



October 27, 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 27, 2003, former FCC Commissioner Rachelle Chong, APTS board trustee, and Andrew D. Cotlar, Senior Staff Attorney, APTS, met with Paul Gallant, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell, 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. Chong and Mr. Cotlar 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/ Andrew D. Cotlar

Senior Staff Attorney