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Ms. Marlene Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: MB Docket No. 03-15
File No. BFRECT-20050209AKQ
File No. BFRECT-20050210ATK

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. ("CPBI") wishes to comment on WABC's pending Emergency Request for Waiver relating to its selection of digital Channel 7 for WABC-DT in New York City.

We support the positions of WABC and of Educational Broadcasting Corporation ("EBC"), licensee of noncommercial television station WNET, in this matter. As EBC stated in its September 1, 2005 Comments, enabling WABC-DT to broadcast post-transition on Channel 7 will benefit the public interest not only because of the VHF band's superior building penetration capability, but also because WNET-DT, which must remain in that band on Channel 13 because its DTV assignment is Channel 61, would lose viewers in the virtually all-UHF New York City environment that will result for former World Trade Center broadcasters if the Emergency Request is denied. In such an environment, consumers are unlikely to realize the need for the costlier, more bulky dual-band antennas required to receive WNET's VHF digital signal, and the burden and cost of trying to explain this to the public will fall on WNET.

We also note that grant of the Emergency Request could facilitate the commencement of digital public television service to Hartford, Connecticut, by removing a potential obstacle to our ability to provide such service. As the Commission is aware, WABC has opposed CPBI's long-pending request to utilize Channel 45 for WEDH-DT in Hartford (BPEDT-19990113KG) because WABC's DTV assignment is also Channel 45. For this additional reason, approval of

WABC's request for Channel 7 for digital television service in New York -- in lieu of Channel 45 -- would benefit the public interest.

Very truly yours,



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