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*Via Electronic Filing*

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

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-25**  
***Ex Parte Notice***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, Greg Lewis, NPR Deputy General Counsel, Mike Starling, Executive Director of NPR Labs, and the undersigned met with Jessica Almond, Special Counsel to Chairman Genachowski. The parties discussed the Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-referenced proceeding with respect to the implementation of the Local Community Radio Act of 2010 (LCRA). NPR urged the Commission to first address the backlog of pending translator applications from the 2003 filing window to identify those that are still viable and propose a bona fide service. By doing so, the Commission could significantly reduce the overall number of pending applications, and accommodate engineering solutions and settlements to facilitate such service to a greater degree and without obstructing new LPFM service.

NPR also addressed potential waivers of 2<sup>nd</sup> adjacent channel protections for LPFMs as provided for in the LCRA. NPR stated its concerns regarding potential interference with local public radio stations' signals should 2<sup>nd</sup> adjacent waivers be granted. NPR stated that the granting of such waivers should occur only under very limited circumstances and after a very rigorous process as required under the LCRA.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2744.

Sincerely,

*Rishi Hingoraney /s/*

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Cc: Jessica Almond