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March 3, 2003
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Suite #110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: *Proposal of Wireless Communications Association International, National ITFS Association and Catholic Television Network for Revisions to MDS and ITFS Rules – RM-10586 – NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 28, 2003, I met separately with Paul Margie, Counsel to Commissioner Copps, and Bryan Tramont, Counsel to Chairman Powell, on behalf of the ITFS Spectrum Alliance to discuss issues related to revisions to the ITFS/MDS technical rules. In the meeting with Bryan Tramont, John Schwartz of the Instructional Telecommunications Foundation, Jose Luis Rodriguez of the Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network (“HITN”), John Primeau of the North American Catholic Educational Programming Foundation, Jose Padilla of the Illinois Institute of Technology and Rudolf Geist, counsel to HITN, joined us by telephone.

Among the topics addressed during the meetings were the October 7, 2002 White Paper filed by WCA, NIA and CTN proposing a revised regulatory regime for the Multipoint Distribution Service (“MDS”) and the Instructional Television Fixed Service (“ITFS”) and the comments filed on November 14, 2002 by the ITFS Spectrum Development Alliance.’ Participants emphasized the importance of adoption of rule changes to facilitate transition to two-way and the need to develop transition rules that are even-handed and unambiguous in order to expedite the transition and minimize disputes. The issue of whether ITFS licensees should be permitted to sell their licenses to commercial entities and the impact of such a rule change on the educational nature of the ITFS spectrum was discussed. Participants also emphasized the need to suspend the current construction deadlines for incumbent MDS and ITFS stations to construct video systems given the upcoming transition to broadband services.

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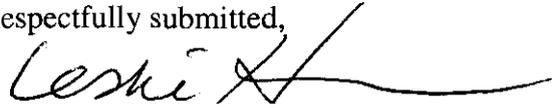
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Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie A. Harris", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leslie A. Harris
President

cc:

Bryan Tramont

Paul Margie

¹ The Instructional Telecommunications Foundation, the Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network and the North America Catholic Educational Programming Foundation are members of the ITFS Spectrum Development Alliance, Inc. formed in 1999. The Alliance is composed of seven organizations that are licensed to operate ITFS systems in almost 100 communities nationwide. The Alliance is a non-profit organization intended to provide member licensees with the full complement of technical and business representation to convert successfully to digital-two-way operations.