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Ex Parte Communication

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems*, MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am enclosing for filing in the above-referenced docket a resolution unanimously adopted by the Radio Board of the National Association of Broadcasters at its meeting earlier this month. The Radio Board heard extensive presentations concerning the development of In-Band On-Channel (IBOC) digital radio and the status of the evaluation of the iBiquity IBOC AM and FM systems being conducted in cooperation with the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC). The Radio Board concluded that the rapid development of digital radio technology is crucial to the future of the radio industry. It urged the NRSC and iBiquity to complete the evaluation process as quickly as possible.

The Radio Board also expressed its strong support for an early FCC decision concluding that IBOC is “the best path to digital terrestrial radio broadcasting.” Finally, the resolution “encourages the FCC to take any other steps that will enable a fast rollout of digital terrestrial services for the listening public.”

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Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please direct them to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack N. Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "G".

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Attachment

cc: Roy J. Stewart
Bruce Franca
Keith Larson

RESOLUTION on IBOC DAB

The NAB Radio Board believes that in-band/on-channel (IBOC) digital audio broadcasting (DAB) technology holds promise to ensure a digital future for AM and FM broadcasters and their listeners. The Radio Board recognizes the substantial progress being made in developing IBOC DAB technology and in the industry's evaluation of that technology.

The National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC) is currently testing and evaluating the iBiquity Digital Corporation's AM and FM IBOC DAB systems, and this testing program is likely to produce evaluation reports on IBOC technology later this year;

The radio industry recognizes the importance of digital broadcasting technology for improving the technical quality of its service as well as offering opportunities for new services, and urges digital operations as soon as possible;

The FCC has developed a substantial technical record on terrestrial DAB issues through its public process;

Therefore, the Radio Board encourages the NRSC and iBiquity to complete tests and evaluations of the iBiquity IBOC DAB systems as rapidly as practical; and

The Radio Board supports an early decision by the FCC in its terrestrial DAB proceeding establishing the intention of the FCC to adopt a single technology standard, and to state its preference for IBOC as the best path to digital terrestrial radio broadcasting pending positive results from the industry's ongoing IBOC DAB test and evaluation efforts. The Radio Board encourages the FCC to take any other steps that will enable a fast rollout of digital terrestrial radio services for the listening public.