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Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Docket No. 05-311

COMMENTS OF GREATER NORTHSHIRE ACCESS TELEVISION, INC. (GNAT-TV)

Dear Commissioners,

I write you in regards to the aforementioned matter concerning future funding of our local GNAT television station.

I think it is imperative that you are appraised of the significant value that the GNAT station provides to our local area. As a lifelong resident of Vermont, I can attest that there is very limited access to local news and events. Outside of the GNAT station, all of our television access is geared toward the Albany, New York or the Burlington, Vermont area. As news print becomes rarer more and more people are relying on television for their local news. Vermont has one of the highest projected increases in elderly population. Many of those individuals do not use or in many cases do not have access to the internet thus further limiting their access to information.

The police department utilizes GNAT to disseminate information and educate the community on public safety matters. Their ability to rapidly disseminate information to the community is important. We consider GNAT a valuable source. I personally watch the televised public meetings as a way to keep abreast of local events and to get a sense of public sentiment on various issues. I interact with many people who also like to watch GNAT to keep up on the local news and events.

GNAT-TV is a great asset to our community in so many ways it would be difficult to list them all.

Please consider how important the GNAT-TV is to our community in keeping things local.

Regards,

Chief Michael Hall