



May 26, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 1-A836
Washington, D.C. 20554-0004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of all correspondence between individuals who work for or represent any of the following entities and certain Federal Communications Commission officials and staff that includes the words "Sinclair" or "Tribune" at any time since and including January 1, 2016:

- News Corporation
- Fox Television Stations, Inc.
- Fox Broadcasting Company
- Fox News Channel
- Fox Business Network
- CBS Television Stations
- CBS Corporation
- Nexstar Media Group
- NBCUniversal Owned TV Stations
- MSNBC
- CNBC
- Comcast
- Tribune Media
- CNN

Federal Communications Commission Staff and Officials:

- Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff
- Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and her staff
- Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and his staff
- Any staff member within the Media Bureau
- Any member of the "Transaction Team" within the Office of General Counsel
- Any staff member assigned to any "Review Team" reviewing the merger of Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media
- Any other FCC staff member working on merger-related activities

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If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (855) 253-7747.

Fee Waiver Request

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures will likely contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by the general public in a significant way. Moreover, the request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes.

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is “in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding” of government operations and is not “primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public’s business.

There is significant public concern over the proposed merger between Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media. This request seeks to obtain information on contacts between FCC staff and officials and certain companies within the broadcasting industry to better inform the public regarding the rigor of regulatory oversight the FCC intends to provide concerning this merger.

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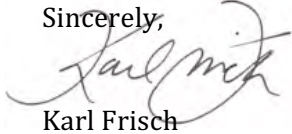
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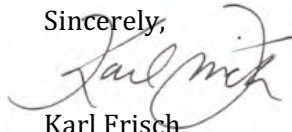
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- Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff
- Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and her staff
- Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and his staff
- Any staff member within the Media Bureau
- Any member of the "Transaction Team" within the Office of General Counsel
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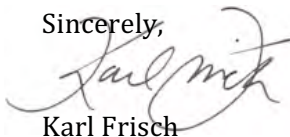
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May 30, 2017

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List A

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- Any staff member or official with the National Economic Council
- Any staff member or official with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

List B

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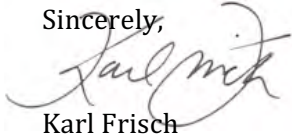
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Executive Director
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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 22, 2017

Mr. Karl Frisch
Allied Progress
1220 L Street, NW
Suite 100/364
Washington, D.C. 20006
Via email to karl@alliedprogress.org

Re: FOIA Control Nos. 2017-000684, -686, -689, and -693

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This letter responds to your three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed on May 30, 2017 (and subsequently clarified) (*i.e.*, *FOIA Requests 2017-000684, -686, and -689*) and your FOIA request filed on May 31, 2017 (and subsequently clarified) (*i.e.*, *FOIA Request 2017-000693*).¹ As outlined in full in the attachment describing your FOIA requests (*Attachment*), your requests seek communications between the Commission staff and various members of the public that include the term "Sinclair" and other terms identified in the four requests.² Pursuant to our agreement with you, in this letter we are responding in full to *FOIA Requests 2017-000684, -686, and -693* and in part to *FOIA Request 2017-689 (Initial Release)*.³ In a supplemental letter, we will complete our response to *FOIA Request 2017-689* by releasing the remaining documents responsive to that request.⁴

For purposes of the four FOIA requests, we searched the records of the offices of: (1) Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Michael O'Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr (the FCC's General Counsel at the time of the

¹ See Attachment (*Description of FOIA Requests 2017-000684, -686, -689, and -693 or Attachment*) (describing the four FOIA requests at issue here). We are responding to the four requests together (albeit in an initial letter and a subsequent supplemental letter) because the requests and the responsive documents overlap in some respects.

² *Id.*

³ See emails between Joanne Wall and Karl Frisch (Sept. 15, 2017) (because one of the FOIA requests involves a voluminous number of documents, Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch agreed to the release of the documents responsive to the four FOIA requests in two sets) (*September 15, 2017 Emails*); see also email from Ms. Wall to Mr. Frisch (Aug. 16, 2017) (confirming the voice mail from Derrick Martin of Allied Progress agreeing to extension of due date until September 1, 2017); see also emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (July 21, 2017, and July 24, 2017) (agreeing to extend the due date to August 7, 2017); see also email from Ms. Wall to Mr. Frisch (July 7, 2017) (because of the need to consult with multiple offices within the Commission, the Office of General Counsel extended the due dates for responding to the FOIA requests, citing 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(g)(1)(i) (extending the due dates of the first three FOIA requests to July 21, 2017, and the fourth to July 24, 2017).

⁴ See *September 15, 2017 Emails*.

filing of your FOIA requests); (3) members of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel (OGC); and (4) the Media Bureau. For purposes of *FOIA Requests 2017-000686*, and -693, we also searched the records of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

For purposes of this *Initial Release*, we are releasing 94 pages of documents responsive to your requests which we redact in part for the reasons discussed below. We are withholding 27 pages of documents as well as 14 emails containing copyrighted publications for the reasons discussed below.

We are withholding a compliance report under Exemption 4 of the FOIA which permits the Commission to withhold material containing in relevant part “commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential[.]”⁵ The terms “commercial” or “financial” “are to be given their ‘ordinary meanings’” and are construed broadly.⁶ The test for confidentiality turns on whether the information was submitted to the agency voluntarily or involuntarily. Information that has been required to be submitted to the agency may be withheld under Exemption 4 upon a showing that: (1) disclosure would likely impair the government’s ability to obtain necessary information in the future or (2) disclosure would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained.⁷ Voluntarily submitted information may be withheld on a showing that it is information not customarily released to the public.⁸

The compliance report contains confidential commercial information that Sinclair was required to submit to the Commission pursuant to a consent decree between Sinclair and the Media Bureau.⁹ The compliance report lists, among other things, ongoing retransmission consent negotiations to which Sinclair is a party as well as existing agreements. It is standard practice for parties to such discussions to maintain the confidentiality of the status and terms of the agreements and the consent decree describes the required reports as “confidential.” We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the documents we withhold under Exemption 4 would not only harm Sinclair’s competitive position in the future, but would impede the Commission’s ability to obtain this information in the future. We are also withholding in full copyrighted publications under Exemption 4.

We are withholding in full documents under FOIA Exemption 5, which applies to “inter-agency and intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by

⁵ See 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4); see also 47 C.F.R. §0.457(d).

⁶ *Nat’l Ass’n of Home Builders v. Norton*, 309 F.3d 26, 38 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (quoting *Pub. Citizen Health Research Grp. v. FDA*, 704 F.2d 1280, 1290 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (citations omitted)).

⁷ See *Nat’l Parks and Conservation Ass’n v. Morton*, 498 F. 2d 765, 770 (D.C. Cir. 1974); see also *Merchant & Gould, P.C.*, 26 FCC Rcd 6556, 6557 (2011) (citing *Nat’l Parks and Conservation Ass’n v. Morton*).

⁸ See *Critical Mass Energy Project v. NRC*, 975 F. 2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir 1992) *cert. denied*, 507 U.S. 984 (1993).

⁹ See *Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., Order, Attachment (Consent Decree)*, 31 FCC Rcd 8576, 8581, at para. 16 (Media Bureau 2016).

law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]”¹⁰ Exemption 5 encompasses the deliberative process privilege, which is intended to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.”¹¹ To fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege encompassed by Exemption 5, records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative, “[reflecting] the give-and-take of the consultative process.”¹² The material withheld here in full under Exemption 5 consists of an email exchange among the Chairman’s staff discussing: (1) an inquiry from an online publication; (2) a court filing in a proceeding involving Sinclair and Tribune; and (3) draft talking points and a “question and answer” memo for a press conference with the Chairman. Disclosure of this internal material would “discourage candid discussion within the agency and thereby undermine the agency’s ability to perform its functions.”¹³ We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the documents we withhold would harm the Commission’s deliberative processes, which Exemption 5 is intended to protect. Release of this material would chill deliberations within the Commission and impede the candid exchange of ideas.

We redact from the released documents portions of emails discussing personal matters, as well as personal email addresses, personal telephone numbers, and personal mailing addresses pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects from disclosure information that “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”¹⁴ Consistent with the requirements of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, we have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the privacy interests involved, which Exemption 6 is intended to protect.¹⁵

The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record” must be released after appropriate application of the Act’s exemptions.¹⁶ The statutory standard requires the release of any portion of a record that is nonexempt and that is “reasonably segregable” from the exempt portion. However, when nonexempt information is

¹⁰ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

¹¹ *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

¹² *Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. DOJ*, 823 F.2d 574, 585 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

¹³ *Formaldehyde Inst. v. Dep’t of Health and Human Servs.*, 889 F.2d 1118, 1122 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (quoting *Dudman Commc’ns Corp. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 815 F.2d 1565, 1568 (D.C. Cir. 1987)); *see also Coastal States Gas Corp. v. Dep’t of Energy*, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (“In deciding whether a document should be protected by the privilege we look to whether the document is . . . generated before the adoption of an agency policy and whether . . . it reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process. The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents[.]”).

