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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Re: Ex Parte Contact

In the Matter of Implementation of Section 11(c) of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MM Docket No. 92-264; In the Matter of Applications for Transfer of Control to AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") of Licenses and Authorizations Held by MediaOne Group, Inc. ("Media One"), CS Docket No. 99-251, and In the Matter of Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, CS Docket No. 98-82.

Dear Ms. Salas:

On October 1, 1999, I spoke with Deborah Lathen, Chief of the Cable Services Bureau. During the conversation, I emphasized the importance of having board seats as a means of protecting one's investment and the ability of board members to recuse themselves or be recused where necessary. I also discussed the need to conform the cable horizontal ownership and attribution rules to the programming concerns underlying the cable horizontal ownership statute. In addition, I noted the importance of a horizontal limit that reflects marketplace realities. Finally, I discussed the impact of the cable horizontal ownership and attribution rules upon the proposed merger of AT&T and MediaOne.

An original and six copies of this letter are submitted herewith in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

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cc: D. Lathen

