



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 21, 2007

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

**Re: Ex Parte Notice
EB Docket No. 04-296**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the Direction of the Commission, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) requested an ex parte meeting with identified stakeholders to discuss ideas for improvement of the delivery of emergency information to non-English speakers. The Bureau agreed to file this consolidated notice of ex parte meeting; however, nothing herein shall be construed as a consensus proposal, committee action, or agreement or advice as a group.

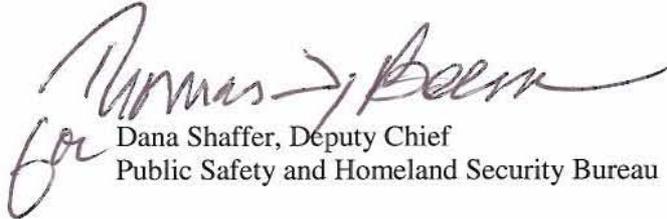
The ex parte meeting took place on June 14, 2007 in the Commission's Meeting Room. Stakeholders present were Jane Mago and Kelly Williams of the National Association of Broadcasters; Cheryl Leanza of the Office of Communications, United Church of Christ, Inc.; Rolo Duarte of Univision; Francisco Montero of the Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association; Paul Cicelski of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP; and, via teleconference bridge, Pat Roberts and Matt Liebowitz of the Florida Broadcasting Association; and David Honig and Jonathan Stein of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council.

Although Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Derek Poarch, Chief PSHSB welcomed the group and thanked them for agreeing to participate in the meeting, the ex parte communications were conducted between the stakeholders listed above and the following staff from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau: Dana Shaffer, Deputy Bureau Chief; Tom Beers, Deputy Policy Division Chief; and Bureau staff members Darryl Smith, Bonnie Gay, and Eric Ehrenreich.

The participants discussed how best to promote provision of multilingual alerts over the EAS system, and multilingual emergency information, generally, in times of crisis. Topics included the relationship between the provision of multilingual alert information and state EAS plans; the logistics and financing of such provision; the interrelationship of such provision with other emergency communications; the jurisdictional factors involved in such provision; and the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary cooperation versus regulatory mandate in the context of jurisdictional restraints. The participants heard a description of the EAS plan currently in place in Florida. The Florida plan includes a provision for automatic translation of alert messages into Spanish by the State's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and subsidiary translation into other languages on an as-needed basis.

Pursuant to the Commission's instructions, PSHSB will prepare and submit a full report of this meeting at a later date. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this notice is being submitted electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Beem". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long horizontal stroke at the end. To the left of the main signature, there is a smaller, less legible handwritten mark that appears to be "for".

Dana Shaffer, Deputy Chief
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau