



September 28, 2004

*Via Electronic Filing*

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

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-325  
Presentation of National Public Radio, Inc.  
Ex Parte Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, *et seq.*, of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On September 27, 2004, Mike Starling, NPR Vice President for Engineering, Mike Riksen, NPR Vice President for Government Relations, Dr. Ellyn Sheffield, NPR Consultant, and the undersigned met with the following Commission staff: Susan Crawford, Ann Gallagher, Jeff Neumann, Alison Greenwald, Paul Gunia, Sarah Mahmood, John Gabrysch, Thomas Nessinger, Lisa Scanlan, Bob Ratcliffe, Roy Stewart, John Wong, Mike Lance, Son Nguyen, John Kiefer, Irene Bleiweiss, Norman Miller, Christine Zinman, Jim Bradshaw, Wayne T. McKee, and Khoa Tran, all of the Media Bureau. During the meeting, NPR provided an overview of NPR Member station interest in digital audio multicasting and Congressional appropriations and Corporation for Public Broadcasting grants to stations for conversion to digital audio broadcasting. NPR also presented the preliminary results of its testing assessing various data rates by program genre for main and supplemental audio channels and testing assessing the viability of using extended hybrid digital carriers in the HD Radio FM system for delivery of radio reading services via mainstream radio receivers.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2050.

Sincerely,

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