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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. --- The Portals
TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: National Religious Broadcasters' Notice of Permitted *Ex Parte*
Presentation in CS Docket No. 01-348 and MM Docket No. 98-204

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the National Religious Broadcasters ("NRB"), submitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules are an original and one copy of this notice regarding a permitted oral ex parte presentation in the above-referenced proceedings. On March 12, 2002, Glenn Plummer, Chairman of the NRB; Michael Glenn, Executive Vice-President of the NRB; and Richard Wiley and the undersigned of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP had a conversation with Chairman Michael Powell and Susan Eid of Chairman Powell's office.

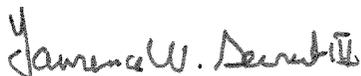
The NRB executives expressed their concern that, under the existing rules, it is not entirely clear when a commercial licensee can be recognized as a "religious station" for purposes of the Commission's equal employment opportunity rules. Mr. Plummer and Mr. Glenn stated their belief that any commercial station broadcasting a majority of religious programming should qualify for the "religious station" exemption. Additionally, the NRB executives discussed the effects of the proposed EchoStar takeover of DirecTV and its potential effect on the delivery of religious programming to rural areas.

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Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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