¹⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Exemption 6); *see also Moore v. Bush*, 601 F. Supp. 2d 6, 14 (D.D.C. 2009) and *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, 26 FCC Rcd 13812, 13816, n.13 (2011) (personal email addresses and telephone numbers redacted pursuant to Exemption 6)).

¹⁵ *See* FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. 114-185 § 2(1)(D); 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A); *see also U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, FOIA Post, President Obama’s FOIA Memorandum and Attorney General Holder’s FOIA Guidelines Creating a “New Era of Open Government,”* (2009), available at < <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2009foiapost8.htm> > (recognizing that discretionary release of records is less likely when the requirements of Exemptions 6 are met for withholding records).

¹⁶ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (sentence immediately following exemptions).

“inextricably intertwined” with exempt information, reasonable segregation is not possible.¹⁷ We have reviewed the material withheld and redacted to determine if any segregable parts may be released, and determined there is none.

You request that the Commission provide a *Vaughn Index*¹⁸ describing any document or portion thereof that the Commission determines to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. It is well-established that a *Vaughn Index* is not required at the administrative level.¹⁹ We therefore do not provide one here.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”²⁰ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.²¹ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.²²

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.²³ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action.”

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

¹⁷ *Mead Data Center Inc. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 260 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

¹⁸ See *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973).

¹⁹ See *Dateline NBC*, 21 FCC Rcd 6675, 6677 n.14 (2006) (citing *Schwarz v. U.S. Dep’t of Treasury*, 131 F.Supp.2d 142, 147 (D.D.C. 2009) (“there is no requirement that an agency provide a . . . ‘Vaughn’ index on an initial request for documents. The requirement for . . . Vaughn indices is imposed in connection with a motion for summary judgment filed by a defendant in a civil action pending in court.”), *aff’d*, No. 00-5453, 2001 WL 674636 (D.C. Cir. 2001)); see also *Bangoura v. U.S. Dep’t of the Army*, 607 F. Supp. 2d 134, 143 n.8 (D.D.C. 2009) (noting that the agency was not required to provide *Vaughn Index* prior to filing of the lawsuit).

²⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

²¹ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

²² 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

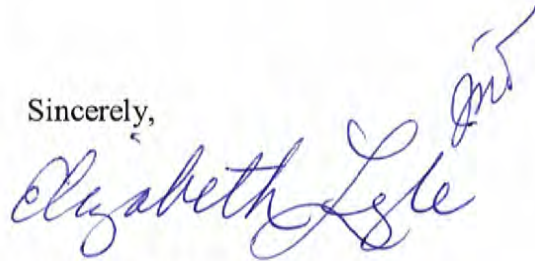
²³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

FOIA Public Liaison
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If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer

Attachment

Description of FOIA Requests 2017-000684, -686, -689, and -693

FOIA Request 2017-000684 as clarified seeks correspondence involving anyone who has a signature line indicating they work for one of the following companies:

- News Corporation
- Fox Television Stations, Inc.
- Fox Broadcasting Company
- Fox News Channel
- Fox Business Network
- CBS Television Stations
- CBS Corporation
- Nexstar Media Group
- NBC Universal Owned TV Stations
- MSNBC
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or who uses an email address from the following list of web domains:

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@fox.com
@foxnews.com
@cbs.com
@cbsnews.com
@nexstar.tv
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and: (1) the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr; (3) any member of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel; or (4) the Media Bureau that includes the words “Sinclair” or “Tribune” at any time from January 1, 2016, through May 30, 2017.²⁴ Additionally, you seek “the term ‘Sinclair’ from anyone using

²⁴ See *FOIA Request 2017-684* (submitted and perfected May 30, 2017); see also emails between Joanne Wall and Karl Frisch (June 7, 8, 12, 16, 22, and 26, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-684*).

the web domain @tribunemedia.com or having a signature indicating they work for Tribune Media.”²⁵ The request as clarified does not seek documents filed on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System and forwarded by the general public to Commission staff as a courtesy.²⁶

FOIA Request 2017-000686 as clarified seeks correspondence between Members of Congress or their staff and: (1) the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai, and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr; (3) any member of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel; (4) the Media Bureau; and (5) the Office of Legislative Affairs that includes the words “Sinclair” or “Tribune” at any time from January 1, 2016, through May 30, 2017.²⁷ The request as clarified does not seek documents filed on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System and forwarded by the general public to Commission staff as a courtesy.²⁸

FOIA Request 2017-000689 as clarified seeks “correspondence mentioning the word ‘Sinclair’ or involving anyone with an email address ending in @sbgi.net, @pillsburylaw.com, @friedfrank.com or @TandLLaw.com” and: (1) the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai, and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr; (3) any member of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel from January 1, 2016, through May 30, 2017; (4) the Media Bureau; or (5) the Office of Legislative Affairs.²⁹ The request as clarified does not seek documents filed on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System and forwarded by the general public as a courtesy to Commission staff.³⁰

FOIA Request 2017-000693 as clarified seeks correspondence involving anyone with an email address ending in “@eop” and: (1) the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai, and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr; (3) any member of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel; (4) the Media Bureau; and (5) the Office of Legislative Affairs that includes the words “Sinclair” or “Tribune” at any time from January 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.³¹ The request as clarified does not seek documents filed on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System and forwarded by the general public as a courtesy to Commission staff.³²

²⁵ See email between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 26, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-684*).

²⁶ See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 20, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-684*).

²⁷ See *FOIA Request 2017-686* (submitted and perfected May 30, 2017); see also emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 7, 8, 12, and 16) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-686*).

²⁸ See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 20, 2017).

²⁹ See *FOIA Request 2017-689* (submitted and perfected May 30, 2017); see also emails between Joanne Wall and Karl Frisch (June 7, 8, 12, and 16) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-689*).

³⁰ See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 20, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-689*).

³¹ See *FOIA Request 2017-693* (submitted May 30, 2017, and perfected May 31, 2017); see also emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 7, 8, 12, and 16) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-693*).

³² See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 20, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-693*).

Michelle Carey

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Michelle Carey
Subject: RE: Celebration for Bill Lake - January 26th

I am sorry. You will be missed.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Date: 1/25/17 12:36 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Celebration for Bill Lake - January 26th

Unfortunately, I can't make it but I am glad you all are feting Bill!

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Celebration for Bill Lake - January 26th

Will you be joining us tonight?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Date: 1/25/17 12:21 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Celebration for Bill Lake - January 26th

Hi all – Just a reminder about Bill's party tomorrow afternoon. Hope to see you there!

From: Michelle Carey
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Subject: Celebration for Bill Lake - January 26th

Dear Friend of Bill,

After nearly 8 years, Bill Lake is leaving the Commission. The Media Bureau is hosting a party in honor of Bill and his myriad accomplishments as its Chief. We hope that you will join us in wishing him a fond farewell. The celebration will take place on Thursday, January 26th in the Commission Meeting Room from 2 pm to 4 pm. The presentations will begin at 2:30 pm. Please RSVP to Carolyn Davis so that we can facilitate your admittance into the building. All relevant information is in the attached flyer. We look forward to seeing you!

Best,
Michelle

Michelle Carey

From: Michelle Carey
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 7:30 PM
To: John Lawson
Cc: Fiona James; Rebecca J. Hanson; Amanda Ota
Subject: RE: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

All - Amendment below (Brendan and Evan B. won't be able to join – added two Seans). See you tomorrow morning!

From: Michelle Carey
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:13 PM
To: 'John Lawson' <jlawson@awarn.org>
Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>; Rebecca J. Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>; Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Thank you for your kind email, John! We look forward to your input. Attending on 3/6 will be:

Michelle Carey
Martha Heller
Steve Broeckaert
Kathy Berthot
Kim Matthews
Kevin Harding
Hossein Hashemzadeh
Evan Morris
Sean Yun
Sean Mirzadegan

From: John Lawson [<mailto:jlawson@awarn.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>; Rebecca J. Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>; Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Michelle,

Thanks to you and your colleagues at the Media Bureau and OET for the all the hard work on the ATSC 3.0 NPRM and your recommendation to the Commission to approve it. We look forward to participating in the proceeding.

See you all soon.

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On Feb 23, 2017, at 10:10 AM, Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov> wrote:

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3/6 at 10 am

works great. We will have 10 folks from MB – combination of Policy and Video folks (plus me!). Just let us know where exactly to meet up with you. I can also send you a list of names if you need that for security purposes. Thanks!

From: Fiona James [<mailto:fiona@convg.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:35 AM

To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>; John Lawson <jlawson@awarn.org>

Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>; Rebecca J. Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>; Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>

Subject: Re: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Good morning Michelle,

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Yes the morning of 3/6 works. Can we say 10am? To see the full ATSC 3.0 and AWARN demos it usually take 75-90 minutes. We are somewhat flexible with our start time that morning, so if 10am is not ideal, please let me know when is.

