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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

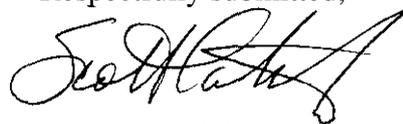
**Re: Notification of Ex Parte Communication  
Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules  
and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television  
MB Docket No. 03-15, RM 9832**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Cordillera Communications, Inc. ("Cordillera"), and in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, we respectfully submit this notification of an *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced permit-but-disclose notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. Today, Andrew Suk, Director of Engineering of Cordillera and the undersigned counsel for Cordillera met with Rick Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief of the Media Bureau and Chairman of the DTV Task Force, to discuss Cordillera's interest in the above-referenced proceeding and the DTV transition generally. We discussed potential problems with a general proposal to require DTV stations to commence operation prior to issuance of a construction permit. We also discussed the merits of low power DTV operation in small Western markets and the reliance of such stations on translators.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being submitted to the Secretary's office for the above-captioned docket and a copy is being provided to Mr. Chessen. Should there be any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott S. Patrick

cc: Rick Chessen, Esq. (FCC) (via hand delivery)

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