



March 14, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matters of Amendment of Part II of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System (PS Docket No. 15-94); and Wireless Emergency Alerts (PS Docket No. 15-91)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to notify you that on March 10, 2016, Patrick Butler, President and CEO, and Lonna Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, of America's Public Television Stations (APTS); Mark O'Brien, President & CTO, SpectraRep; Michael Levy, Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President, Kristina Cushing de Recinos, Vice President, Operations, and Anne, Brachman, Vice President of Government Affairs, of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting (CPB); and Dana Golub, Senior Director, Public Programs, of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)(collectively "Public Broadcasting Representatives") met with Admiral David G. Simpson, Gregory Cooke, Brian Marengo, Nicole McGinnis, Roberto Mussenden, and Austin Randazzo, of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

The Public Broadcasting Representatives updated the Admiral and his staff on the work being done in public safety and alert and warning by the public stations across the country, both in their communities and with PBS in WARN as part of the WEA system. They noted the resolution that the APTS member stations adopted at its recent annual meeting that pledged in principle to devote 1 Mbps of digital capacity by public television stations for participation in the FirstNet public safety network, which can increase in times of emergency.

The Public Broadcasting Representatives discussed the role public media can play in educating individuals in communities before and after EAS and WEA testing and in convening community entities who can contribute to the relevance of the testing. Additionally they discussed the capacity of public television stations to connect public safety officials together and to connect these officials with the public. They addressed the importance of Next Generation 911 taking advantage of this capability.

The Public Broadcasting Representatives look forward to working closely with the Commission to ensure that the essential services provided by public stations across the country continue to enhance the Commission's work in public safety.

Submitted by,

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