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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 Friday, February 25, 2005, Mike Starling, NPR Vice President for Engineering, Mike Riksen, NPR Vice President for Government Relations, and the undersigned met with Jon Cody, of Chairman Powell's office, to discuss NPR's interest in an immediate authorization of digital audio multicasting. NPR conveyed the desire of many NPR stations to immediately commence multicasting operations following Commission authorization. NPR also explained that a Commission authorization is necessary to enable receiver and transmitter manufacturers to begin offering multicast-capable equipment and to permit the use of Federal digital funding to implement multicast operations.

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

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Lewis /s/

Gregory A. Lewis  
Associate General Counsel