



April 15, 2009

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

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-325**  
**Presentation of National Public Radio, Inc.**  
***Ex Parte* Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Mike Starling, NPR Chief Technology Officer and Executive Director of NPR Labs, John Kean, NPR Senior Technologist, Julie Kearney, Director of Public Policy and Legislation, and the undersigned met with Peter Doyle, Mary Beth Murphy, Steven Broeckaert, Norm Miller, Susan Crawford, Kelly Donohue, Katrina Kleinwachter, and Ann Gallagher, all of the Media Bureau, to discuss the pending request for a blanket 10% IBOC power increase. The parties discussed the testing NPR Labs is conducting in collaboration with public and commercial broadcasters and iBiquity. A copy of a press release announcing CPB funding for the testing was distributed and is attached. NPR also played audio samples demonstrating the impairments associated with 1st adjacent interference from analog, 1% hybrid and 10% hybrid signals. These samples were described and referenced in NPR's comments in response to the Public Notice: Comment Sought on Joint Parties Request for FM Digital Power Increase and Associated Technical Studies, MM Docket 99-325, rel. Oct. 23, 2008, and are accessible via [www.nprlabs.org/research/](http://www.nprlabs.org/research/). The parties discussed how and why the interference occurs and how it could be minimized through a more managed approach to increasing IBOC transmission power.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2050.

Sincerely,

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