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

Re: Petition For Declaratory Ruling Regarding AT&T's U-verse PEG Product,
CSR-8126, MB Docket No. 09-13

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this ex parte notice is filed on behalf of the Alliance for Community Media ("ACM"). On October 15, 2012, Sylvia Strobel (ACM's Executive Director), Gregory Morrison (ACM's Manager of Membership) and James Horwood, Esq. (ACM Board Member) met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Alex Hoehn-Saric, Policy Director to Commissioner Rosenworcel, regarding the above-captioned proceeding. Participants discussed the ACM's position and request.

Participants also discussed the ACM November 2010 report performed by the Buske Group, *"Hours of First-Run, Locally-Produced PEG Access Programs During 2009,"* an Alliance for Communications Democracy April, 2011 report *"Analysis of Recent PEG Access Center Closures, Funding Cutbacks and Related Threats"* conducted by The Buske Group with support from the Benton Foundation. The two above-mentioned reports are attached to this filing. Participants also discussed the ACM's response to recommendations from the FCC's 2011 report *"Information Needs of Communities"*, particularly as they relate to youth media and digital literacy training by PEGs.

A copy of this letter and the handouts presented during the meeting are being filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sylvia L. Strobel

Attachments

cc: Commissioner Rosenworcel
Alex Hoehn-Saric, Policy Director

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