

# FCC 388

## DTV Consumer Education Quarterly Activity Report

### Instructions

This form should be used to provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with information pertaining to all station activity to educate consumers on the transition to digital television (DTV). All stations should log DTV Transition-Related Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and other DTV activities using the appropriate house (identification) numbers. These logs or records should include the date and time that each DTV activity occurred. This form must be filed in Docket Number 07-148 as Document Type: REPORT, and placed in the station's Public Inspection File. This form must continue to be filed for each quarter in which a station has DTV Transition education obligations.

- Go to the ECFS upload page: [http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload\\_v2.cgi](http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi)
- Fill out the relevant cover sheet information.
- In the "Send Comment Files to FCC (Attachments)" section click the "Browse" button to choose the file you want to attach. (Or the first file if you have multiple files to attach)
- Click on the "Select one of these file types or convert your file to one of these types:" dropdown to choose the type of file that was attached.
- Click "Send Attached File to FCC"
- If you only had one file to attach click "Finish Transaction and Receive Confirmation".
- If you have another file to attach, click on the "Enter Additional Attachments"

Station Call Sign(s)

WSBN-TV

Report reflects information for quarter ending (mm/dd/yy)

12/31/08

Have you opted to comply with Option One, Two, or Three (once elected, this choice may not change)?

Option One (A and D)

Option Two (B and D)

Option Three (C and D)

Over the past quarter, have you fully complied with the requirements of this option?

Yes  No

### Simulcasting

Are you simulcasting on your Analog channel and your primary Digital stream?

Yes  No

If **YES**, complete only one form for both. If **NO**, complete a form for your Analog channel and a second for your primary Digital stream

Call Sign  WSBN-TV	Channel Numbers		Community of License			
	Analog	47 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	State	County	Zip Code
Digital	32 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NORTON	VA	N/A	24015	
Licensee BLUE RIDGE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.						
Above, circle the Channel Number(s) to which this form applies.			Nielsen DMA	World Wide Web Home Page Address		
			TRI-CITIES TN-VA	WWW.BLUERIDGEPBS.ORG		
Facility ID Number	Previous Call Sign (if applicable)		License Renewal Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)			
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**Section A (For broadcasters electing Option One)**

Stations that elect Option One must place a copy of this form on the station's public website, if such exists.

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must air one transition PSA, and run one transition crawl, in every quarter of every day. This requirement will increase to two PSAs and crawls per quarter per day on April 1, 2008, and to three of each on October 1, 2008. Stations are required to air PSAs or crawls at various times in any given day part, and at least one PSA and one crawl per day must be run during primetime hours. On-air education must not contain inaccurate or misleading statements and must be provided in the same language as a majority of the programming carried by the station. PSAs must be at least 15 seconds, and closed-captioned. Crawls must run during programming for no fewer than 60 consecutive seconds across the bottom or top of the viewing area (See rules for additional details).

Have you aired a sufficient number of eligible PSAs (28, 56, or 84 per week, depending on the reporting period) during the correct quarters of the day?

Yes       No

Have you aired a sufficient number of eligible crawls (28, 56, or 84 per week, depending on the reporting period) during the correct quarters of the day?

Yes       No

**Section B (For broadcasters electing Option Two)**

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must run an average of 16 transition-related PSAs and 16 transition-related crawls, snipes, and/or tickers per week in each quarter, all between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m.. It must also run one 30 minute DTV-related informational program once, and one 100-Day Countdown piece per day for the 100 days prior to the conclusion of the transition. Comment boxes MUST be used to describe these compliant activities (See rules for additional details).

**Total Number of Eligible DTV Transition-Related PSAs and Crawls, Snipes, and/or Tickers (CSTs) Run -- Last Quarter**

How many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. last quarter?

Total 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. PSAs

Total 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. CSTs

For informational purposes only, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.?

Total 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. PSAs

Total 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. CSTs

For stations located in the Eastern or Pacific Time Zone, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. (must average at least 4 per week)?

Total 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. PSAs

Total 6:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. CSTs

For stations located in the Central or Mountain Time Zone, how many DTV PSAs and CSTs did your station run in the last quarter from 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.(must average at least 4 per week)?

Total 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m. PSAs

Total 5:00 p.m. to 10:35 p.m. CSTs

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**30 Minute Educational Programs – Last Quarter**

How many 30 minute, DTV-related informational programs did your station run during the quarter? At least one such program must be run between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:35 p.m., prior to February 17, 2009.

Total number of 30 Minute Informational Programs

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**100-Day Countdown Eligible Pieces – Last Quarter**

Beginning on November 10, 2008, all stations participating in Option Two will engage in special 100-Day “Countdown to DTV” activities. Stations must execute a minimum of one “Countdown to DTV” on-air activity per day during the 100 days leading up to February 17, 2009. During the last quarter, how many of each eligible 100-Day “Countdown to DTV” pieces did your station run?

