



October 13, 2009

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

RE: Ex parte Communication
Gen. Docket Nos. 09-51 and 09-157

Dear Ms. Dortch:

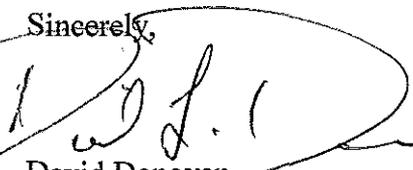
On Friday, October 9, 2009, David L. Donovan, President of the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc., met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and his Mass Media Legal Advisor, Rosemary Harold.

I discussed the general status of the DTV transition and MSTV's technical conclusions regarding problems with reception in the high VHF band. In particular, I noted that viewers have had problems with interference from indoor noise.

We also discussed the relationship between over-the-air television broadcasting and the Commission's broadband proceeding. I noted that the off-air digital marketplace for HDTV and multicast services has just started and is expected to grow in the coming years. In addition, the mobile broadcast standard will soon be adopted and will provide an important service to the American public. Moreover, as a point-to-multipoint system, broadcasting is the most efficient way to transmit high quality HDTV and video content. In this regard, off-air television broadcasting is a key component of the overall wireless services architecture of this nation. This should be kept in mind as the FCC looks for spectrum alternatives.

No documents were distributed at this meeting.

Sincerely,



David Donovan