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MASS MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES "PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE" EX PARTE STATUS ACCORDED TO PROCEEDING INVOLVING APPLICATIONS FILED BY THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. AND TELEMUNDO COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS

On November 2, 2001, the National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC) and Telemundo Communications Group, Inc. (Telemundo), by and through their subsidiary entities, filed applications seeking Commission consent to the transfer of control of Telemundo's licenses and authorizations to NBC. On November 6, 2001, the Mass Media Bureau issued a Broadcast Applications Public Notice (Report No. 25106) announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing and establishing a pleading cycle to permit interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction.

Applications for consent to the transfer of control of broadcast licenses and authorizations are subject, unless otherwise provided, to treatment by the Commission as restricted proceedings for ex parte purposes under Section 1.1208 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1208. However, in order to permit a full exchange on the multiple issues under consideration by the Commission, we have concluded that the public interest would be served by classifying this proceeding as permit-but-disclose under the ex parte rules. Accordingly, by this Public Notice, and pursuant to Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1200(a), we announce that this proceeding will be governed by permit-but-disclose ex parte procedures that are applicable to nonrestricted proceedings under Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206.

Permit-but-disclose ex parte procedures permit interested parties to make ex parte presentations to the Commissioners and Commission employees and require that these presentations be disclosed in the record of the relevant proceeding. Persons making a written ex parte presentation to the Commissioners or Commission employees must file the written presentation with the Commission Secretary no later than the next business day after the presentation. 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(1). Persons making oral ex parte presentations must file a summary of the presentation and deliver copies to the Commissioners or Commission employees involved with the presentation no later than the next business day after the presentation. 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(2). All ex parte filings must be clearly labeled as such and must reference this Public Notice, DA 01-2689

An original and one copy of all exparte memoranda must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., TW A-325, Washington, D.C. 20554, in accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(1). In addition, one copy of each ex parte memoranda should be delivered to each of the following locations: (1) the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International (Qualex), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554; and (2) Shaun Maher, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room 2-A820, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of the applications and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained from Qualex. Ex parte memoranda will be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center located at Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties that submit their ex parte memoranda via Federal Express or any other express mail service should use the zip code "20024." Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered memoranda will be accepted at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland, 20743^{1}

For further information, contact Shaun Maher, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, at 418-1600.

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¹ See FCC Announces Changes in Filing Procedures, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2430, released October 17, 2001; FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2436, released October 17, 2001; Clarification on FCC's Announced Changes in Filing Procedures, *Public Notice*, DA 01-2451, released October 18, 2001.