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FCC Media Bureau Posts Staff Reports and Studies on Media Ownership Webpage

Washington, DC – The Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today made public Media Bureau staff reports and studies on media ownership and related issues in response to a request from Chairman Martin.

Media Bureau staff provided copies of all studies and reports, draft or final, regarding media ownership, minority ownership, and localism and related issues that were worked on over the past several years. These studies and reports are now being made available to the public on the FCC's main website.

The FCC is legally entitled to withhold certain internal documents under the deliberative process privilege of Freedom of Information Act Exemption 5D. However, in light of the unique circumstances present in this instance — principally, the FCC's current consideration of the media ownership rules and the very strong level of public interest in this proceeding — the Commission is solely, in an exercise of its own discretion, releasing these materials.

The webpage is located at http://www.fcc.gov/ownership/additional.html.

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