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RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, EB Docket No. 04-296 (Review of the Emergency Alert System); EB Docket No. 06-119 (Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina); MB Docket No. 09-182 (2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review); MB Docket No. 07-294 (Broadcast Diversity Proceeding)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This reports on a meeting held on December 11, 2013 with Maria Kirby, Legal Advisor for Media, Consumer and Governmental Affairs, and Enforcement for the Chairman, myself, and Julia Johnson, Chair of MMTC.

During the meeting I expressed my hope that this administration would finally act on the long pending proposal to ensure that all individuals, regardless of the language they speak, have access to life-saving information before, during, and after an emergency.¹ Further, I expressed our position that we do not object to some modest relaxation of the cross-ownership rule in large and some medium markets, so long as relaxation would not diminish minority ownership.² However, MMTC does not believe that the Commission should further relax the television

¹ See e.g. Reply Comments of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, EB Docket No. 04-296 (June 14, 2010), p. 2-6, available at <http://mmtconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/Reply-Comments-04-296-06-14-10.pdf> (last visited Dec. 12, 2013).

² See Initial Comments of the Diversity and Competition Supporters in Response to the NPRM, MB Docket Nos 09-182 and 07-294 (March 5, 2012), p. 40-43, available at <http://mmtconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/DCS-QuadRev-Comments-030512.pdf> (last visited Dec. 12, 2013) (“DCS Initial Comments”). See also Mark Fratrick, Ph.D., The Impact of Cross Media Ownership on Minority/Women Owned Broadcast Stations, BIA/Kelsey (May 30, 2013), available at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7022419396> (last visited Dec. 12, 2013).

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duopoly rule since that would deter growth of diverse ownership in broadcasting.³ MMTC similarly feels that most shared service agreements are detrimental to minority ownership.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See DCS Initial Comments at 38-40.