



December 11, 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”), the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (“CPB”), and the Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”) (collectively “Public Television”) hereby notify the Commission of the following *ex parte* meeting in the above captioned proceeding. On December 9, 2003, Lonna Thompson, Vice President and General Counsel for APTS, Andrew Cotlar, Senior Staff Attorney for APTS, Robert Winteringham, Senior Staff Attorney for CPB, and Paul Greco, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for PBS, met with Jane Mago and Erin Boone of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis and Maureen McLaughlin, Chief of Staff, to discuss the importance of multicast carriage for public television stations. The substance of the attached letter was discussed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lonna M. Thompson

Vice President and General Counsel