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Re Ex Parte Communication in CSR Docket No. 5865-Z (In the matter of National Association of Broadcasters and Association of Local Television Stations Request for Modification or Clarification of Broadcast Carriage Rules for Satellite Carriers)

Re Ex Parte Communication in CS Docket Nos 98-120,00-96, 00-2 (Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals)

Re DA 01-1264 (NASA Petition for Inquiry into Network Practices)

Dear Ms. Dortch

On Wednesday, December 3, 2003, Harry J. Pappas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Peter Chrsanthopoulos, President and Chief Operating Officer, and Peter C. Pappas, Executive Vice President for Government and Regulatory Affairs of Pappas Telecasting Companies (the "Company"), met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and Stacy Fuller, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, to register Pappas's support for the position of DirecTV as set forth in its Ex Parte Petition for Expedited Action relative to the pending Applications for Review and Petitions for Reconsideration of EchoStar's "two-dish" policy.

The Company also expressed its support for multicast must-carry relative to all free over-the-air digital programming.

Lastly, the Company expressed its view that the Commission should act on the NASA Petition and uphold a broadcaster's right to preempt network programming.

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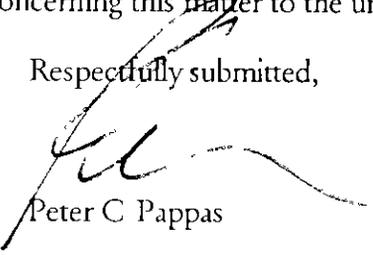


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In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter C Pappas