

December 10, 1999

Honorable William E. Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

On November 17 I wrote you expressing concern over the protracted pendency of the pending applications for assignment of licenses of WQEX(TV) and WPCB(TV), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I requested that the Commission take final action on these applications at its open meeting in December if it had not acted on them in the interim pursuant to the notation voting process. I enclose a copy of this letter for your reference.

I have in hand a copy of the public notice setting out the agenda for the Commission's open meeting on December 15. These applications are not listed for consideration. Nor has any public notice yet been issued indicating that the Commission has taken final action on these applications pursuant to the notation voting process.

In light of these considerations, I respectfully request that each Member of the Commission advise me, in writing, no later than close of business on Tuesday, December 14, 1999, whether you have already acted upon these applications in the course of the notation voting process. If your answer to the latter question is no, please state further whether you will, or will not, be prepared to act on these applications at the open meeting on December 15. If your answer to both of the proceeding questions is no, please explain why.

The sole purpose of this request is to secure final action on a matter that has now been pending for over two years. I emphasize that my purpose is not to suggest in any way *how* you should vote -- merely *that* you vote. In order to assure that no oral *ex parte* communications on the merits of these applications take place, I will not entertain any oral responses of any kind to this letter.

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This letter is not written to obtain favorable disposition of any matter on behalf of any party to any proceeding before the Commission. Please treat this letter in compliance with all applicable substantive and procedural rules.

Sincerely,

John McCain
Chairman

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Enclosure