Kind regards,

Fiona A. James

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From: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Date: Friday, February 17, 2017 at 8:47 PM
To: Fiona James <fiona@convg.com>, John Lawson <jlawson@awarn.org>
Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>, "Rebecca J. Hanson" <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>, Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Thanks Fiona! We will take the 3/6 morning slot if still available.

From: Fiona James [mailto:fiona@convg.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>; John Lawson <jlawson@awarn.org>
Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>; Rebecca J. Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>; Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Hi Michelle,

We can accommodate up to 10 people.

Have not reached out to OET yet, but plan on doing so.

I have followed up with Lisa Fowlkes office at PS&HS and John has reach out to Chairman Pai's office, following up on their conversation on at the Media Institute lunch on Tuesday.

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From: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 1:31 PM
To: Fiona James <fiona@convg.com>, John Lawson <jlawson@awarn.org>
Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>, "Rebecca J. Hanson" <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>, Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Thanks Fiona! We have a lot if interest. How many folks can you accommodate? Also, are you separately inviting OET? Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Fiona James
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Michelle Carey; John Lawson
Cc: Fiona James; Rebecca J. Hanson; Amanda Ota
Subject: Re: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Hi Michelle,

I've just spoken with Amanda Ota at SBG/WJLA and the dates that work for all us would be Friday March 3, Monday March 6 or the morning of Tuesday March 7.

Many thanks,

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From: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 12:22 PM

To: John Lawson <jlawson@awarn.org>

Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>, "Rebecca J. Hanson" <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>, Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>

Subject: RE: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Hi John – It was great to see you as well! Thanks so much for following up about the demo. I would be interested as I imagine others from MB will be as well. Are there particular dates that we should choose from?

From: John Lawson [<mailto:jlawson@awarn.org>]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 12:19 PM

To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>

Cc: Fiona James <fjames@awarn.org>; Rebecca J. Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>; Amanda Ota <aaota@sbgstv.com>

Subject: Fwd: Invitation to see AWARN ATSC 3.0 Alert Demos at WJLA, Roslyn

Michelle,

It was great seeing you at the Media Institute luncheon. And congrats again on your newest assignment! You are a great choice for that key position during this time of great change and promise in the media industry.

I wanted you to see the invitation we extended to Chairman Pai to come see our new AWARN advanced alerting demos at WJLA. We also want to extend the invitation to you and any of your team. Please let Fiona James and me know some times that work for you, and we will coordinate with Rebecca Hanson at Sinclair and WJLA to get a visit scheduled.

I know you all are extremely busy, but we wanted to give you the opportunity to see the progress we've made toward one of the Chairman's priorities.

John

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Michelle Carey

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Michelle Carey
Subject: RE: Hi Rebecca -

Super. Thanks for letting me know. Let's get together soon?

Rebecca Hanson
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202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Michelle Carey [mailto:Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: Hi Rebecca -

I got your vmail. I have to head out for the rest of the day but Barbara did fill me in on your conversation. Appreciate the clarification. Have a good weekend!

Michelle Carey

From: Michelle Carey
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:29 AM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for the kind note, Rebecca!

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Subject: CONGRATULATIONS!

Hello, Michelle.

I was secretly hoping that you would become MB Chief, and I am so glad it has happened. You are so qualified, thoughtful and knowledgeable. I look forward to working with you!

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

Michelle Carey

From: Michelle Carey
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:38 PM
To: 'Rosenstein, Mace'
Cc: Miles S. Mason (miles.mason@pillsburylaw.com); Mary Beth Murphy; Barbara Kreisman; David Brown; Brittany Gomes
Subject: RE: Sinclair/Tribune

Hi Mace - We are happy to meet with you all whenever you are ready. Copying (among others!) Brittany Gomes who can set it up and make sure the right people attend. Thanks!

From: Rosenstein, Mace [mailto:MRosenstein@cov.com]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Michelle Carey <Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov>
Cc: Miles S. Mason (miles.mason@pillsburylaw.com) <miles.mason@pillsburylaw.com>
Subject: Sinclair/Tribune

Hi Michelle --

FYI here is a link to the press announcement for the Sinclair/Tribune deal just announced. <http://www.tribunemedia.com/sinclair-broadcast-group-to-acquire-tribune-media-company-for-approximately-3-9-billion/>

I think the immediate headline for your purposes is that the FCC filing window under the contract is 20 business days; we wanted to flag that for your planning purposes. Miles and I will be in touch to propose a time for a call later this week, once we have a better sense of the number of applications, etc.

Best.

/MR

Mace Rosenstein

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Michelle Carey

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Michelle Carey; Barbara Kreisman
Subject: Press Release
Attachments: SBG Trib Final.pdf

Good morning, Michelle and Barbara.

Attached is an announcement we made this morning about our proposal to acquire Tribune. There is an investor call at 11:00 (details in the release), which is also open to the press, if anyone from your staff would like to join. This call will be focused on the financials of the deal, so may not be on point for your staff. I just wanted you to be aware and feel welcome to listen in. We look forward to working with you on this transaction and will be in touch closer to our filing, which will likely be in a couple of weeks.

Rebecca

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News Release

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP TO ACQUIRE TRIBUNE MEDIA COMPANY FOR APPROXIMATELY \$3.9 BILLION

BALTIMORE and CHICAGO (May 8, 2017) -- Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI) ("Sinclair") and Tribune Media Company (NYSE: TRCO) ("Tribune") today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Sinclair will acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Tribune for \$43.50 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$3.9 billion, plus the assumption of approximately \$2.7 billion in net debt.

Under the terms of the agreement, Tribune stockholders will receive \$35.00 in cash and 0.23 shares of Sinclair Class A common stock for each share of Tribune Class A common stock and Class B common stock they own. The total \$43.50 per share consideration represents a premium of approximately 26% over Tribune's unaffected closing share price on February 28, 2017, the day prior to media speculation regarding a possible transaction; approximately 14% over Tribune's 30-day volume weighted average closing stock price; and approximately 8% over Tribune's closing share price on May 5, 2017, the last trading day prior to today's announcement.

Tribune owns or operates 42 television stations in 33 markets, cable network WGN America, digital multicast network Antenna TV, minority stakes in the TV Food Network and CareerBuilder, and a variety of real estate assets. Tribune's stations, a list of which is available in Tribune's most recent Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2017, consist of 14 FOX, 12 CW, 6 CBS, 3 ABC, 2 NBC, 3 MyNetworkTV affiliates and 2 independent stations. The group includes stations in the top three DMAs in the country, seven in the top 10 and 34 in the top 50 DMAs.¹

"This is a transformational acquisition for Sinclair that will open up a myriad of opportunities for the company," commented Chris Ripley, President and CEO of Sinclair. "The Tribune stations are highly complementary to Sinclair's existing footprint and will create a leading nationwide media platform that includes our country's largest markets. The acquisition will enable Sinclair to build ATSC 3.0 (Next Generation Broadcast Platform) advanced services, scale emerging networks and national sales, and integrate content verticals. The acquisition will also create substantial synergistic value through operating efficiencies, revenue streams, programming strategies and digital platforms."

"This will be the largest acquisition in our company's history, and I want to thank everyone from the Sinclair team, as well as our advisors and bankers who made this possible," commented David Smith, Executive Chairman of Sinclair. "Television broadcasting is even more relevant today, especially when it comes to serving our local communities. Tribune's stations allow Sinclair to strengthen our commitment to serving local communities and to advance the Next Generation Broadcast Platform. This acquisition will be a turning point for Sinclair, allowing us to better serve our viewers and advertisers while creating value for our shareholders."

"Today's announcement is the culmination of an extensive strategic review, which has delivered significant value to our stockholders," said Peter Kern, Tribune's Chief Executive Officer. "Since we announced the strategic review 15 months ago, we have streamlined the business, monetized non-core assets, strengthened our balance sheet and returned more than \$800 million to stockholders -- all of which has resulted in a 50% increase in stockholder value. We are extremely proud to join Sinclair,

¹ "DMAs" are television designated market areas according to the Nielsen Company. The rankings are in terms of size of the DMA out of the 210 generally recognized DMAs in the United States.

and we're excited that Tribune stockholders and employees will have the opportunity to participate in the long-term growth of the combined company."

The transaction has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies and is anticipated to close and fund in the fourth quarter of 2017. Completion of the transaction is subject to approval by Tribune's stockholders, as well as customary closing conditions, including approval by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and antitrust clearance.

Sinclair expects to fund the purchase price at closing through a combination of cash on hand, fully committed debt financing to be provided by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Royal Bank of Canada, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and by accessing the capital markets.

In order to comply with FCC ownership requirements and antitrust regulations, Sinclair may sell certain stations in markets where it currently owns stations. Such divestitures will be determined through the regulatory approval process.

