

January 15, 2010

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
Docket Nos: 09-47, 09-51, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

During two separate telephone conversations (January 11 and January 14, 2010), I discussed my station's broadcast television programming and multi-plexing technology with Adam Gerson of the FCC. In the second call, my Chief Engineer, Daniel Panichella and the FCC's Phil Bellaria also participated. These calls were initiated by FCC staff to follow up on our comment in response to NBP Public Notice #26 explaining my station's approach to multi-plexing. ((Letter from Craig Jahelka, VP and General Manager, WBOC16 & FOX21/Draper Holdings, to Hon. Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC) (Dec. 21, 2009)).

During our telephone conversations with FCC staff, Mr. Panichella and I conveyed that based on testing we have performed, we are convinced WBOC-TV can reliably provide our viewers with two simultaneous high definition (HD) program streams, using statistical multi-plexing technology. Accordingly, we have made investments in new equipment which has been installed. We expect to begin broadcasting simultaneous, multi-plexed HD streams on a daily basis in the 2nd Quarter of 2010.

We are convinced that state-of-the-art equipment such as the multi-plexers and encoders we have purchased enable multi-plexing of two HD streams in which signal quality consistently satisfies our discerning viewers. In fact our testing reveals the two simultaneous high definition broadcast streams looks spectacular! Our testing suggests that signal quality remains sufficiently high for our viewers even when both streams feature high-action programming (such as sports), and even when one of the streams has 1080i resolution (with the other having 720p resolution).

I would herein reiterate my offer to demonstrate this multiplexing simultaneous HD stream broadcasting to members of the FCC staff here at our facility in Salisbury, Maryland. We would be honored to host FCC staff members and/or Commissioners who may be interested in seeing this technology work in real time at a location close enough to enable a day trip from Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,



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