# Media Bureau







### Broadband



- □ Cable High-Speed Internet Access
  - > Available to 87.5 Million US Homes
  - More than 13.8 Million Subscribers
  - Competition with Other Platforms



- MSOs are Rolling Out VolP
- Cable Modem Subscribers are Using Other VoIP Providers

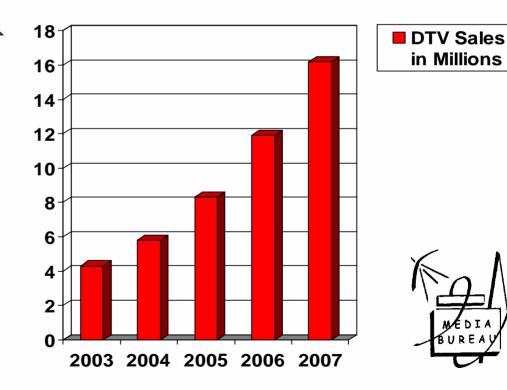




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#### **Digital Television Transition**

- >HD Content
- >DTV Sales
- **▶DTV Prices**
- "Plug and Play"
- **▶**Broadcast Flag
- **►Integrated Tuners**



### Media

#### Localism In Broadcasting

- □ Localism Task Force
  - > 1st Hearing in Charlotte, NC
  - Next Hearing: Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, TX
  - Additional Hearings Planned
- □ Low Power FM Radio Stations
  - Resolved 1600 applications
  - > 850 more to be resolved by mid-2004
  - Granted 926 new LPFM applications







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#### Media Ownership

- □ 2002 Biennial Review of the FCC's Broadcast Ownership Rules
  - > 20 Month Review Process
  - Largest Public Record in FCC History
  - Appeal Pending in 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit



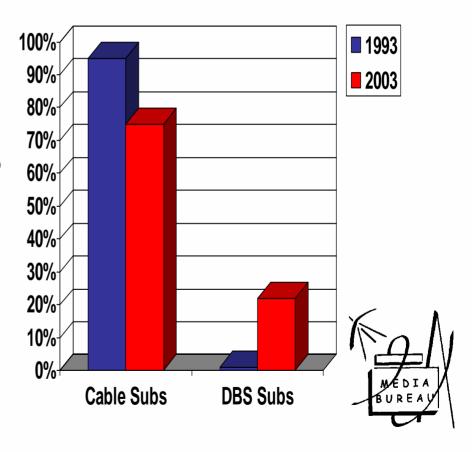






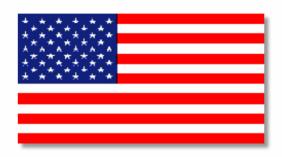
# Competition

- ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Video
  Programming Competition
  Report
  - Increased Subscribership
  - Competition Thriving
- ☐ News Corp. DirecTV Application Reviewed



# **Homeland Security**





#### **□2003 MSRC Achievements:**

- Adoption of 88 Best Practices Recommendations
- Model City Exercise in Tampa, FL
- Outreach Initiative to Local Entities



# Modernizing the FCC

- **□** Training:
  - FCC University
  - "Engineering Challenge"
- **☐** Expanded Electronic Filing:
  - Consolidated Database System (CDBS)
  - Cable Operation And Licensing System (COALS)
- **☐** Backlog Reduced:
  - Appeals of Local Rate Orders
  - Market Modification Applications for Review
  - Low Power FM New and Major
  - > TV New and Major
  - LPTV / TV Transmission Facility Changes
  - Class A License Applications



# 2004 Preview

- ✓ Broadband
  - Cable Modem Classification
- ✓ DTV Adoption and Transition issues
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> DTV Periodic
  - Plug and Play
  - Broadcast Flag
  - Must Carry
  - Integrated Tuners Deadline

- Localism in Broadcasting
  - NOI and Further Study
- ✓ Media Ownership
  - Cable Ownership
  - Biennial Review
- ✓ Homeland Security
  - Re-charter MSRC
- ✓ Modernizing the FCC

