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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
Introduction of Digital Audio Broadcasting in the AM  
and FM Broadcast Services  
RM-9395

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Thursday, June 17, 1999, Suren Pai, President and CEO, Lucent Digital Radio; David Monsour, Vice President for Research and Development, Lucent Digital Radio; and the undersigned met with Bruce Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; Kenneth Nichols, Chief, Laboratory Division, David Means, Chief, Technical Research Branch; William Inglis, Technical Research Branch; and Keith Larson, Assistant Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

Lucent discussed matters related to designing, testing, and implementing in-band on-channel (IBOC) digital broadcasting, including the Commission's role in the standards process. Lucent stated that it expects its digital IBOC systems to be developed and field tested by the end of 1999. The Commission's announced intention to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to address rules for governing AM and FM digital broadcasting is a welcome development and will accelerate the IBOC testing necessary to produce reliable detailed technical information about the competing digital systems. Lucent also noted the support recently expressed by the National Association of Broadcasters' DAB Task Force for the FCC to begin a rulemaking on digital radio as soon as possible.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed in the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

  
David R. Siddall

cc: Bruce Franco  
Kenneth Nichols  
David Means  
William Inglis  
Keith Larson