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## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentations in Connection With the

Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control in Connection

With the Sirius/XM Merger, as Amended (MB Docket No. 07-57)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 15, 2008, Jerry Kilgore of Williams Mullen, representing the Consumer Coalition for Competition in Satellite Radio ("C3SR"), spoke with Commissioner McDowell by telephone regarding the above-referenced consolidated application. Mr. Kilgore reiterated C3SR's opposition to the proposed merger of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius").

Mr. Kilgore and Commissioner McDowell also discussed how the Commission would address specific merger-related anticompetitive harms, should the FCC ultimately approve the merger of XM and Sirius subject to conditions. At a minimum, the merged entity should be required to provide all satellite radio subscribers with an interoperable radio, free of charge. These interoperable radios should include integrated AM/FM/HD radio capability. Furthermore, post merger, all satellite radio receivers should be interoperable and include integrated AM/FM/HD radio capability.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules and DA 07-1435, this letter is submitted via ECFS for inclusion in the public record of these proceedings, with an email copy to Commissioner McDowell.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: (via e-mail)

The Honorable Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

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