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Date: 12/3/96 7:57pm
Subject: The Digital TV Agreement of 1996

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Dear Sirs,

Not that it will matter, but I do take exception to your bureaucratic decision to take away another of my basic freedoms. That being my basic "Freedom of Choice."

I made the decision NOT to put a "lightening attracting device" on my roof and I made the decision NOT to have the local cable company (Paragon) decide when and what I could watch. However, in your infinite wisdom, you have decided that YOU can tell me what, when and where I can watch PUBLIC BROADCASTING.

In MY estimation, I was not able to receive an acceptable "local" broadcast signal from the FOX affiliate (KFOX) in El Paso, TX. However, YOUR office seems to know better than anyone (even though you are in D.C. and I am in El Paso) what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. YOU are violating my basic American Constitutional rights, and I resent it!!

I contacted the local affiliate (KFOX) and they wouldn't even discuss the matter. So much for the people that have the MONEY and CONNECTIONS. Who do you work for....THE BIG MONEY???

Even though you will continue in your efforts to deny me of my basic rights under the Constitution (which I used to think were infallible) I WILL FIGHT
YOU AND YOUR BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS THAT HAVE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN I DO!!

I really do not believe that ANYONE in your bureaucratic organization will even take the time to read this message, much less take the few minutes to respond to one of the MANY people that pay YOUR salary.

Thank You,
(this is for your FBI files)
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Media Docket No.87-268.

I wish to join with others in urging the Commission to demand that the Public Interest obligations of spectrum users be spelled out with enforcement provisions before any allotment of digital frequencies be made.

John M. Phelan
Professor and Director
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Hello,

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I support the Benton initiative to define public interest obligations in the digital age.

I feel that broadcasters' need to fulfill public interest obligations before they receive their digital licenses.

I design educational Internet Sites and I have witnessed the learning and enthusiasm that digital media brings to youth. This is an opportunity to create a new model for content broadcast into the American home.

Best regards,
Share Reeves

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From: Henry, Dane <DHenry@LRS.com>
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Gentlemen:

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My family and I urgently request your support in requiring broadcasters to specifically define their public interest obligations, in public, before they can be considered to receive their digital broadcast licenses. Let us not repeat the major mistakes of the past.

Thank you,

Dane K. Henry
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Federal Communications Commission
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These comments pertain to FCC Mass Media Docket No. 87-268.

We strongly support the position taken by the Benton Foundation and others that broadcasters' public interest obligations should be defined before they receive their digital licenses. In Pittsburgh and other metropolitan areas efforts are underway, now, to define more precisely the parameters of public-private partnerships between municipalities and technology businesses (including businesses that are built on the extensive use of technology.) In our particular case we are seeking to pair our own, limited, local leverage with respect to rights of way, and so forth with the desire of technology vendors, cable television companies, broadcasters, ISP's, and others for access to public markets and various franchise options.

We have been hard at work with local foundation partners building community computer networks and Internet connectivity projects in the Pittsburgh area. Sustaining those efforts through on-going training of citizens and technical support for a limited number of neighborhood-sited hubs, e.g., is a challenge with which we are dealing, now. FCC should help to promote the proliferation and continued technical sustainability of these types of local, community efforts by making it clear through the rule-making process that broadcasters (and for that matter any other purveyors or exploiters of technology that fall under its jurisdiction) are expected to adhere to certain federal standards with respect to public interest obligations. Furthermore, we believe that FCC should include specific reference in its rule-making to local, municipal efforts, such as the one in the Pittsburgh area. That could be accomplished, we suggest, by requiring evidence to be submitted by broadcasters that they have entered into local agreements prior to the granting by FCC of digital licenses.

We recognize it may be easier for some to grasp such a requirement in the case of the use by a private company of actual municipal rights of way or local infrastructure. We believe, however, that the use of the airways by a broadcaster under a federal license (for which they're not really paying anything) should also carry a tangible obligation consistent with federal intent and local technology efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please let us know, if there is additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,

Dave Farley
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City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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drhenley@aol.com (Dr. Jim Henley) sent the following:

I am writing to express my support for defining broadcasters' public interest obligations before being granted digital television licenses.

I support the Benton initiative to define broadcasters' public interest obligations in the digital age. -----

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broadcasters' public interest obligations before they receive their digital licenses

Francis X. Sheehan
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