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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Ex Parte Presentation
MM Docket 99-25

Dear Ms. Salas:

By this letter and pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2), I hereby attach a memorandum summarizing the participants of and discussions that took place during a meeting held by the Commission concerning the above-referenced matter on August 2, 2000, in which I participated on behalf of the New York State Thruway.

If you should have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Stephen Díaz Gavin

- cc: Roy Stewart, Chief of the Bureau
- Robert Ratcliffe
- Peter Doyle
- Edward Delahunt
- James Bradshaw
- Brian Butler
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
From: Stephen Díaz Gavin
Date: August 3, 2000
Subject: MM Docket No. 99-25 -- Creation of a Low Power FM Service

On Wednesday, August 2, 2000, a meeting was held at the offices of the Federal Communications Commission with staff of the FCC's Mass Media Bureau (the "Bureau") to discuss the reconsideration sought by certain parties of the FCC's decision not to allow use of directional antennas in Low Power FM radio ("LPFM") station facilities. The following Commission personnel were present in person at the meeting: Roy Stewart, Chief of the Bureau; Robert Ratcliffe; Peter Doyle; Ed Delahunt; Jim Bradshaw; Brian Butler; Keith Larsen; and Susanna Zwerling.

Also present in person at the meeting Mr. Robert Culver of the engineering firm of Lohnes & Culver. Mr. Jules Madey, Engineering Division of the New York State Thruway (the "Thruway"), and Stephen Díaz Gavin, counsel for the Thruway, participated by telephone. Both Lohnes & Culver and the Thruway had requested reconsideration of the FCC's Low Power FM Order¹ in connection with the use of directional antennas.

Mr. Culver, on behalf of Lohnes & Culver, and Mr. Madey, on behalf of the Thruway, outlined what they considered the benefits from use of directional antennas, including overall lower financial cost for construction of stations in certain instances if parties were allowed to use directional antennas, and reduction of the RF environmental impact. They also clarified that in seeking authority to use such antennas, it was not intended that parties be able to extend service beyond permitted contours.

¹ In the Matter of Creation of Low Power Radio Service (Report and Order in MM Docket No. 99-25), 15 FCC Rcd ____ (FCC 00-19, released January 27, 2000), 65 Fed. Reg. 7616 (Feb. 15, 2000).