



March 11, 2009

Via ECFS

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

**Re: Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communications,
Docket No. 09-17**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this is to notify you that today, the undersigned of the Association of Public Television Stations (APTS) had telephone conversations with Rick Chessen, Senior Legal Advisor/Media Advisor to Interim Chairman Michael J. Copps, and Rosemary C. Harold, Legal Advisor, Media, to Robert M. McDowell, regarding the above-referenced proceeding. APTS emphasized that public television stations should be permitted to terminate analog operations before April 16, 2009, where it is necessary to do so.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/

Malena F. Barzilai
Senior Counsel
Association of Public Television Stations
2100 Crystal Drive, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22202
Telephone: 202-654-4220