



**AMERICAN
PUBLIC MEDIA**

August 19, 2010

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
GN Docket No. 09-191
GN Docket No. 10-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 19, 2010, Jon McTaggart, Chief Operating Officer; Tom Kigin, Chief Administrative Officer; Mary Nease, Chief Human Resources Officer; Mark Alfuth, Chief Financial Officer; Tim Roesler, Senior Vice President; Joaquin Alvarado, Senior Vice President; Chris Worthington, Managing Director; Jeff Nelson, Managing Director; Mike Reszler, Director and Lisa Radzak, Manager; all of Minnesota Public Radio and American Public Media, met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Michael Copps, Angela Kronenberg, Acting Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn; Jennifer Schneider, Senior Policy Advisor, for Commissioner Copps; and Roger Goldblatt, Outreach and Policy Advisor.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of American Public Media and of Minnesota Public Radio and their view of several policy issues currently before the Commission. Participants discussed the value of fostering strong public media organizations in major markets throughout the country. They discussed the importance of an open, accessible, and affordable internet to the ongoing health of public media in America. Participants noted that digital innovation is redefining the role of public media both locally and nationally and creating opportunities to reach new and more diverse audiences. The observation was made that, if the cost of internet bandwidth goes up or access to high-speed broadband services is limited to just a few players, or tilted by the gatekeepers in favor of their own economic interests, whether on wireline or on wireless networks, the ability of public media organizations like American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio to successfully deliver digital programming will be threatened.

As required by Section 1.1206(b), as modified by the policies applicable to electronic filings, an electronic copy of this letter is being submitted in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jeff Nelson
Jeff Freeland Nelson
Managing Director, Public Strategy

cc (by email): Ms. Angela Kronenberg
Ms. Jennifer Schneider