

February 10, 2012

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
MM Docket No. 99-25 (In the Matter of Creation of a Low Power Radio Service)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This notice is submitted in compliance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules.

On Thursday, February 9, 2012, Katherine Grincewich, Associate General Counsel for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Brandy Doyle, Policy Director for Prometheus Radio Project, met with Erin McGrath, Acting Media Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell to discuss issues in the above-captioned docket.

Ms. Grincewich discussed the history of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service and the role of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in supporting the development and expansion of LPFM. She shared the interest that Catholic dioceses, and especially Catholic school systems, have in building LPFM stations or supporting these stations with programming. She described the potential to use LPFM to broadcast Mass services to reach elderly parishioners and others unable to attend Mass, and the value of LPFM in reaching parishioners who speak languages other than English. She also reiterated the vision for LPFM as a truly locally programmed and locally responsive service, and discussed the value of a local programming requirement for new LPFM stations.

Ms. Doyle expressed support for the Commission's plan to preserve LPFM frequencies on a market-by-market basis. She noted that the Commission's previous "ten cap" plan would not have been effective at preserving LPFM availability, but that the current plan better ensures channels and thus complies with the directives of the Local Community Radio Act. She noted the in conjunction with such a market-specific approach, a national and market cap on translator applications will help to ensure ensure localism and diversity in local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brandy Doyle

cc: Erin McGrath