



June 17, 2010

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, MB Docket No. 10-71; GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137, 10-25, and 10-66

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Jerianne Timmerman and the undersigned of the National Association of Broadcasters, Dunia Shive of Belo Corp., Jack Abernethy of Fox Television Stations, Inc., David Lougee of Gannett Company, Inc., and Paul McTear of Raycom Media, Inc. met with Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker, her legal advisors, Brad Gillen, Millie Kerr, and Charles Mathias, and law clerk Henry Greenidge.

During the meeting, we discussed legal issues affecting broadcasters' future role as leading providers of local news and information, entertainment, and other innovative content and services. We discussed the importance of the current retransmission consent system to the ability of broadcast outlets to invest in local news, emergency information and public affairs content. We noted that MVPDs' proposed changes would tilt the market-based retransmission consent system in their favor, harming competition and local stations' service to their communities.

We also stated that spectrum policy should reflect the continuing importance of both broadcasting and broadband to America's communications future. Proposals that would impede innovation by broadcasters and/or reduce the availability of new and existing services to consumers are not in the public interest.

Finally, we discussed the need for ownership regulations that reflect current marketplace realities. In particular, we discussed the importance of expanding opportunities for common ownership of local television stations and newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership in small to mid-sized markets, which are bearing the brunt of the economic challenges facing all broadcasters.

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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ERL Dozier', written in a cursive style.

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cc: Commissioner Baker
Brad Gillen
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Charles Mathias
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