



November 21, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex parte* presentation in GN Docket No. 16-142**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 20, 2017, Patrick Butler, President and CEO and Lonna Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, of America's Public Television Stations (APTS) met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her legal advisor, Umair Javed.

APTS stated our support for the ATSC 3.0 broadcast television standard (or "Next-Generation TV") and the voluntary deployment by Public Television Broadcasters.<sup>1</sup> APTS addressed the benefits of ATSC 3.0 in terms of the enhanced services public television stations will provide to their communities. Specifically, APTS discussed the public safety services that our stations provide now to first responders and in alert and warning, which will increase and expand with ATSC 3.0. ATSC 3.0 will allow the ability to "wake up" receiver devices when emergency alerts are transmitted overnight and will improve accessibility measures for both hearing and visually impaired viewers.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

/s/ Lonna Thompson  
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<sup>1</sup> Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GN Docket No. 16-142 (Feb. 24, 2017) ("ATSC 3.0 NPRM").