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Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Board Members:

We are writing regarding Application Number 17211 filed on behalf of the National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC), for a special exception pursuant § 211 of the zoning regulations to permit the continued use of a broadcast tower in the R-1-B District at 4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W. As you are aware NBC originally filed an application in 1992 to continue usage of a broadcast tower constructed in 1955 along with a tower subsequently constructed in 1988. The National Park Service recommended that the 1992 application be denied. However, pursuant to Order Number 15708-A (Order), the Board granted approval of the 1992 application, and included conditions that NBC grant NPS a permanent scenic easement over a portion of the NBC property, and repaint the 1955 tower a color subject to the approval of NPS.

Since the issuance of the Order, NBC has worked in good faith with NPS to meet the conditions imposed by the Order. During an onsite meeting with NBC representatives on June 9, 2004, we expressed our approval of the re-painted, muted gray color of the tower. We also discussed the parameters of the proposed scenic easement to be conveyed to NPS by NBC. We continue to work with NBC representatives to develop the final language of the scenic easement and remain confident that a final document will be executed by year's end.

Based upon our recent progress as noted herein, we believe NBC has complied with the tenets of the Order and do not oppose the continued use of the 1955 tower.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Carlstrom

Regional Director, National Capital Region

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