

March 2, 2007

**Ex Parte Communication**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20445

**Re: RM-11338**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 1, 2007, George E. DeVault, Jr., President, Holston Valley Broadcasting Corporation (Holston), David Widener, Executive Vice President of Holston, and Bart Walker of WGNS(AM), Murfreesboro, TN, met with Heather Dixon of Chairman Martin's office and Krista Witanowski of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, to discuss the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking.

Specifically, the parties urged the Commission to advance NAB's Petition seeking permission for AM radio stations to operate FM translators to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking phase as soon as possible. In particular, the parties emphasized requests in the record that blanket waivers be granted to any AM licensee with access to an appropriate FM translator to begin simulcast of the subject AM programming on the FM translator, pending the outcome of this proceeding.

The parties also stated that allowing AM stations to operate FM translators would be more vital to the AM broadcasting industry and to AM radio listeners than any other development involving AM radio in decades. The parties cited examples in which listeners residing within the community of license of AM stations are unable to hear the

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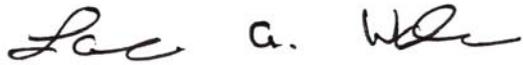
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station and thus miss vital information regarding school closings, tornado warnings, local public affairs programming, and local sports broadcasts.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Walke".

Larry Walke

Cc: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Commissioner Robert McDowell