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STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ON APTS/NCTA DIGITAL TV CARRIAGE AGREEMENT

I would like to congratulate the Association for Public Television Stations and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association on their progressive digital television carriage agreement. This monumental marketplace agreement will ensure that some of the most innovative high-definition and multicast broadcast programming will find its way into cable homes across the country.

Today's announcement serves as a testament to both the public broadcast community's commitment to driving the DTV transition and cable operators' willingness to carry compelling digital broadcast programming to its subscribers. I also want to commend Commissioners Adelstein and Abernathy on their efforts to encourage this voluntary industry agreement.

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