



August 27, 1999

Magalie Roman-Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation in MM Docket 99-25
RM-9208
RM-9242

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, I spoke with David Goodfriend of Commissioner Ness's office via telephone with respect to the above-captioned docket.

In large part I reiterated points made in UCC *et al.*'s August 23 filing on this matter. In addition, I explained to Mr. Goodfriend that recent articles in *Radio World*, *Current*, and *Communications Daily* indicate that the digital radio proponents intend to complete field studies of in-band on-channel (IBOC) technology for the NRSC by December 15 regardless of whether the Commission releases an IBOC NPRM. Further, this testing is expected to continue for 18 months, and thus will not be complete on December 15. Finally, these articles indicate that proponents are disputing the appropriate testing criteria. Given past experience with NRSC testing with respect to IBOC, I believe a delay of the IBOC testing results beyond December 15 is highly possible.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(2) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically today.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Leanza
Deputy Director

cc. David Goodfriend