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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future,
GN Docket No. 09-51, 09-137 and 09-47

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, at the facilities of Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc. (“WETA”), Joseph Bruns and Christopher Lane, each of WETA and John S. McCoskey, Jim Kutzner, Eric Wolf and Andrew Givens, each of the Public Broadcasting Service (“PBS”), met with Adam Gerson, Brian Weeks, and John Gabrysch of the Commission staff. The meeting took place at the request of Mr. Gerson for the purpose of discussing WETA’s approach to management of its digital bandwidth, through which WETA provides multiple streams of children’s, news and public affairs, history and culture, and science and nature public television programming to an average of 1.3 million viewers in the Washington area each week.

Topics discussed included WETA’s significant investment in and early adoption of digital television (“DTV”) technology; the evolution of WETA’s approach to DTV programming and spectrum management; how WETA determines, based upon its assessment of the needs of the community, tradeoffs between signal quality and the number of program streams provided within its 19.39 Mbps bitstream; practical considerations in multiplexing; and distinctions between perceived and measured signal quality. The information provided by the WETA and PBS representatives underscored the increased level of noncommercial services made possible by public television’s embrace of the DTV platform.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, this letter is being submitted electronically in the above-referenced docket. If there are any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew S. DelNero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Matthew S. DelNero
Counsel to PBS

cc: Adam Gerson
Brian Weeks
John Gabrysch