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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 Monday, May 17, 1999, Suren Pai of Lucent Digital Radio, Mary McManus of Lucent Technologies, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Susan Ness; Anita Wallgren, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness; and Kim Matthews to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

Lucent requested that at the earliest opportunity the Commission initiate a Notice of Proposed Rule Making that addresses adopting a digital broadcast standard for AM and FM radio, and urged that the FCC's technical staff participate in fora studying digital in-band on-channel (IBOC) issues. Issuing a Notice will accelerate digital IBOC testing and provide the Commission with detailed technical information and expertise on any effects that implementation of the proposals in this docket might have on IBOC implementation. Lucent stated that it expects its digital IBOC systems to be developed and field tested by the end of 1999, and is studying the implications on future digital implementation of the proposals in this docket.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. R. Siddall".

David R. Siddall

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
Anita Wallgren
Kim Matthews