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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms Salas:

These comments submitted are in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning Digital Audio Broadcasting ("DAB"). I am President of Resort Radio Systems, Inc. My company owns WSTU AM in Stuart Florida. I strongly encourage the FCC to move quickly to authorize radio broadcasters to upgrade to DAB using In-Band On-Channel ("IBOC") technology.

Radio Broadcasting remains a part of everyday life for millions of Americans. It is a primary means of disseminating news, information, entertainment and emergency information in thousands of communities like the Treasure Coast area. Because of the important role radio plays, the FCC should help ensure the continued success of this broadcast service. I believe IBOC DAB is an important part of radio's future.

USA Digital Radio's IBOC DAB system will provide WSTU both increased audio fidelity and enhanced robustness for our broadcasts. This will allow us to overcome many of the limitations like Cuban interference and give WSTU the opportunity to meet higher listener expectations and provide new services to listeners. IBOC DAB is able to accomplish this without disrupting existing analog service and without the need for listeners to change the way, they listen to radio. This is vital to WSTU because we are Martin County Florida's emergency preparedness radio station and serve the area with a full time news staff.

The Radio Industry faces new challenges from high quality pre-recorded music, upcoming satellite-based digital audio services and cable-based and Internet-based audio programming. IBOC DAB will help enhance the ability of terrestrial broadcasters to compete with these new services at the same time it meets the needs of listeners.

I encourage the Commission to take the appropriate regulatory actions to enable the expeditious implementation of USADR's IBOC DAB system in the United States.

Sincerely,



Barry Grant Marsh
President / CEO

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