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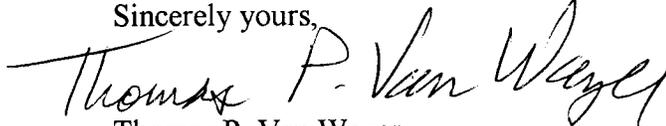
Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
In the Matter of Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 03-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 31, 2004, Merrill Weiss of The Merrill Weiss Group, Andy Bater of Tribune Company, Sterling Davis of Cox, Steve Smith of Liberty Corp., and Tom Van Wazer met separately with Johanna Shelton of Commissioner Adelstein's office, Catherine Bohigian of Commissioner Martin's office, Jordan Goldstein of Commissioner Copps' office and Stacy Fuller of Commissioner Abernathy's office. During these meetings, the parties discussed the public policy benefits from the use of distributed transmission technology, the FCC rule changes and additions needed to authorize the use of distributed transmission technology and specific policy suggestions regarding the content of the rules. The specific topics discussed are outlined in the presentation accompanying this notice, a copy of which was distributed to each legal assistant noted above.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, one copy of this letter and the accompanying presentation are being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

  
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