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In the Matter of )  
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Advanced Television Systems ) MM Docket No. 87-268  
and Their Impact Upon the )  
Existing Television Broadcast )  
Service )

To: The Commission

**SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

The Ohio State University ("OSU"), licensee of noncommercial educational television station WOSU-TV, Channel \*34, Columbus, Ohio, by its counsel, hereby supplements its June 13, 1997 Petition for Reconsideration ("Petition") of the *Sixth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC 97-115 (released April 21, 1997) ("*Sixth R&O*"). OSU's concern with the *Sixth R&O* relates to its allotment of Channel \*38 as WOSU-TV's paired digital TV channel.<sup>1/</sup>

As described more fully in the Petition, OSU's use of Channel \*38 for WOSU-TV may result in substantial and unnecessary hardship, as it may require OSU and/or other TV stations using OSU's tower to relocate NTSC or DTV operations to a new tower. OSU stated that it was reviewing the engineering issues and would work diligently to find

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<sup>1/</sup> In the *Order*, DA 97-1377 (released July 2, 1997), the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, provided parties requesting reconsideration of individual DTV allotments until August 22, 1997 to submit supplemental information relating to their petitions.

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a workable alternative DTV channel that could operate from the OSU tower without significant disruption to other tower users.

Unfortunately, despite OSU's efforts, no other channel has been identified at this time that would permit the sharing of television antennas in a manner that would accommodate the DTV facilities for stations that now use the OSU tower. Therefore, OSU hereby limits its request on reconsideration to urging the FCC to consider favorably the future substitution of an alternative channel for WOSU-TV's DTV Channel \*38 if, as a result of further analysis and cooperation among local television stations, a channel becomes available for WOSU-TV's use.<sup>2/</sup> Additional channels might become available due to TV stations ceasing broadcasting on either their NTSC or DTV channels or other changes in the Table of Allotments (such as channel changes arising out of petitions for reconsideration in MM Docket No. 87-268 or future petitions for rulemaking).

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<sup>2/</sup> As a result of OSU's participation in this proceeding on reconsideration, it would expect to have priority over parties not participating as DTV channels become available for use at Columbus.

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Respectfully submitted,

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