Including the Tribune acquisition (before any related divestitures), all previously announced pending transactions, and pro forma for expected synergies, Sinclair's 2015 and 2016 media revenues would have been \$4.070 billion and \$4.603 billion, respectively. The \$6.6 billion enterprise value represents an average pro forma EBITDA multiple of less than 7.0x on the core television and entertainment business and is expected to add over 40% pro forma 2016/2017 free cash flow per share accretion².

Sinclair Advisors:

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC acted as exclusive financial advisor. Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and Thomas & Libowitz P.A. acted as legal advisors to Sinclair in connection with this transaction.

Tribune Media Advisors:

Moelis & Company and Guggenheim Securities acted as financial advisors and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and Covington & Burling LLP acted as legal advisors to Tribune in connection with this transaction.

Investor Call:

The senior management of Sinclair intends to hold a conference call to discuss the acquisition of Tribune on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. ET. After the call, an audio replay will be available at www.sbgnet.net. The press and the public will be welcome on the call in a listen-only mode. The dial-in number is (877) 407-8033. A slide presentation is available during the call and can be accessed at <http://www.investorcalendar.com/IC/CEPage.asp?ID=175940>

Tribune will release its first quarter results, and host an investor call, as previously scheduled, prior to market open, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The investor call will begin at 8:30 a.m. ET and can be accessed by dialing 888-317-6003 (domestic) or 412-317-6061 (international). The confirmation code is 2831845.

² Sinclair management considers free cash flow to be an indicator of Sinclair's assets' operating performance. Sinclair management also believes that free cash flow is a commonly used measure of valuation for companies in the broadcast industry. In addition, this measure is frequently used by industry analysts, investors and lenders as a measure of valuation for broadcast companies, although their definitions of free cash flow may differ from Sinclair's definition. Sinclair believes this measure serves as a valuable assessment tool for investors to identify potential trends in the company's performance. For the definition of free cash flow, please refer to Sinclair's website: <http://sbgi.net/investor-relations/#NonGAAP>.

About Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.:

Sinclair is one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies in the country. Pro forma for the Tribune acquisition (before any related divestitures) and all previously announced pending transactions, the Company will own, operate and/or provide services to 233 television stations in 108 markets. The Company has multiple emerging networks as well as being affiliated with all the major networks. Sinclair is a leading local news provider in the country and a producer of live sports content. Sinclair's content is delivered via multiple-platforms, including over-the-air, multi-channel video program distributors, and digital platforms. The Company regularly uses its website as a key source of Company information which can be accessed at www.sbg.net.

About Tribune Media Company:

Tribune Media Company (NYSE: TRCO) is home to a diverse portfolio of television and digital properties driven by quality news, entertainment and sports programming. Tribune is comprised of Tribune Broadcasting's 42 owned or operated local television stations reaching approximately 50 million households, national entertainment cable network WGN America, whose reach is approximately 80 million households, Tribune Studios, and a variety of digital applications and websites commanding 60 million monthly unique visitors online. Tribune also includes Chicago's WGN-AM and the national multicast networks Antenna TV and THIS TV. Additionally, Tribune owns and manages a significant number of real estate properties across the U.S. and holds a variety of investments, including a 32% interest in CareerBuilder, LLC and a 31% interest in Television Food Network, G.P., which operates Food Network and Cooking Channel. For more information please visit www.investors.tribunemedia.com.

Forward-Looking Statements:

Certain statements and information in this communication may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Federal Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements relating to Tribune's and Sinclair's objectives, plans and strategies, and all statements (other than statements of historical facts) that address activities, events or developments that Tribune and Sinclair intend, expect, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future. These statements are often characterized by terminology such as "believe," "hope," "may," "anticipate," "should," "intend," "plan," "will," "expect," "estimate," "project," "positioned," "strategy" and similar expressions, and are based on assumptions and assessments made by Tribune's and Sinclair's management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments, and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Any forward-looking statements in this communication are made as of the date hereof, and Tribune and Sinclair undertake no duty to update or revise any such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Whether actual results will conform to expectations and predictions is subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including: risks and uncertainties discussed in the reports that Tribune and Sinclair have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"); general economic, market, or business conditions; risks associated with the ability to consummate the business combination between Tribune and Sinclair and the timing of the closing of the business combination; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; pricing fluctuations in local and national advertising; future regulatory actions and conditions in the television stations' operating areas; competition from others in the broadcast television markets; volatility in programming costs; the ability to successfully integrate Tribune's and Sinclair's operations and employees; the ability to realize anticipated benefits and synergies of the business combination; the potential impact of announcement of the business combination or consummation of the transaction on relationships, including with employees, customers and competitors; and other circumstances beyond Tribune's and Sinclair's control. Refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Tribune's and

Sinclair's annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC and in the Form S-4 to be filed by Sinclair with the SEC at a future date for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from forward-looking statements.

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This communication is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This communication is being made in respect of a proposed business combination involving Sinclair and Tribune. In connection with the proposed transaction, Tribune and Sinclair intend to file relevant materials with the SEC, including a Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be filed by Sinclair that will include a preliminary proxy statement of Tribune and that will also constitute a prospectus of Sinclair. The information in the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus will not be complete and may be changed. Tribune will deliver the definitive proxy statement to its shareholders as required by applicable law. This communication is not a substitute for any prospectus, proxy statement or any other document that may be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed business combination.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF SINCLAIR AND TRIBUNE ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain these materials (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by Sinclair (when they become available) may be obtained free of charge on Sinclair's website at www.sbg.net or by directing a written request to Sinclair at 10706 Beaver Dam Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, Attention: Lucy A. Rutishauser. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by Tribune (when they become available) may be obtained free of charge on Tribune's website at www.tribunemedia.com.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation:

Tribune and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding these persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of Tribune stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus described above filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding Tribune's executive officers and directors is included in Tribune's proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting of shareholders filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017 which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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Michelle Carey

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Michelle Carey
Subject: RE: Pam Gallant

And I can't think of anyone nicer to break the news to us when the money runs out! ☹ Hope to see you soon.

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From: Michelle Carey [mailto:Michelle.Carey@fcc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: Re: Pam Gallant

Rebecca - It is so refreshing to get such a kind and encouraging email like yours. Thank you! It is not often that the industry fully understands how hard folks like Pam are working to make the transition as successful as possible. She is very committed to doing the right thing and doing her job well. Thank you for recognizing that!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Michelle Carey
Subject: Pam Gallant

Hi Michelle,

I just wanted you to know how much we appreciate Pam Gallant heading up the reimbursement effort. She has such a mature, positive attitude, especially considering all the uncertainties, complicated questions, and anxiety that a lot of broadcasters have with respect to this process. I feel like the process is in very good hands and look forward to working with her. One less thing you have to worry about!

Rebecca

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Sima Chowdhury

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Lyle Elder; Martha Heller
Cc: David Bochenek
Subject: RE: Delivering Compliance Report #1

Ok. I will drop the original in the mail sometime next week. Thanks for your help on this!

Rebecca

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From: Lyle Elder [mailto:Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson ; Martha Heller
Cc: David Bochenek
Subject: RE: Delivering Compliance Report #1

Thanks, Rebecca! There is no need for you to hand deliver, you can just have the hard copy sent or delivered however is easiest now that we have the electronic signed copy. I pasted 16(e) below, which has the address for the submission. Have a happy Friday!

Regards,

Lyle

(e) All Compliance Reports shall be submitted to the Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 4-A766, Washington, DC 20554, and submitted electronically to Martha Heller at Martha.Heller@fcc.gov and Lyle Elder at Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:41 PM
To: Lyle Elder <Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov>; Martha Heller <Martha.Heller@fcc.gov>
Cc: David Bochenek <DBochenek@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Delivering Compliance Report #1

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Attached is the signed PDF. Let me know if you would like the original. Otherwise, I think this satisfies our first report delivery?

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From: Rebecca Hanson

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:21 PM

To: 'Lyle Elder' <Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov>; Martha Heller <Martha.Heller@fcc.gov>

Cc: David Bochenek <DBochenek@sbgvtv.com>

Subject: RE: Delivering Compliance Report #1

Thanks, Lyle. To clarify, what I emailed you is a PDF of the signed report and certification. So you actually have a fully executed compliance report now. As I think of it, since I would only be hand delivering a print out of the PDF, it seems you could print it out for the same result!

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To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>; Martha Heller <Martha.Heller@fcc.gov>

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Attachments: Compliance with Consent Decree - SBG-FCC.PDF

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Sima Chowdhury

From: Reed, Eve <ereed@wileyrein.com>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2016 1:47 PM
To: Martha Heller
Cc: Lyle Elder
Subject: RE: Sinclair/third-party LOIs

Martha & Lyle,

As I understand it, the letters were sent out last week, which I greatly appreciate.

I was hoping to receive copies of the letters for Sinclair's records, can you please send them to me?

