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**Press Statement of Commissioner James H. Quello  
CBS/Westinghouse Transaction**

Whether the Commission should require licensees to do more children's programming is an issue that belongs in the pending children's rulemaking proceeding. Whether Westinghouse is qualified to hold the CBS licenses belongs in the CBS/Westinghouse assignment proceeding. It is inappropriate to use the CBS/Westinghouse assignment proceeding to decide, through a purportedly "voluntary" social contract, key issues in the children's rulemaking proceeding. There is a bright and unmistakable line between the two.

Any type of new regulatory obligation, including a "voluntary" social contract with quantitative programming guidelines or standards, must be approved by a **majority** of this Commission, and not dictated by a single Chairman or Commissioner. The FCC's democratic process must not be circumvented by the unauthorized demands or decisions of one Chairman or one Commissioner.

In my 21 years as a Commissioner, I have been vigilant to assure that our renewal and transfer process is not misused as an administrative form of extortion. I will remain vigilant to this concern in this and other proceedings.

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