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*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 Friday, July 29, 2005, Kevin Klose, NPR President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mike Riksen, NPR Vice President for Government Relations, met with Chairman Martin and Catherine Bohigian, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin, to discuss public radio's continuing interest in digital radio broadcasting, specifically including digital audio multicasting. NPR reported on the progress of NPR stations in converting to digital operation, stressed the importance of multicasting in enabling public radio to increase and enhance its public service programming, and urged the Commission to authorize multicasting as a routine part of digital radio operations.

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

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Lewis /s/*

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