Thank you,
Eve

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From: Martha Heller [<mailto:Martha.Heller@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Reed, Eve
Cc: Lyle Elder
Subject: Sinclair/third-party LOIs

Hi Eve,

We're aiming to send the letters out next week. We'll let you know if that slips – things are a bit crazy here these days, but hopefully we can get them out before the end of the week.

Thanks,
Martha

Martha E. Heller
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From: Reed, Eve <ereed@wileyrein.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 9:48 AM
To: Martha Heller
Cc: Lyle Elder
Subject: RE: Sinclair/third-party LOIs

Martha,

Thanks very much for the update and confirmation, I really appreciate it.

--Eve

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From: Reed, Eve <ereed@wileyrein.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 5:37 PM
To: Lyle Elder
Cc: Martha Heller; Wiley, Richard
Subject: Sinclair Response to Letter of Inquiry - Courtesy Copy
Attachments: Sinclair Response to Letter of Inquiry (1-19-16).PDF

Mr. Elder,

Attached is a courtesy copy of Sinclair's response to the Bureau's November 20, 2015 Letter of Inquiry, as filed with the Secretary's office today. This copy includes the exhibits except for Exhibit D, which consists of voluminous documents that were submitted on a disc with the hard copy.

Best regards,
Eve Reed

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Sima Chowdhury

From: Brendan Holland
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 12:09 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Need to postpone Thursday's meeting

Okay, sounds good, thanks Rebecca.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 11:02 AM
To: Brendan Holland
Subject: Need to postpone Thursday's meeting

Hi Brendan.

I now have to cancel our meeting on Thursday, as I need to be at our Baltimore headquarters about something else. I'm sorry about that, but at least you have gotten back an hour of your week! I will be back in touch with alternative times.

Rebecca

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From: Brendan Holland [mailto:Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Sounds good, thanks.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 1:06 PM
To: Brendan Holland <Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Just me.

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From: Brendan Holland [mailto:Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 1:01 PM

To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbg.tv>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Yes, that's fine. And how many folks, or will it be just you?

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbg.tv>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 1:00 PM
To: Brendan Holland <Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Likewise. Shall I ask for you when I arrive?

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From: Brendan Holland [<mailto:Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 12:59 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbg.tv>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Sounds good Rebecca, I'm putting it on the calendar and look forward to seeing you then.

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbg.tv>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Brendan Holland <Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Terrific, Brendan. How about 2:00 on Thursday the 19th?

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From: Brendan Holland [<mailto:Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 11:41 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbg.tv>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Rebecca-

For the week of 5/16, I think Thursday 5/19 sometime between 10-11:30 AM or 2-4:30 PM, and Friday 5/20 1-4:30 PM look like the best windows for this end.

Regards,
Brendan

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbg.tv>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Brendan Holland <Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Just tried to call, but realized you may be in Bill's staff meeting! I am around all day, if you would like to call when you have a short moment.

Rebecca

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From: Brendan Holland [<mailto:Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbg.tv>
Subject: RE: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Rebecca,

I gave you a ring and left a message, but figured I'd follow up by email too. I'll be around until about 6 PM tonight and generally available tomorrow as well. You can reach me at 202/ 418-2757.

Regards,
Brendan

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbg.tv>]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 2:07 PM
To: Brendan Holland <Brendan.Holland@fcc.gov>
Subject: Question about the Quadrennial Review

Hello Brendan.

Even though we didn't work together, you might remember that I was in the Media Bureau working on the incentive auction for a number of years, before leaving for Sinclair Broadcast Group. Now I have a few questions about the status of the Quadrennial Review. I understand that you are heading that up now (in addition to all of IAD!).

Would you have a few minutes to chat by phone, maybe this afternoon or tomorrow? Just let me know what would be convenient for you. I appreciate your time.

Best regards,
Rebecca

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Sima Chowdhury

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 5:40 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Cc: Catherine Farley
Subject: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse
Attachments: Sinclair Hooked on Heroin Stories.pdf

Good Afternoon, Media Bureau.

You may have heard that Congress passed sweeping legislation this month addressing painkiller abuse and the heroin addiction that often follows.

Since 2013, Sinclair has produced hundreds of local news stories and 11 town halls about the devastating impact of opioid misuse in our communities, how it got to this point, and what local leaders are doing about it. Many of these stories are archived on our stations' websites in our digital series "*Hooked on Heroin*". Attached is a list of links to around 70 of our more recent stories from stations across the country.

WJLA, our ABC affiliate here in DC, recently ran a six-part investigative series on the "*Heroin Highway*", following the path of suppliers and addicts along Interstates 70 and 81 through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. Here is the first installment. <http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-highway-part-1-baltimore-lets-start-at-the-beginning>

This is just one way that Sinclair Broadcast Group informs and empowers our local communities on issues that impact us at home and on a national level.

Rebecca

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Sima Chowdhury

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:22 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Subject: Sinclair Announces First Diversity Scholarship Winners
Attachments: Sinclair Scholarship Press Release.pdf

Good Afternoon, Media Bureau.

I thought you might be interested in meeting the inaugural class of Sinclair's broadcast diversity scholars. We launched a \$500,000 scholarship fund back in February to invest in future broadcast talent. We are very excited about this program and look forward to seeing it grow over the coming years. Here they are! <https://vimeo.com/174374177>

Rebecca

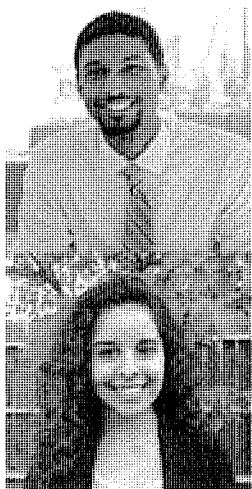
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Today Sinclair Broadcast Group announced its 2016 scholarship recipients. The \$500,000 Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 to reward students aspiring to careers in broadcast journalism. Sinclair staff across the country awarded \$43,000 to nine exceptional applicants, all of whom share Sinclair's desire to make a positive difference in their communities. These students are extremely talented and include first generation college students, volunteers for local charities, interns at local radio and TV broadcast stations, writers and producers for college newspapers and presidents of associations.

The Fund complements Sinclair's existing widespread internship program, as well as Sinclair's long-standing relationships with numerous colleges, including historically black colleges and universities, in markets where Sinclair has stations. This Fund is another way for Sinclair to invest in the future of broadcast television, by ensuring that students dedicated to careers in broadcasting can complete their educations.

Congratulations to the inaugural class of Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund recipients!

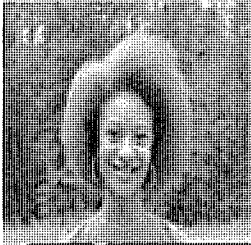


Elijah Baker is from Southfield, Michigan.

Elijah attends the Wayne State University and majors in Broadcast Journalism. He volunteers at the Wayne State inner-city youth. He is a member of his school's Journalism Institute for Media Diversity and writes weekly for his school's newspaper.

Maria Rodriguez is from Delano, California.

Maria attends California State University, Bakersfield, and double majors in Spanish and Communication Journalism. She is a member of the Bakersfield Women's Business Conference R.O.S.E. mentee program and a multimedia reporter at her school's newspaper, The Runner.



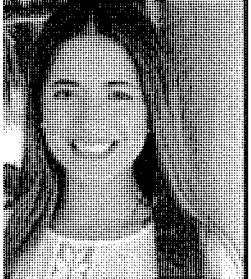
Kiarra Powell is from Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania.

Kiarra attends Pennsylvania State University and majors in Broadcast Journalism and minors in The member station serving central Pennsylvania, WSPU, and is a web writer for Penn State's lifestyle mag



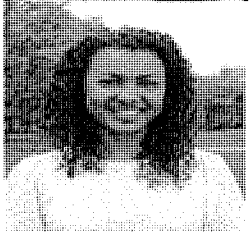
Charlie Kadado is from Macomb, Michigan.

Charlie attends the Wayne State University and majors in Broadcast Journalism. He works as a re government-owned station. There he covers local crime, courts and schools for a weekly news program



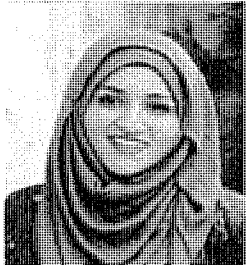
Barbara Estrada is from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Barbara attends the University of Southern California and is majoring in broadcast journalism. She producer and assignment desk editor for USC's Annenberg TV. She is also the president and founder of Hispanic Journalists chapter.



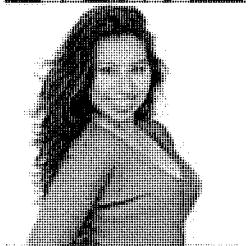
Malika Andrews is from Oakland, California.

Malika attends the University of Portland and majors in Organizational Communication Studies with correspondent for the Associated Press and a sports editor at her school's newspaper, The Beacon.



Zahra Haider is from Houston, Texas.

