

March 3, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-25
Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentations regarding the above-referenced proceeding. A copy of this notice is being filed electronically.

On March 2, 2000, Kathy Dole (NPR Director of National Affairs), Donald Lockett (NPR Chief Technology Officer), Michael Starling (NPR Vice President for Engineering), and the undersigned met with Commission staff Tom Power, Linda Blair, Brad Deutsch, Susanna Zwerling, and James Bradshaw.

During the course of that meeting, NPR questioned proceeding to license new LPFM stations without having resolved significant issues associated with the licensing scheme set forth in the Report and Order in the above-referenced proceeding. NPR also expressed the following concerns regarding the Report and Order: (1) the possibility of interference and the need to insure that audiences to existing and future public radio stations can receive public radio services without interference; (2) the need to protect radio reading services from interference; (3) the need for a swift, fair process at the FCC to adjudicate cases of interference to full service stations, translator facilities and radio reading services for the print-impaired; (4) the need for protection of translators that are generally used to broadcast to under-served areas; and (5) the Commission's failure to adequately explore the potential adverse consequences of its actions to Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB).

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Lewis
Associate General Counsel