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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: *Ex Parte Notice*
In the Matter of Carriage of the Transmissions
Of Digital Television Broadcast Stations
Amendments to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules
CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

The Association for Maximum Service Television ("MSTV") hereby notifies the Commission that on November 2, 1999, Margita E. White, President of MSTV, Victor Tawil, Senior Vice President of MSTV, and Jonathan Blake and Ellen Goodman, counsel for MSTV, met with Deborah Lathen, Cable Bureau Chief, members of her staff (Clint Odum, Ben Golant, Ron Parver, Eloise Gore, Debbie Klein, and Tom Horan), Jonathan Levy of the Office of Plans and Policy and a member of the Mass Media Bureau to discuss MSTV's positions that are a matter of record in the above-captioned proceeding. In particular, we discussed the importance of completing the DTV cable carriage rulemaking by the end of the year. Such action is compelled by law, by the imperatives of the DTV transition and by the interests of consumers in the preservation of their broadcast system and in digital equipment that is multi-functional and easy to use.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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