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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Magalie R. Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**

WT Docket No. 99-168 – Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands,
and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission's Rules

CS Docket No. 98-120 – Carriage of the Transmissions of Digital Television
Broadcast Stations

MM Docket No. 00-39 – Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies
Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of our client, Paxson Communications Corporation, I enclose a copy of a written presentation that was delivered yesterday to Chairman Powell in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, six copies of the written presentation are hereby submitted to the Secretary's office for the above-captioned dockets. Should there be any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Basile
Counsel for Paxson Communications
Corporation

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Lowell W. Paxson / Chairman

July 11, 2001

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 8-A204C
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand that the FCC has today delayed the 700 MHz auction pending resolution of the Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification filed by the Spectrum Clearing Alliance. As we indicated in that Petition, it is critically important that the FCC act so as to give the affected broadcasters sufficient time to make plans for the digital transition by the May 1, 2002 deadline. The Spectrum Clearing Alliance now represents over 70% of the analog broadcasters in the Channels 59-69 band. In my opinion, if the FCC does not act on the Petition by the time of its next agenda meeting on August 9, 2001, it will be impossible to hold the Alliance together and even more difficult to attempt to clear the band in a comprehensive manner.

Therefore, I urge the Commission to act without further delay on the Alliance's Petition so that there can be a realistic hope of clearing the band in an organized manner. FCC action on the Petition by the August 9th meeting is absolutely critical.

Very truly yours,

Lowell W. Paxson
Chairman
Paxson Communications Corporation