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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC20554

Re: MB Docket No. 12-106
GN Docket No. 13-86
MB Docket No. 03-185
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 proceedings.

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Patricia Diaz Dennis, Member of NPR's Board of Directors, Michael Riksen, NPR Vice President for Policy and Representation, and the undersigned met with William Lake, Chief of the FCC's Media Bureau, and Maria Kirby, Legal Advisor – Media, Consumer and Governmental Affairs, and Enforcement for Chairman Wheeler. The parties discussed the Commission's Public Notice with respect to adopting an "egregious cases" indecency enforcement policy, the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with respect to a proposed relaxation of the rule limiting third-party fundraising by noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast stations, and the use of and protection criteria associated with television channel 6.

In discussing the first matter, NPR expressed its support for a more restrained Commission enforcement policy so as to address the uncertainty faced by public radio stations and other program producers who report on matters of public concern and often feature live news and other programming. NPR also noted that the Commission's "fleeting utterance" approach has led to unnecessary and protracted delays in the processing of station license applications. NPR expressed its support for the indecency standard the Commission adopted in its Pacifica decision in 1987, especially in its endorsement of a more deferential standard for news and information programming.

With respect to the second matter, NPR reiterated its position that the current waiver system has worked well for NCE radio stations and that the Commission's proposal to allow NCE stations to interrupt programming to fundraise for third parties raised serious operational, fundraising, and other concerns.

Finally, the parties discussed NPR's pending petition for rulemaking seeking the repeal of Section 73.525 of the Commission's rules and the use by low power television ("LPTV") stations of spectrum immediately adjacent to the NCE reserved portion of the FM band to offer FM radio services. NPR reiterated the need to repeal Section 73.525 and urged the prompt digital transition of LPTV stations.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2050.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. William Lake
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