Zahra attends Northwestern University and is majoring in Broadcast Journalism. She is a Chicago Journalist. She is also a Gilman, National Merit Commended and Quest Bridge Scholar.



Jasmine Arenas is from Compton, California.

Jasmine attends California State University, Fullerton, and is majoring in Communications. She is the and Tourism club at her school. She is a reporter, producer and content manager for her school's online



Judith Saldivar is from Hanford, California.

Judith attends California State University, Fresno, and is majoring in Mass Communication and Journalism. She is a member of the local Radio and Television Digital News Association club. She also interns at a local radio broadcast station

Barbara Kreisman

From: Barbara Kreisman
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 10:23 AM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Lunch?

David is not going to the NAB, and I am leaving Tuesday right after the Chairman speaks.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>; David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: Lunch?

Hi Barbara and David. Any chance we could all get together for lunch after the NAB show? It is long overdue (my fault), and what better way to kick off the lovely spring weather?

Rebecca

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Barbara Kreisman

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Barbara Kreisman
Cc: David Brown
Subject: RE: question about SSA filing requirement

Thanks! I am headed out for a meeting, but, David, can we chat tomorrow morning? Is there a convenient time for me to call you?

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From: Barbara Kreisman [mailto:Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Cc: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: question about SSA filing requirement

David, please give Rebecca a call.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:41 AM
To: Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>
Subject: question about SSA filing requirement

Hey Barbara. I have a question about some language in the Quadrennial review about SSAs. Would you be the right one to ask? If not, would it be Dave Brown?

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Barbara Kreisman

From: Barbara Kreisman
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson; David Brown
Cc: Louis H. Libin
Subject: RE: some license corrections

Why don't you just give us a list first—and then we can meet if we have issues.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 11:28 AM
To: Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>; David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Cc: Louis H. Libin <lhlibin@sbgstv.com>
Subject: some license corrections

Good morning, Barbara and Dave!

I don't know if you know my colleague, Louis Libin, but you should. Not only did the FCC name him frequency coordinator for last month's political conventions, but he also has caught a number of detailed corrections on many of our licenses. We would like to come in next month, maybe September 14th, to walk you through them. Would you be available to meet then?

Rebecca

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703-236-9236 (office)
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Joanne Wall

From: David Grossman
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 12:14 PM
To: DeGraff, Kenneth
Subject: RE: do not share yet

Thanks. Let me know when it goes out. Appreciate the heads up.

From: DeGraff, Kenneth [mailto:kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:00 AM
To: David Grossman <David.Grossman@fcc.gov>
Subject: do not share yet

Pelosi & Pallone Letter to FCC: Don't Restore TV Station Ownership Concentration Loophole

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The full text of the letter is below:

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/s

Nancy Pelosi

/s

Frank Pallone

Cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Mike O'Reilly

Kenneth DeGraff | Senior Policy Advisor
Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

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^[1] "Sinclair is close to buying all of Tribune's TV stations" Claire Atkinson and Josh Kosman, *New York Post*, March 14, 2017
<http://nypost.com/2017/03/14/sinclair-tribune-merger-would-surpass-fcc-ownership-rules/>

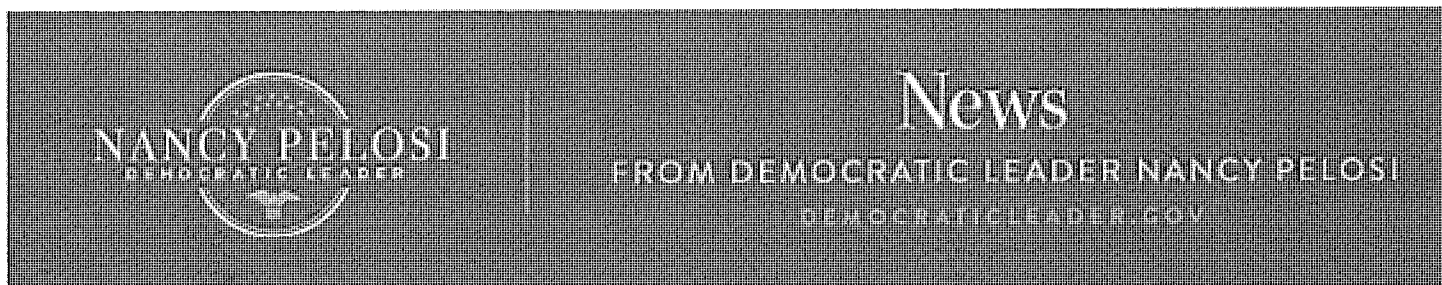
Joanne Wall

From: David Grossman
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:30 PM
To: DeGraff, Kenneth
Subject: RE: PELOSI -- Pallone Letter to FCC: Don't Restore TV Station Ownership Concentration Loophole

Thank you sir!

From: DeGraff, Kenneth [mailto:kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:30 PM
Subject: FW: PELOSI -- Pallone Letter to FCC: Don't Restore TV Station Ownership Concentration Loophole

From: Democratic Leader
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:28 PM
Subject: PELOSI -- Pallone Letter to FCC: Don't Restore TV Station Ownership Concentration Loophole



April 19, 2017

Contact: Ashley Etienne/Caroline Behringer,
202-226-7616

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best regards,


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<http://nypost.com/2017/03/14/sinclair-tribune-merger-would-surpass-fcc-ownership-rules/>

Joanne Wall

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 1:12 PM
To: 'Alana J. LaFlore'
Subject: RE: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Thanks Alana – here's some additional information in response to your questions:

- 1) W/r/t to the FCC not moving the proceeding forward, here's how it works. Procedural rules require the administrative agencies like the FCC to propose making rule changes (in what is known as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or NPRM) then, after receiving public comments, the agency can actually make those rules changes / adopt new rules in an Order. Here, the FCC teed up rule changes relating to contraband cellphones back in 2013. Here's is the text of that NPRM: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-58A1.pdf
We have long since received public comments on those proposals. One of Commissioner Pai's points is that the FCC has failed to move that proceeding from the NPRM stage to an Order. We could have done that by now. And those rule changes could help reduce the costs of deploying technologies to combat contraband cellphones. Commissioner Pai thinks there are good ideas that we could have moved to an Order in that proceeding.
- 2) "MAS" in the context you reference refers to Managed Access Systems. Those are one type of technology used to combat contraband cellphones. The way MAS works, in a nutshell, is that it basically puts an electronic dome over the prison. The idea is that any phone call or text sent from within the prison gets captured by this dome and the system can then decide whether to send the call/text to the public network or just not allow it to go through. From a technical perspective, this requires deploying antennas throughout a prison facility and it relies on the cellphone within the facility connecting with that antenna – as opposed to an ordinary, commercial provider's antenna on the outside of the prison.

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

From: Alana J. LaFlore [mailto:ajLaFlore@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 10:35 AM
To: Brendan Carr
Subject: Re: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Brendan,

Thank you so much for this information.

I have a few follow up questions.

-You said the FCC has not moved the preceding forward. Is there a specific text of the preceding? Or does this simply refer to Commissioner Pai's recommendations?

-What does "MAS" stand for in this instance? "The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported that an 11-day test of its **MAS** 2011 detected in 2,593 unique wireless devices and blocked over 25,000 unauthorized communication attempts (calls, texts, emails, Internet connections), or on average 2,500 per day."

Thank you,
Alana LaFlore

From: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2016 10:37:47 AM
To: Alana J. LaFlore
Subject: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Hi Alana,

Thanks for reaching out. I work for Commissioner Pai, and one of the issues I handle is contraband cellphones. It's been a top priority for Commissioner Pai.

Unfortunately, the FCC still has not moved the proceeding forward. It's disappointing because it's an important issue and a wide variety of stakeholders have urged the FCC to complete its proceeding. Commissioner Pai has also met with FCC Chairman Wheeler's staff and laid out in detail exactly what Commissioner Pai believes we need to do to get the proceeding across the finish line.

Happy to set up a phone call between you and Commissioner Pai to discuss.

Some additional background documents and info:

Here's a link to the FCC's still-pending 2013 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which teed up some reforms the FCC could take to help reduce the cost and expedite the deployment of some anti-contraband technologies. As I mentioned, the FCC has not moved forward with adopting any of those rule changes:

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-58A1.pdf

As I think you've seen, Commissioner Pai held a field hearing on the issue in South Carolina with Governor Nikki Haley. More information about that particular event can be found here, including a copy of Commissioner Pai's remarks, which I think you've seen: <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2016/04/commissioner-pais-field-hearing-contraband-cellphones>

The testimony from the other participants should also be available there.

Commissioner Pai also testified before the Senate on this issue in a hearing that was not specifically about this issue:

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-338045A1.pdf

Commissioner Pai also did an op-ed on the issue in USA Today:

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2016/04/05/nikki-haley-ajit-pai-fcc-contraband-cellphones-prison-criminals-crime-behind-bars-fcc-column/82649738/>

10 governors have also weighed in on the issue and urged FCC Chairman Wheeler to take action. Their letter and Chairman Wheeler's response to the same is attached.

