



February 6, 2014

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication in MB Docket Nos. 09-182, 10-71

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 4, 2014, Rick Kaplan and the undersigned of the National Association of Broadcasters, Emily Barr of Post-Newsweek Stations, Inc., Michael Fiorile of Dispatch Broadcast Group, and Paul Karpowicz of Meredith Corporation met with Commissioner O’Rielly and his legal advisor, Courtney Reinhard.

During the meeting, broadcaster representatives discussed how television stations are innovating in the provision of news, information and entertainment. We discussed increasing competition in the market for local advertising, including competition from multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs). Broadcaster representatives discussed the importance of being able to achieve efficiencies that will permit them to compete effectively with their less regulated rivals. We stated that it was particularly important for the Commission to update its broadcast ownership regulations consistent with section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

We also discussed the importance of the current system of retransmission consent to television viewers. We stated that the ability to negotiate in the marketplace for the value of the broadcast signal is critical to broadcasters’ provision of the quality and quantity of programming that viewers expect from their local television broadcast stations.

Finally, broadcaster representatives observed that stations’ license renewal applications can remain pending for an extended period of time before they are acted upon by the Commission. We urged the Commission to reform its processes to provide greater certainty and timely action on pending applications.

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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Commissioner O'Rielly, Courtney Reinhard