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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, Jessica Marventano, Senior Vice President of Government Relations for Clear Channel Communications, Inc. (“Clear Channel”) and Lawrence R. Sidman of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, outside counsel to Clear Channel, met with Commissioner Robert McDowell; Angela Giancarlo, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell; Cristina Chou Pauzé, Legal Advisor on Media Issues to Commissioner McDowell; and Nick Campisano and Joanna Ng, student interns with Commissioner McDowell’s office. Sally A. Buckman of Leventhal, Senter & Lerman PLLC, representing Greater Media, Inc. and Beasley Broadcast Group, Inc., and Kenneth E. Satten of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, representing Bonneville International Corporation, also participated in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the various concerns of the radio broadcast companies (“broadcasters”) regarding the proposed XM & Sirius merger.

Specifically, the broadcasters maintained that the proposed merger was not in the public interest, and therefore, the Commission should not grant the license transfer application. They stressed that the elimination of intramodal competition that is the signature of the proposed transaction was contrary to the entire policy thrust of law and regulation in the communications sector for more than two decades, and specifically, violated the rules for SDARS licensing established by the Commission. They depicted some of the harms that would befall consumers and free, over-the-air terrestrial broadcasting were the license transfer application to be approved. The broadcasters emphasized the enormous amount of spectrum that would be concentrated in the control of one essentially unregulated entity were the transaction to proceed as proposed, creating a genuine threat to the economic framework of terrestrial broadcast radio.

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The broadcasters also discussed the glaring inadequacy of the voluntary commitments reflected in the June 16, 2008 joint *ex parte* filing by XM and Sirius counsel. As a general proposition, the broadcasters made clear that voluntary commitments that are unenforceable by the Commission are meaningless, especially in light of the prior violations of Commission rules by XM and Sirius. Thus, were the merger to be approved, binding enforceable conditions subject to the full panoply of the Commission's enforcement powers, are essential. In particular, they stressed that the open access condition regarding equipment was insufficient to provide a meaningful opportunity for wide deployment of HD radio receivers. Instead, the broadcasters urged that in the event the merger were to be approved by the FCC, it be conditioned upon a requirement that all satellite radio receivers have integrated HD radio reception capability. The broadcasters also emphasized the imperative of prohibiting the merged entity from carrying local programming and local advertising.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206, one copy of this letter is being electronically filed in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any inquiries concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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