

PBS America

Dear Ofcom

We are responding in relation to the proposed approach to DTT use of the 700 MHz duplex gap after the award. This is set out in Section 10 of the consultation. Our views are as follows.

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In terms of the process that is anticipated for the clearance of the 700s we understand that capacity is guaranteed until June 2020 and after that the operators will be on a rolling one month notice period to vacate the frequency. We would like to request a three month notice period in order to be able to communicate effectively with viewers. Our channel had a unique reach on Freeview on 2.4 million viewers in 2018 and our PBS content is not shared with any other channel. I expect a strong reaction of disappointment from viewers when we leave Freeview homes and three months gives us a more realistic chance of being able to give viewers reasonable notice.

Regards,

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