

Supplemental Showing Regarding Qualifications
as a Noncommercial Educational Entity

At the request of the Media Bureau staff, the Foundation for Public Broadcasting in Georgia, Inc. (the “Foundation”) submits this supplement to its pending application to demonstrate that the Foundation is qualified to operate Station WQMT as a noncommercial educational FM radio station pursuant to Section 73.503 of the Commission’s rules.

For more than twenty-five years, the Foundation has operated as a nonprofit entity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, in furtherance of the educational and public broadcasting mission of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission (“GPTC”), an agency of the State of Georgia that holds nine television and fifteen FM noncommercial educational broadcast station licenses. Through the Foundation’s ongoing performance of its purposes and objectives and its close, integrated relationship with GPTC, the Foundation is dedicated to providing the listeners in Chatsworth, Georgia, with the same high quality nonprofit and noncommercial educational FM radio service as GPTC provides to residents elsewhere in the State.

The Foundation is a nonprofit entity organized under the laws of the State of Georgia to assist GPTC in delivering educational and public broadcast programming throughout the State of Georgia. The Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation state that its objects and purposes are “to acquire and administer funds and property, which... shall be devoted exclusively to educational and charitable[] purposes which promote, aid and advance educational and public broadcasting, public telecommunications in general and the aims and objectives of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission in providing educational and public broadcasting to the citizens of the State of Georgia.” Articles of Incorporation of “The Foundation for Public Broadcasting in Georgia, Incorporated,” § 3 (Aug. 13, 1982). The Foundation’s By-Laws further

provide that its purpose “is to further the advancement of public and educational broadcasting in Georgia as set forth in the Articles” and its objectives “are to acquire and administer funds and property that after repayment of necessary expenses shall be devoted exclusively to educational and charitable purposes that promote, aid, and advance educational and public broadcasting, as well as public telecommunications in general and the aims and objectives of the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission in providing educational and public broadcasting to all the citizens of the State of Georgia.” Bylaws of the Foundation for Public Broadcasting in Georgia, Inc., (revised and effective May 18, 2005).¹

The Foundation’s closely integrated relationship with GPTC will enable the Foundation to advance the noncommercial educational service of Station WQMT. The Foundation’s leadership is closely tied to the GPTC and has a strong background in and commitment to educational broadcasting. The president of the Foundation, Nancy G. Hall, is the executive director of the GPTC and has worked for the GPTC since 1995. Ms. Hall previously worked for several years with the State’s Department of Education. She is active in other educational and children’s organizations, including as a member of the Board of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education. Two of the Foundation’s directors, Michael McDougald and Lowell L. Register, also serve as members of the GPTC. Mr. McDougald, the Foundation’s Chairman, serves as Vice Chairman of GPTC and is a retired broadcasting executive. Mr. Register serves as Chairman of the GPTC and is the president of a family-owned broadcasting company.

The Foundation is acquiring Station WQMT in order to provide residents of northwest Georgia with noncommercial educational radio programming offered by the GPTC. Due to legal

¹ Copies of the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are attached hereto in support of this contingent application to designate Station WQMT as a noncommercial educational station.

and fiscal constraints applicable to GPTC, it was not practicable for the GPTC to acquire the station, and the Foundation stepped in, pursuant to its mandate, to take advantage of this opportunity to serve an unserved population in a rural portion of the State. Station WQMT will deliver the same programming offered by National Public Radio and American Public Radio as broadcast by GPTC's fifteen public radio stations as well as the GPTC's locally produced noncommercial educational programming.

In sum, the Foundation proposes, upon approval of its acquisition of Station WQMT, to operate the station as an integral part of the noncommercial educational radio service offered by the GPTC and is qualified to hold a noncommercial educational license under Section 73.503 of the Commission's rules. This proposal is consistent with and would further the Foundation's primary purpose and objective of aiding the GPTC in delivering educational programming to the citizens of the State of Georgia. Through its relationship with the GPTC, the Foundation has leadership with strong educational broadcasting expertise and access to award-winning public radio programming that qualifies the Foundation to deliver a nonprofit and noncommercial educational radio programming service to the residents of Chatsworth, Georgia.