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Public File Letter Satellite Carriage

Re: WBEC-TV, Boca Raton, Florida
NCE Mandatory Carriage – Satellite Carriers
Miami DMA and Palm Beach County (Home County)
2021-2023 Carriage Cycle and thereafter.

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 76.66 (c)(5), the School Board of Broward County, Florida, licensee of noncommercial educational television station WBEC-TV at Boca Raton, Florida, by counsel, hereby resubmits its request for mandatory local-into-local satellite carriage.

Since its repacking last year, WBEC-TV, licensed at Boca Raton, in Palm Beach County, Florida, operates digitally in HD on Channel 25 from a tower located at SW 28th Street in Pembroke Park, Florida, and places a Grade B contour over Broward County and the bulk of Dade and Palm Beach Counties (a copy of its coverage map is contained within this online public file). Since October of 2005, WBEC-TV has been assigned to the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale DMA, but also serves Palm Beach County its "Home-County." WBEC-TV is presently carried by each satellite carrier in both the Miami DMA and in Palm Beach County.

In accordance with 47 CFR § 76.66 (e)(1) and (4), WBEC-TV respectfully requests mandatory carriage within the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale DMA (its local market), and also within Palm Beach County, pursuant to the so-called home county exception.¹ WBEC-TV as an independent non commercial educational station does not substantially duplicate the programming of any other area station. WBEC-TV is currently providing an adequately strong signal to the carrier's designated uplink locations, but is fully prepared to arrange for delivery of the signal to those locations if changed circumstances so require.

Please contact Engineering Manager Chuck Griffin at (754) 321-1030 to discuss carriage issues, channel placement options or engineering questions. You may direct any legal questions to Evan Carb, our communications counsel at (202) 293-2555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck Griffin", is written over a white background.

Chuck Griffin

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