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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – MB Docket No. 02-277 and MM Docket  
Nos. 01-235, 01-317 and 00-244 (2002 Biennial Regulatory  
Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and  
Other Rules) and  
Public Notice DA 01-1264 (NASA Petition for Inquiry)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 3 and 6, 2003, representatives of the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance (“NASA”) met with members of the Commission and their staff regarding the above-captioned proceedings. Specifically, NASA representatives discussed the contents of its January 2, 2003, comments in MB Docket No. 02-277 regarding the 35% national television ownership cap (filed jointly with the National Association of Broadcasters), in particular the findings of the economic study and survey of affiliates included in that filing. In addition, NASA representatives discussed the positions set forth in its written submissions in the NASA Petition for Inquiry proceeding (DA 01-1264) regarding provisions of network contracts that are inconsistent with FCC rules and the Communications Act and the appropriateness of a declaratory ruling to resolve these issues. NASA also reviewed points made in its Update of Record filed on December 16, 2002, which explained that several issues ripe for declaratory ruling remain before the Commission.

On January 3, 2003, meetings were held with Commissioner Copps and his Legal Advisor Alexis Johns; Stacy Robinson, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; and Commissioner Adelstein and his Legal Advisor Sarah Whitesell. On January 6, 2003, meetings were held with Commissioner Martin and his Legal Advisor Catherine Bohigian and with Alex Johns. The NASA representatives at these meetings were Jonathan Blake and Jennifer Johnson of Covington and Burling, who attended all meetings, and Alexander Netchvolodoff, Senior Vice President - Public Policy of Cox Enterprises, Inc. and member of the NASA Steering Committee, who attended the meetings with Commissioners Adelstein and Martin and their Legal Advisors.

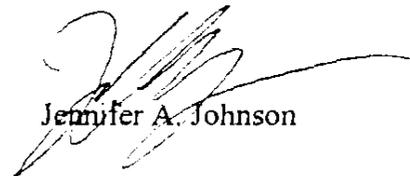
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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and 10 copies of this letter (two copies for each docket number) are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with copies to those at the FCC that attended the meetings. Copies of this letter also have been provided to Mania Baghdadi, Linda Senecal, and Qualex International, as specified in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (MB Docket No. 02-277) and in Public Notice DA-01 1264.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner Michael J. **Copps**  
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