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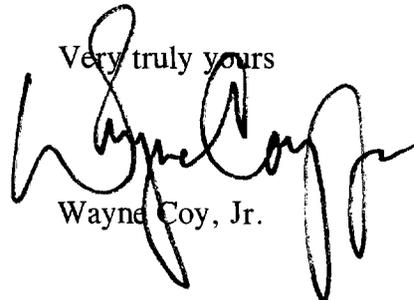
**Re: Petition for Reconsideration  
MM Docket No. 87-268  
Sixth Report and Order**

Dear Mr. Caton

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, licensee of noncommercial educational television stations KETA and KTLC, Oklahoma City, KWET, Cheyenne, KOET, Eufaula, and KOED, Tulsa, all Oklahoma, are the original and five (5) copies of its Petition for Reconsideration in the above-referenced proceeding.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours



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# Federal Communications Commission

In the Matter of )  
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Advanced Television Systems )  
and Their Impact upon the )  
Existing Television Broadcast )  
Service )

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## PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SIXTH REPORT AND ORDER

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, licensee of Television Broadcast Stations KETA and KTLC, Oklahoma City, KWET, Cheyenne, KOED, Eufaula, and KOET, Tulsa, all Oklahoma, ("OETA), pursuant to Section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules, respectfully requests that the time for interested parties to seek reconsideration of the DTV Table of Allotments adopted in the Sixth Report and Order in the above-captioned proceeding ("Sixth Report") be postponed until sixty days after the Commission publishes OET Bulletin No. 69, in order that meaningful reconsideration of the allotments can be had. In support of its position, OETA states:

1. OETA notes from the outset that the staff of the Commission has been able to complete the staggering task of establishing a set of Rules and a Table of Allocations that will enable the entire television industry to have a smooth and efficient transition to the digital world that lies ahead. The rules adopted in the Sixth Report will permit most of the existing television stations to begin serving their existing audiences with digital programming with minimum of disruption to existing service, and, indeed, expand the offerings of those stations to serve the multifaceted needs

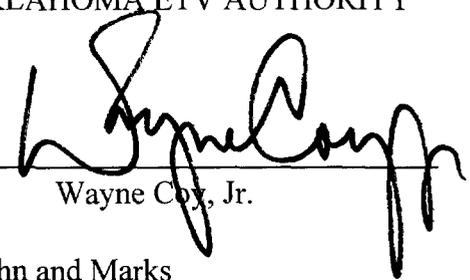
of their communities as well. OETA is also pleased to recognize the flexibility for public stations who face the transition with great trepidation.

2. Because OETA has five transmitters in four different cities in the State, it has a major stake in wanting to know if it can maintain or improve its coverage to all the citizens of the State. Furthermore, because OETA makes extensive use of Television translators to fill in its gaps in coverage, OETA is vitally concerned that the new allocations allow it, through transmitters and translators alike, to continue its comprehensive coverage.

3. Normally, the time for seeking reconsideration of rule making determinations provided in the Commission's Rules is adequate for the presentation to the Commission of the pertinent considerations. In this case, however, that is not the case, because key information is completely within the control of the Commission and has not yet been released for use by interested parties. The period provided in the Rules for seeking reconsideration is adequate when the interested parties are in possession of, or can obtain, all of the information needed for reconsideration. It is not when the Commission has, but does not make available key information.

Respectfully submitted  
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