

# Hearst Television and Cox Communications Reach Retransmission Consent Agreement

ATLANTA and NEW YORK - September 6, 2017 - Hearst Television and Cox Communications today jointly announced a restoration of the Hearst Television stations to the Cox cable systems in five television markets.

The stations and markets are the NBC affiliates WESH-TV, Orlando, and WDSU-TV, New Orleans; and the ABC affiliates KOCO-TV, Oklahoma City; KETV, Omaha; and KHBS-TV/KHOG-TV, Fort Smith/Fayetteville, Ark.

The Hearst signals were briefly discontinued on the Cox systems in these markets beginning late Tuesday night, September 5, after an impasse was reached in retransmission-consent negotiations following the expiration of an existing contract.

“We are thankful for the patience of our viewers,” said Jordan Wertlieb, Hearst Television president. “We appreciate that both parties recognized the heightened sense of urgency to resolve these negotiations both fairly and quickly so that our respective viewers and customers could be once again served by our stations.”

“We’re pleased to have reached an agreement and appreciate our customers being patient as we worked through the process,” said Andy Albert, Cox Communications senior vice president, content acquisition.

## **About Cox**

Cox is a broadband communications and entertainment company, providing advanced digital video, Internet, telephone and home security and automation services over its own nationwide IP network. The third-largest U.S. cable company, Cox serves approximately 6 million residences and businesses. Cox Business is a facilities-based provider of voice, video and data solutions for commercial customers, and Cox Media is a full-service provider of national and local cable spot and digital media advertising. Cox is known for its pioneering efforts in broadband, voice and commercial services, industry-leading customer care and its outstanding workplaces. For nine years, Cox has been recognized as the top operator for women by Women in Cable Telecommunications; Cox has ranked among DiversityInc's Top 50 Companies for Diversity 12 times. More information about Cox is available at [www.cox.com](http://www.cox.com) and [www.coxmedia.com](http://www.coxmedia.com).

## **About Hearst Television**

Hearst Television owns and operates television and radio stations serving 26 media markets across 39 states reaching over 21 million U.S. television households. Through its partnership with nearly all of the major

networks, Hearst Television distributes national content over nearly 70 video channels including programming from ABC, NBC, CBS, CW, MY Net, MeTV, This TV, Estrella and more. The radio stations are leaders in Baltimore news/talk and rock music listenership. Hearst Television is recognized as one of the industry's premier companies, and has been honored with numerous awards for distinguished journalism, industry innovation, and community service. Hearst Television is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hearst. The Company's Web address is [www.hearsttelevision.com](http://www.hearsttelevision.com).

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