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Petition for Special Relief Seeking a Waiver of Section 73.658(i) of the Commission's Rules BSR-001

Azteca International Corporation ("Azteca America"), a new Spanish-language national broadcast television network, has filed a petition for special relief requesting that the Commission waive Section 73.658(i) of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. §73.658(i)) prohibiting network organizations from representing affiliated broadcast stations in the "spot sales" advertising market. Specifically, Azteca America states that this waiver is necessary in order to ensure a level playing field in the U.S. Spanish-language broadcast television market because the Commission previously granted permanent waivers of this rule to two competing Spanish-language networks, Univision Communications, Inc. ("Univision") and Telemundo Group, Inc. ("Telemundo").

Comments and oppositions to this petition are due on or before **May 9, 2002** and replies on or before **May 19, 2002**. The petition has been assigned file number BSR-001 and this case identifier should be placed on all filings.¹

The petition is available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level:

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