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Ms. Susan Eid  
Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review –  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
(MB Docket No. 02-277), Written Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Eid:

Thank you very much for meeting with the Belo team during our recent trip to Washington, particularly given the contemporaneous Telecommunications Subcommittee hearing the day we met. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the ongoing multiple ownership proceeding and the digital television transition.

We want you and the Chairman to know that Dave Lougee, president and general manager of our Seattle/Tacoma television properties, participated in the recent field hearing at the University of Washington. Dave provided a real world view of how multiple property ownership has allowed us to provide additional news and public affairs programming to citizens in the Pacific Northwest.

We know you and the Chairman are tackling these issues in earnest, and hope you will let us know if we can provide additional information or insights that might be helpful in the deliberations.

Sincerely,



cc: Marlene H. Dortch/via electronic filing