



October 15, 2009

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

Re: *National Broadband Plan*, GN Docket No. 09-51
Mobile Wireless Competition, WT Docket No. 09-66
Fostering Innovation and Investment in the Wireless Communications Market, GN Docket No. 09-157
Spectrum for Broadband, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-137
Public Interest Obligations of Licensees, MM Docket No. 99-360
Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements, MM Docket No. 00-168
Broadcast Localism, MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 14, 2009, the Association of Public Television Stations (“APTS”), represented by Lonna Thompson, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, met with Rosemary Harold, Legal Advisor, Media, for Commissioner Robert McDowell.

The participants discussed the unique nature of the public broadcasting system and local public television stations, and the way stations integrate a variety of delivery methods, including broadcast, Internet, and grassroots outreach, to further their goals of localism, diversity, and education. In particular, stations are increasingly aligning their video programming with their ever-growing Internet-based content, and are developing innovative online applications that can help spur demand for broadband and enhance its utility for the public.

The APTS representative also explained that local public television stations are making full use of their spectrum to deliver high-definition programming, numerous multicast streams, and invaluable datacasting services to enhance education, public health, and public safety at the local and national levels. Finally, APTS emphasized its hope that, when considering the imposition of additional disclosure and public interest obligations on broadcasters, the Commission will continue to recognize the inherent differences between commercial and noncommercial broadcasters.

Copies of the attached documents were provided. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lonna Thompson
Lonna Thompson
Senior Vice President and General Counsel