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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
 Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation in MM Docket No. 99-25

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 17, 1999, Lynn Claudy, John Marino, David Wilson and the undersigned of the NAB met with Roy Stewart, Peter Doyle, Keith Larson, Dennis Williams, Jordan Brinn and Brian Butler of the Mass Media Bureau and Bruce Franca and Alan Stillwell of OET. We discussed the Commission's technical study produced for the *Low Power Radio* rulemaking proceeding.

Mass Media Bureau staff elaborated on the methodology and process the staff used in its Spectrum Availability Analysis that is contained in Appendix D of the *Low Power Radio Notice*. Additionally, there was a general discussion of the FCC's study and any other research that Commission staff produced for the *Notice*.

We specifically asked for the final coordinates and frequencies for each of the potential low power stations that may be available as listed in the charts in Appendix D of the *Notice*. We also asked for a copy of the computer program that was used for the Spectrum Availability Analysis. We believe that the list of coordinates and frequencies will be useful in determining the impact of the proposed service on existing broadcast service.

Additionally, during the meeting, we expressed concern regarding the timing of the proceeding in relation to the development of In-Band, On-Channel ("IBOC") digital radio because IBOC proponents are on schedule to begin testing their systems during 1999. Starting a proceeding to establish a low power radio service at this time could be problematic to the development of IBOC. We also questioned the ability of the FCC to go forward with the proceeding without a sufficient receiver study.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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