

memorandum

DATE: December 15, 2011

TO: Paroma Sanyal

FROM: William T. Lake

SUBJECT: Peer Review of LPFM Report and Economic Study

The Local Community Radio Act of 2010 (“LCRA”), signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011, requires the Commission to “conduct an economic study on the impact that low-power FM stations will have on full-service commercial FM stations.”¹ The LCRA further requires the Commission to submit a report on the study to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives within one year of the LCRA’s enactment (*i.e.*, by January 4, 2012).²

Under the Information Quality Act, OMB requires that influential scientific information be subject to peer review to enhance the quality and credibility of the government’s scientific information. The Media Bureau requests a peer review of the Economic Study it has done pursuant to the requirements of the LCRA. The Bureau requests that you review this study to determine whether it follows generally accepted practices in the economics field.

I ask that you provide a written report of your review, findings and recommendations with regard to this Economic Study by December 23, 2011.

Thank for your assistance in this matter.

¹ Local Community Radio Act of 2010, § 8, Pub. L. No. 111-371, 124 Stat. 4072 (2011).

² *Id.* § 8(b).