

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re Applications of )  
)  
Martin Hoffman, Trustee-in-Bankruptcy )  
for Astroline Communications Company )  
Limited Partnership )  
)  
For Renewal of License of )  
Station WHCT-TV, Hartford, Connecticut )  
)  
and )  
)  
Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford )  
)  
For Construction Permit for a New )  
Television Station to Operate on )  
Channel 18, Hartford, Connecticut )

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**JOINT REPLY TO EXCEPTIONS OF  
MARTIN R. HOFFMAN, TRUSTEE-IN-BANKRUPTCY,  
RICHARD P. RAMIREZ AND TWO IF BY SEA BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

Martin R. Hoffman, Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for Astroline Communications Company Limited Partnership, Richard P. Ramirez, and Two If By Sea Broadcasting Corporation (the "Joint Parties") hereby submit this joint reply to the "Consolidated Exceptions and Brief of Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford" filed May 17, 1999.

The Joint Parties have had an opportunity to review the "Mass Media Bureau's Reply to Consolidated Exceptions and Brief of Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford" filed earlier today by the Mass Media Bureau ("Bureau"). The Joint Parties believe that the Bureau has persuasively

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answered Shurberg's exceptions to the Initial Decision in this proceeding and that any joint response by the Joint Parties is unnecessary (*but see* additional response filed by Richard P. Ramirez). Accordingly, the Joint Parties support the Bureau's Reply in all respects. For the reasons stated by the Bureau therein, and as the Joint Parties have stated in their pleadings below, the Initial Decision should be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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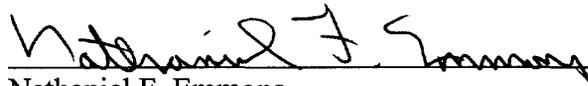
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I, Nathaniel F. Emmons, certify that on this 23rd day of June, 1999, I have caused copies of the foregoing "Joint Reply to Exceptions of Martin R. Hoffman, Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for Astroline Communications Company Limited Partnership, Richard P. Ramirez, and Two If By Sea Broadcasting Corporation" to be sent by first class United States mail to:

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