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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
In the Matter of Creation of a Low Power Radio Service,
MM Docket No. 99-25

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday, April 7, 1999, Suren Pai, President and CEO, Lucent Digital Radio; Mary McManus, Vice President, Lucent Technologies; and the undersigned met with the following Commission staff: Roy Stewart, Robert Ratcliffe, Keith Larson, Charles Logan, Bruce Romano, Dennis Williams, and Peter Doyle of the Mass Media Bureau; Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering and Technology; and Paul Gallant, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gloria Tristani.

With regard to the above Docket, during the meeting parties discussed the timing of planned laboratory and field testing of Lucent's In-Band, On-Channel (IBOC) digital radio technology. Lucent reiterated the statement it made in its Comments on RM-9395, that Lucent expects its systems to be developed and tested in the field by the end of 1999. Lucent has begun studying the implications of proposals made in the above Docket, but the amount of testing and the time necessary to conduct and analyze such tests is not yet determined. Further, it is unclear what tests the Commission staff might find useful for its consideration of the three different digital systems addressed in the RM-9395 proceeding. Lucent stated that it will apprise the Commission of testing developments.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed in the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

David R. Siddall

cc: Roy Stewart
Robert Ratcliffe
Keith Larson
Charles Logan
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