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## **COMMISSIONER ABERNATHY APPLAUDS MULTICASTING AGREEMENT REACHED BY PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTERS AND CABLE INDUSTRY**

Washington, DC — Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy issued the following statement today:

“I applaud the Association of Public Television Stations and the National Cable & Telecommunications for striking an important accord on the multicasting of digital television programming. These organizations and their members deserve enormous credit for their hard work and dedication to ensuring the wide dissemination of high-quality digital television content. Public broadcasters have been responsible for developing excellent children’s programming and other content that benefits the public enormously, so I am extremely pleased that their innovative digital channels will be available to cable subscribers throughout the country. This agreement on the voluntary carriage of multiple programming streams represents an important milestone in advancing the digital television transition, and, just as importantly, it demonstrates the viability of market-based solutions.”

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