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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation**
**MB Docket No. 02-277; MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Bonneville International Corporation ("Bonneville"), Adam D. Krinsky and the undersigned met with Paul Gallant, Special Advisor to the Chief of the Media Bureau, on May 8, 2003 to discuss the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule. In particular, Bonneville noted that there is no rationale to retain the newspaper/radio rule or for any limits, direct or indirect, on common ownership of newspapers and radio stations.

Bonneville further noted that elimination of the rule would provide significant benefits as newspaper owners would improve the news and information programming on radio stations. The record demonstrates that radio stations under common ownership with newspapers offer more local news and better quality non-entertainment programming than other radio stations.[1] In Amarillo, Texas, for example, KGNC-FM – part of a newspaper-radio combination – is the only music-format station that presents regular local news programming.[2]

Bonneville also noted the importance of continuing the long standing exemption from the multiple ownership limits applicable to noncommercial educational broadcast stations set forth in Section 73.3555(f) of the Commission's rules.

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[1] *See, e.g.,* Comments of Newspaper Association of America, MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 96-197 at 22-38 (Dec. 3, 2001) (providing numerous examples of radio stations in newspaper combinations that provide award-winning news and information programming).
[2] *See* Comments of Morris Communications Corporation, MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 96-197 at 10 (Dec. 3, 2001).

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. A copy of this letter is also being sent electronically to Mr. Gallant.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Paul Gallant