Also, the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General released a report this summer

(<https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2016/e1605.pdf#page=1>.) that discusses the significant threats posed by contraband cellphones.

Here are a couple of excerpts:

- "The BOP reports that over 8,700 cell phones were recovered during this period [FY 2012 – FY 2014], 2,012 more than the next most common contraband type, weapons."
- "An inmate with a cell phone, particularly a smartphone, can carry out criminal activities undetected, including threatening and intimidating witnesses, victims, and public officials, and coordinate escape attempts."
- "In February 2013, a BOP Correctional Officer at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, was shot and killed while driving home from the facility in what authorities believe was inmate-involved retaliation related to his investigations into cell phone smuggling."
- "cell phones have remained . . . one of the most prevalent dangerous contraband items the BOP recovers."
- "[These] reports represent only contraband items that BOP staff has recovered within BOP institutions. In fact, the actual number of overall contraband items, including cell phones in BOP institutions nationwide, is a larger, unknown number. For example, the BOP Cellular Telephone Laboratory's (Lab) analyses of recovered cell phones show that inmates, each using their own SIM card, regularly share cell phones."
- "An inmate's use of a contraband cell phone can create security and safety concerns both within and beyond the institution's secure perimeter. An inmate with a cell phone, particularly a smartphone, can carry out criminal activities undetected, including threatening and intimidating witnesses, victims, and public officials and coordinating contraband smuggling and escape attempts."
- "The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported that an 11-day test of its MAS in 2011 detected 2,593 unique wireless devices and blocked over 25,000 unauthorized communication attempts (calls, texts, emails, Internet connections), or on average 2,500 per day."

-- Brendan

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From: Alana J. LaFlore [<mailto:ajLaFlore@sbgvtv.com>]

Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 3:52 PM

To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>

Subject: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Hello,

I'm writing about the speech Commission Pai gave back in April about contraband cell phones. His remarks are mentioned in this article. <http://money.cnn.com/2016/04/07/technology/prison-cell-phones/>

Have steps been taken to move forward to such a block? What is the current status?

Thank you for your help. I'm on a hard deadline of Wednesday night (11/09).

Alana LaFlore

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Joanne Wall

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 10:25 AM
To: 'Stephanie Rogerson'
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Thanks Steph –

For me: Turkey & Cranberry Box

Commissioner Pai: Spinach, Berry, and Goat Cheese Box

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

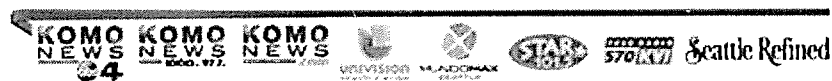
From: Stephanie Rogerson [mailto:srogerson@komotv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 6:23 PM
To: Keith Shipman ; Janene Drafts ; cgardner@bonneville.com; mark.boe@kstwtv.com; andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com; jack.hutchison@entercom.com; jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com; jrose@king5.com; mkaye@hubbardradio.com; rdunlop@kcts.org; kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com; kentaehl@iheartmedia.com; kcotlove@sbgvtv.com
Cc: Brendan Carr
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Hello,

I'll be taking your lunch order. The link below will take you to Specialty's web site for their box lunches. Please scroll down to see their sandwich and salad selections and send me your lunch selection by Friday, 9/16.
<https://www.specialtys.com/Products.aspx?MenuId=203>
We will have bottled water and variety of sodas available for you.

Thank you,
Steph

Stephanie Rogerson
Executive Assistant
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From: Keith Shipman [mailto:kshipman@wsab.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 2:13 PM
To: Janene Drafts <janened@komotv.com>; cgardner@bonneville.com; mark.boe@kstwtv.com; andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com; jack.hutchison@entercom.com; jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com; jrose@king5.com; mkaye@hubbardradio.com; rdunlop@kcts.org; kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com; kentaehl@iheartmedia.com; kcotlove@sbgvtv.com
Cc: brendan.carr@fcc.gov; Stephanie Rogerson <srogerson@komotv.com>
Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Good Afternoon -

The roundtable event with FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai has been scheduled for 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at KOMO-TV (140 - 4th Avenue North, Seattle).

Commissioner Pai's Legal Advisor - Brendan Carr - will be hand as well (we'll lean on him to make sure that discussions steer clear of issues that would violate anti-trust).

Stephanie Rogerson of KOMO-TV will be reaching out to you shortly to make lunch arrangements.

We appreciate your attendance.

Keith

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PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

----- Original Message -----

From: Keith Shipman <kshipman@wsab.org>
To: kshipman@wsab.org
Date: September 6, 2016 at 1:15 AM
Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - Seattle

Hello -

I have been asked by the legal advisor from FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai's office to gauge interest in a broadcaster's round table discussion with Commissioner Pai over the lunch hour on September 19, 20 or 21 in downtown Seattle. The WSAB will provide a box lunch.

Commissioner Pai is the Senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission.

This invitation is being sent to television and radio market managers and owners in Seattle/Tacoma/Everett and we respectfully request your presence at the round table session with Commissioner Pai. As we expect a high level discussion on policy this forum is not an appropriate platform for engineering staff, and thus, we would appreciate your cooperation in being the representative of your company.

Please let me know if you're able to attend. Details on the location (along with a menu for you to select your lunch) will be forthcoming. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell at 541-419-0141, as I am traveling this week.

Thank you for your continued support of the Washington State Association of Broadcasters!

Keith

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Joanne Wall

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 11:00 AM
To: 'Keith Shipman'
Subject: RE: Commissioner Pai -- Seattle -- WSAB?

Thanks – just shoot me an email when you get a volunteer / victim to host the lunch.

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

From: Keith Shipman [mailto:kshipman@wsab.org]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Brendan Carr
Subject: Re: Commissioner Pai -- Seattle -- WSAB?

Got it.
Thanks!
Keith

Keith Shipman
541-419-0141 (C)
866-309-3283 (F)
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2016, at 7:45 AM, Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov> wrote:

Yes – let's go with next Wednesday September 21 with a 12:30 start time. We have a 10:00 – 12:00 meeting that will probably be located at Westlake and 7th Avenue. So getting to a downtown broadcaster for a 12:30 should be very easy.

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2016 2:12 PM
To: 'Keith Shipman' <kshipman@wsab.org>
Subject: RE: Commissioner Pai -- Seattle -- WSAB?

Thanks! That sounds great. I think Wednesday will be the better day for us. But let me double check.

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

From: Keith Shipman [mailto:kshipman@wsab.org]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2016 9:25 AM

To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Commissioner Pai -- Seattle -- WSAB?

Hi Brendan -

I've polled market managers in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett and have had very favorable response.

Monday, September 19 doesn't seem to work for anyone, but Tuesday, September 20 or Wednesday, September 21 would bring a group of 10 to 12 (Sinclair, Bonneville, Hubbard, Tegna, CBS, Public Television, etc.).

Let me know which date works better and I'll work on securing a location and arranging for box lunches/beverages.

Keith

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On September 2, 2016 at 10:50 AM Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov> wrote:

Hi Keith,

I work at the Federal Communications Commission for Commissioner Pai. I wanted to reach out because Commissioner Pai will be in Seattle in a few weeks (Monday September 19 through Wednesday September 21). He's speaking at CCA's conference on September 21.

I wanted to reach out and see what you thought about trying to get a broadcaster roundtable together while Pai is in the Seattle area.

We've done events like this before when Pai travels to cities that he has not been to before. We've done them as informal, roundtable-type lunches before.

What do you think?

-- Brendan

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 10:43 AM
To: David Grossman
Subject: Nice chatting briefly this morning

Hello again, David.

I realize it has been a while since we've spoken and would like to catch up at some point later in the month, if you have time. In the meantime, I thought I would share with you some of our recent news stories.

You may not know that our Oklahoma affiliate, KOKH, broke the story that Scott Pruitt used his personal email for state business while AG of Oklahoma, then lied about it to the Senate at his EPA Administer confirmation hearing. Well, we did! And we received recognition for that by the New York Times here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/25/business/media/trump-media-republicans.html>

It's a good, solid example of our local investigative journalism that rarely gets recognized. In fact, Rutenberg puts our station in the same league as WashPo, AP, and WSJ as crusaders that won't stop real reporting in the face of Trump's anti-media bluster. Even Rachel Maddow gave us a nice shout out:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/maddow/status/837371370552053761>

Earlier this week we held our first Facebook live roundtable through WJLA for the LBGT community.

<http://www.tvnewscheck.com/article/101838/wjla-slots-facebook-live-lgbt-roundtable>

I share these with you to demonstrate that recent broad-brush characterizations of our being "conservative" or "Republican" are inaccurate and unfair. Would love to discuss further at your convenience, and update on other things we are doing as well.

