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Dear Mr. Popham:


In response to your letter of September 24 requesting a delay for the submission of proposals and for the conference on the procedures and structure of the cable distribution proceedings, I spoke with other members of the Tribunal.

In our opinion it is in the best interest of all parties concerned for the proceedings to start as soon as possible. Therefore, we do not feel that a delay now would be advisable.

The conference on October 11 concerns the procedures and structure of the proceedings and not the cable royalty distribution itself; therefore, the NAB should be able to participate without detriment.

I must remind you that at the hearing on September 6, the NAB was among those recommending that a controversy be declared and that there not be a delay.

Sincerely yours,


Douglas Coulter
Chairman