*Graphic Displays*

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*Animated Graphics*

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*Graphic and Audio Displays*

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*Longer Form Reminders*

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Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**Section C (For Noncommercial broadcasters only)**

On its analog channel, and its primary digital stream, a station must air 60 seconds per day of on-air consumer education, in variable timeslots, including at least 7.5 minutes per month between 6 pm and 12 am. Beginning May 1, 2008, this requirement doubles, and beginning November 1, 2008, it increases again, to 180 seconds per day and 22.5 minutes per month between 6 pm and midnight. It must also run one 30 minute transition education piece once (See rules for additional details).

Have you aired a sufficient amount of consumer education (60, 120, or 180 seconds per day, depending on the date) during each day this quarter?

Yes     No

**30 Minute Educational Programs – Last Quarter**

How many 30 minute, DTV-related informational programs did your station run during the quarter? The comment box may be used to describe this activity. At least one such program must be run between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:35 p.m., prior to February 17, 2009.

Total number of 30 Minute Informational Programs

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Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**ABC'S OF HDTV (THIS PROGRAM AIRED 4 TIMES ON THE ANALOG AND MAIN SD CHANNEL)**

PBS favorite Nick Clooney hosts this new look at the confusing world of digital television. As the date approaches when broadcasters must convert to digital-only format, many viewers are worried that the equipment they own will no longer be operational. Others have many questions about purchasing the digital televisions coming onto the market. In this program, which is geared toward older PTV viewers, host Nick Clooney provides clarity on some frequently asked questions such as do I have to buy a new television? What kind of equipment do I need to purchase if I want to keep my old TV? What's the difference between DTV and HDTV? What kind of TV should I get? If I have cable, do I need to get a new TV? How can I take advantage of the government coupon offer? Spokespersons from some of the major electronics chains offer information on subjects such as 720p and 1080i, the difference between plasma and LCD, and answer other popular questions. PBS President Paula Kerger and KET Programming Director Craig Cornwell talk about the new possibilities presented by the digital transition from a national and a local perspective, including multicasting.

**GET READY FOR DIGITAL TV (THIS PROGRAM AIRED 51 TIMES ON ANALOG, MAIN SD AND HD CHANNEL)**

Famous do-it-yourselfers Norm Abram and Kevin O'Connor of THIS OLD HOUSE offer digital television how-to guidance and tips to ensure that viewers across America are prepared to successfully make the switch to digital television in their homes before the analog shutoff in February 2009. Maria Hinojosa of NOW ON PBS will share the latest DTV news from the field.

**Section D (For all broadcasters)**

**Additional DTV On-air Initiatives – Last Quarter**

Did your station run additional on-air initiatives (such as news reports, town hall meetings, etc.) during the quarter? The comment box may be used to describe these initiatives.

Yes  No

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

DURING ON-AIR FUNDRAISING ON DECEMBER 6, 7-8:30 P.M., BLUE RIDGE PBS TALKED TO VIEWERS ABOUT THE DTV TRANSITION, RESOURCES, CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM, CONVERTER BOX HOOKUP AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO BE READY.

**Station Website Additional Activity Related to the DTV Transition – Last Quarter**

Does your station have a Website?  Yes  No

If YES, did your station provide additional DTV related information or activities on that Website? The comment box may be used to describe what was posted on the station's Website.

Yes  No

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

IN JANUARY 2008, A WEBPAGE WAS CREATED TO EDUCATE VIEWERS ABOUT THE DTV CONVERSION. THE PAGE INCLUDES: A COUNTDOWN CLOCK TO FEBRUARY 17, 2009; INFORMATION ABOUT DTV AND HOW TO GET A DTV SIGNAL; DESCRIPTIONS OF BLUE RIDGE PBS' DIGITAL PROGRAM SERVICE; AND LINKS TO THE DTV CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM, THE DTV ANSWERS WEBSITE AND MORE. THE BLUE RIDGE PBS DIGITAL INFORMATION PAGE IS ACCESSIBLE BY MULTIPLE LINKS FROM THE BLUE RIDGE PBS HOMEPAGE AND DIRECTLY AT [HTTP://WWW.BLUERIDGEPBS.ORG/HTML/DIGITAL/DIGITAL.HTML](http://www.blueridgepbs.org/html/digital/digital.html).

**Additional DTV Outreach Efforts -- Last Quarter**

Check all of the DTV related activities listed below that your station engaged in over the last quarter. The comment box may be used to describe this activity.

Speaking Engagements

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

Community Events

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

Other (describe)

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

BLUE RIDGE PBS CREATED AN INTERNAL VOICE MAIL SYSTEM FOR RESPONDING TO DTV QUERIES. WE ALSO DEVELOPED AN

<b>INFORMATION SHEET TO MAIL OR EMAIL TO PEOPLE WHO WANT BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSITION.</b>
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**This comment box may be used to include other comments or information about your station's DTV activity over the last quarter.**

Comments (add additional sheets where necessary):

**STATION CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the statements in this document are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing  JAMES BAUM	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing  PRESIDENT AND CEO
Signature  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date  01/07/2009

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