anita Wallgren, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness. The topics of discussion were MSTV's positions with respect to (1) digital cable carriage issues, as reflected in MSTV's pleadings in this proceeding and (2) the petition for rulemaking seeking Class A status for low-power stations, as reflected in MSTV's pleadings in connection with that petition. As to the former, among other matters MSTV explored whether resolution of some or all non-must-carry issues might be specially expedited in view of the imminence of negotiations of retransmission consent and other agreements. As to the latter, MSTV urged that any notice of proposed rulemaking make clear that the status of low-power stations should not be changed in a way that inhibits the roll-out of maximum-coverage DTV service.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Anita Wallgren, Esq.  
CS Docket No. 98-120; RM-9260  
Mr. Victor Tawil