



May 30, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 00-168; MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to report permitted, oral *ex parte* communications of the Association of Public Television Stations (“APTS”) and Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”) concerning the above-referenced *Enhanced Disclosure* and *Localism* proceedings.

Yesterday, Lonna Thompson of APTS and the undersigned of PBS met with Commissioner Michael J. Cops and his Senior Legal Advisor/Media Advisor, Rick C. Chessen. With Malena Barzilai of APTS and Andrew W. Givens of PBS, Ms. Thompson and the undersigned also met with Cristina Pauzé, Legal Advisor for Media to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell. In each meeting, the APTS/PBS representatives discussed Public Television’s commitment to localism and accountability, and addressed the points described in the attached documents, copies of which were provided at the meeting.

In addition, at the request of Commissioner Cops, the parties are providing documentation concerning the Station Activities Benchmarking Study (“SABS”) and Station Activities Survey (“SAS”) reports. Public television stations that receive grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (“CPB”) are required to provide these reports on an annual basis to CPB. Among other data included in the reports, each CPB-qualified public television station presents its:

- Number of hours of locally produced content, further organized by the following categories: State/local government or election coverage, Informational call-in broadcast, News, Public Affairs, Arts and Culture, Sports Programming, Pledge Programs, Pledge Breaks & Auction, Educational, and All Other Local Production;

- Number of hours of locally produced content that employs closed captioning, and number of hours of locally produced programming that uses the Secondary Audio Programming (“SAP”) channel;
- Local community outreach and educational activities that support unserved or underserved audiences;
- Production activity that supports unserved or underserved audiences; and
- On-air programs and off-air activities planned for the coming year to connect the station more closely with its community.

As noted in the meeting with Commissioner Copps, although stations’ completed SABS and SAS reports are not currently made public, CPB has indicated to APTS that it would not object to public disclosure of the above-described portions of the reports.

Please direct any questions concerning this information to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew S. DelNero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew S. DelNero

cc: Hon. Michael J. Copps  
Rick C. Chessen  
Cristina Pauzé