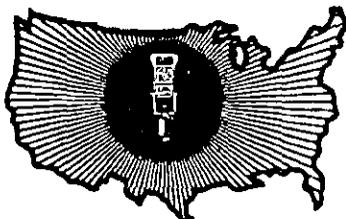


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Re: MB Docket No. 07-57, Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters has serious concerns with the proposed merger between XM and Sirius. Approval of such a merger would require the Commission to abandon its long standing commitment to competition and diversity, and would embrace a monopoly in the satellite radio market.

When the application to permit the XM-Sirius merger was filed with the Commission, NABOB filed a Petition to Deny the application on July 9, 2007. In our Petition, we explained that the application, which would permit the creation of a monopoly in the radio broadcast satellite business, should be denied, because: (1) it violates the Commission's policy of maintaining at least two competitors in the radio broadcast satellite industry, (2) it will lead to further consolidation in the terrestrial radio industry and a corresponding loss of minority ownership in that industry, and (3) XM and Sirius have repeatedly failed to comply with their prior commitments to the Commission, and, therefore, they cannot reasonably be relied upon to meet any new commitments they make in connection with the pending application.

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In addition, the commitment that has been proffered by XM and Sirius, to provide 4% of channels for programming targeted to minorities, amounts to an offer of "crumbs" to serve more than 30% of the U.S. population, and could only lead to a "crabs in the barrel" fight among minorities for a mere handful of channels.

If the Commission allows Sirius and XM to merge, the new entity will control more spectrum than the entire AM and FM band. NABOB continues to oppose this merger for the reasons set forth more fully in our Petition to Deny. However, should the Commission consider a grant of this application, it should obtain a meaningful commitment of channels for programming for minorities.

Sincerely,



James L. Winston
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cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Re: XM-Sirius merger

Dear Commissioners,

After much consideration, I'm writing today to offer my support of the compromise that will allow the XM-Sirius merger to proceed. I urge commissioners to support the merger going through, even under these conditions.

While American taxpayers and consumers would have been much better off if the FCC were to allow the proposed merger to go forward unfettered, nonetheless, the compromise conditions will allow these two companies to continue providing their product into the future. For this reason, Americans for Tax Reform urges all commissioners to quickly allow the merger to go through under the compromise (barring an unforeseen opportunity for the merger to proceed immediately without any conditions whatever).

Americans for Tax Reform is a strong supporter of the free market. If the market dictates that these two providers must merge in order to compete with the many other content delivery systems, they should be allowed to do so. Plain and simple. We are somewhat disappointed that the Commission sees fit to press the applicants beyond their already generous concessions.

Still, if these are the conditions the Commission will impose in order to allow the merger to go through, we must not throw the baby out with the bathwater. I urge all commissioners to support moving forward with the merger, even under these conditions.

In the future, it is our hope that the Commission allow the market to act freely. The market is the mechanism best able to allocate scarce resources, of whatever type.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Martin,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting your justification for your failure to act upon the Sirius-XM merger. If it is not anti-competitive as ruled by the Justice Department then why do you feel you have the authority to dictate terms (such as tier-pricing, etc.) to a private enterprise? Do you dictate the price Clear Channel charges its advertisers?

Please respect the spirit and intent of the Freedom of Information Act by responding to this U.S. citizen with a timely and honest answer.

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