



October 24, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Association of Public Television Stations (“APTS”) hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* meeting in the above captioned proceeding. On October 22, 2003, Lonna Thompson, Vice President and General Counsel for APTS, and former FCC Commissioner Rachelle Chong, APTS board trustee, met with Commissioner Martin and his media advisor, Catherine Bohigian, to discuss the importance of multicast carriage to public television stations and Public Television’s position regarding the proper interpretation of the statutory phrase, “primary video.” Ms. Thompson and Ms. Chong emphasized that full multicast carriage was necessary for the preservation of free over the air public television services and to ensure the universal delivery of such services to the public, pursuant to statutory requirements contained in the Public Broadcasting Act.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lonna M. Thompson

Vice President and General Counsel