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Before The  
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY TRIBUNAL  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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In Re )  
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Cable Copyright Rate ) Docket No. CRT 85-3 85CA  
Adjustment Proceeding )  
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) enters its appearance in the cable copyright rate adjustment proceeding initiated by notice dated July 9, 1986 addressed to the proposal of WTBS that all present and future instances of distant cable carriage of its signal be at the "statutory rate" (as adjusted at five year intervals) and that none of its distant signal carriage be at the "3.75" rate established by the Tribunal following certain FCC rule changes. PBS is an "interested party" in that the proposed rate adjustment will or may affect the economic interests of public television copyright owners. Section 301.65 and 301.52 of the Tribunal's regulations; Section 553(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(c). The distant signals of public television stations are also carried at the "statutory rate." Considering the major role that WTBS plays in the overall picture of distant signal carriage under Section 111 of the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. 111, the proposed rate reduction for existing

and future WTBS distant signal carriage may impact (1) subscriber rates for basic service charged by cable operators and the average rate per subscriber employed in the "statutory" rate adjustment process every five years; and (2) the amount and composition of the "basic fund," in which public television participates, and the relationship between that fund and the "3.75 fund," in all future cable distribution proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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