Best,

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy

Sinclair Broadcast Group

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 8:33 AM
To: David Grossman
Subject: RE: New Contact Information

Good Morning, David, and congratulations on joining Commission Clyburn's office. I was hoping to say that in person this morning at the Udwin breakfast, but that was unfortunately cancelled.

I also am in the midst of giving ATSC 3.0 updates to all the Commissioners' offices. You may remember that ATSC 3.0 is a new broadcast technology that the industry is developing. I mentioned it when we met during my women GMs' fly-in in the fall. We hope to file a petition for adoption with the FCC.

Would you be available for a brief update later this week, or sometime next week? We will also have a demo at the NAB Show that you may be interested in viewing.

Just let me know.

Rebecca

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From: David Grossman [mailto:David.Grossman@fcc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 7:03 PM
To: David Grossman
Subject: New Contact Information

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Below you will find my new contact information. I look forward to staying in touch. All the best, David

J. David Grossman
Chief of Staff and Media Policy Advisor
Office of Commissioner Mignon L. Clyburn
Federal Communications Commission
Phone: (202) 418-2100
david.grossman@fcc.gov

Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 3:00 PM
To: David Grossman
Cc: Drema Johnson
Subject: RE: Thanks for meeting today

Excellent, David. It will be important for you and the Commissioner to understand this technology sooner or later, and this demo offers a timely and convenient way to see it. I hope you can lock it in!

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From: David Grossman [mailto:David.Grossman@fcc.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 2:18 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Cc: Drema Johnson
Subject: RE: Thanks for meeting today

Thanks Rebecca. I've flagged the invite for the 5:30 pm Tuesday demo. Will let you know once I'm able to confirm.

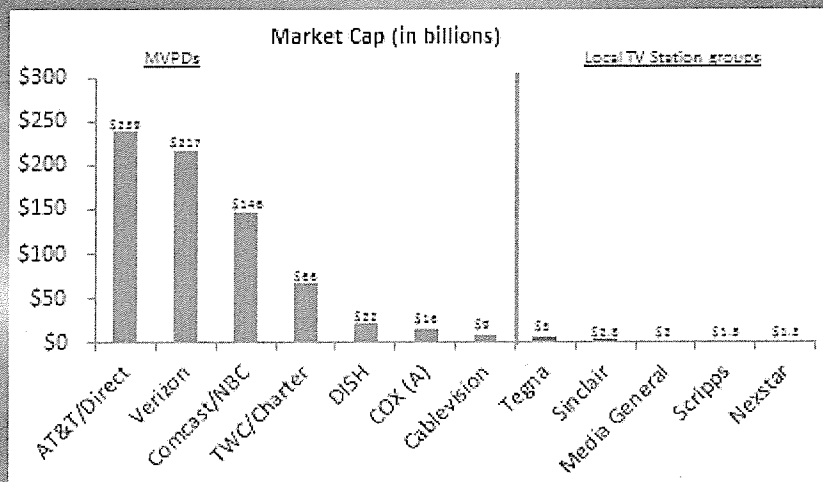
From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 2:34 PM
To: David Grossman <David.Grossman@fcc.gov>
Subject: Thanks for meeting today

Hey David,

I am glad you could take a few minutes today to let me welcome you to the FCC! Attached are the courtesy copies of my two recent ex partes on the retrans matter. I draw your attention to the market cap slide in the second filing, which is pasted below. This is the environment that the FCC and Congress have created, in which station groups are expected to negotiate retrans and other business matters. So any notion that poor cable needs the FCC to intervene on its behalf against big bad broadcasting is laughable.

And do let me know if you and the Commissioner can swing by our Wynn suite to see our ATSC 3.0 demo on Tuesday at 5:30.

Market Cap Comparables



Source for all market caps: YahooFinance 3/23/15

(A) Cox is privately held. Market cap is a conservative estimate based on valuation of \$4,000 per subscriber.

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From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:13 PM
To: David Grossman; DeeAnn Smith; Drema Johnson; Mignon Clyburn
Subject: Sinclair Announces First Diversity Scholarship Winners!
Attachments: Sinclair Scholarship Press Release.pdf

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Clyburn's office!

I thought you might be interested in meeting the inaugural class of Sinclair's broadcast diversity scholars. We launched a \$500,000 scholarship fund back in February to invest in future broadcast talent. We are very excited about this program and look forward to seeing it grow over the coming years. Here they are! <https://vimeo.com/174374177>

Rebecca

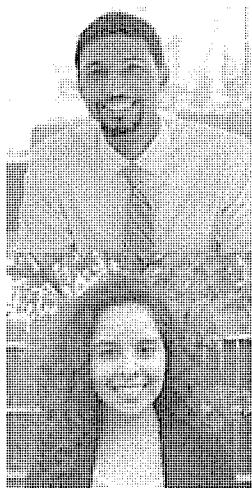
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Today Sinclair Broadcast Group announced its 2016 scholarship recipients. The \$500,000 Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 to reward students aspiring to careers in broadcast journalism. Sinclair staff across the country awarded \$43,000 to nine exceptional applicants, all of whom share Sinclair's desire to make a positive difference in their communities. These students are extremely talented and include first generation college students, volunteers for local charities, interns at local radio and TV broadcast stations, writers and producers for college newspapers and presidents of associations.

The Fund complements Sinclair's existing widespread internship program, as well as Sinclair's long-standing relationships with numerous colleges, including historically black colleges and universities, in markets where Sinclair has stations. This Fund is another way for Sinclair to invest in the future of broadcast television, by ensuring that students dedicated to careers in broadcasting can complete their educations.

Congratulations to the inaugural class of Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund recipients!

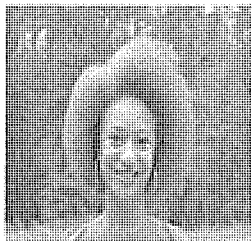


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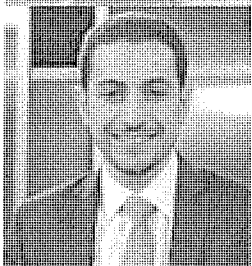
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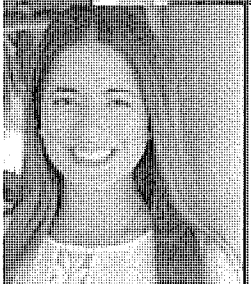
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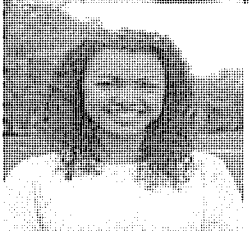
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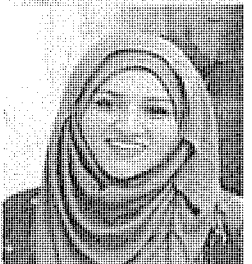
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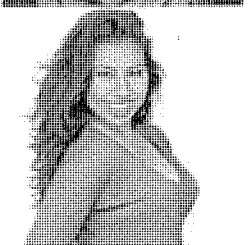
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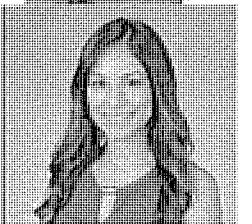
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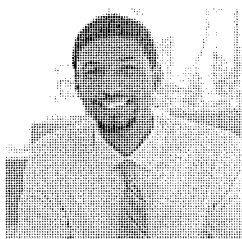
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SINCLAIR BROADCAST DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS \$43,000

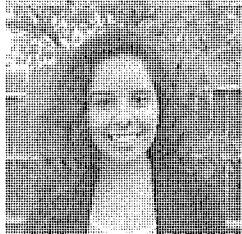
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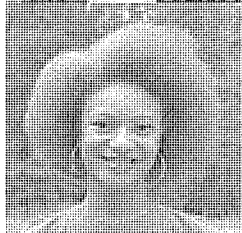
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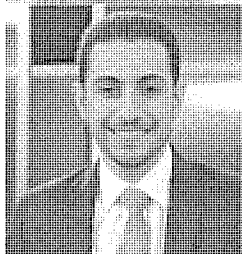
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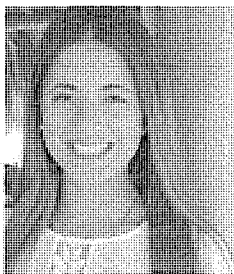
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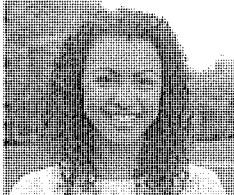
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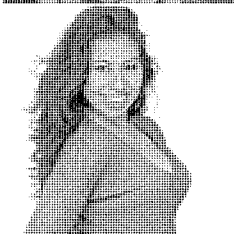
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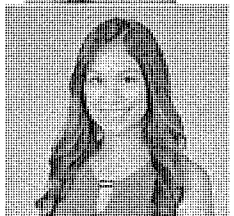
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Robin Colwell

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Robin Colwell
Subject: Thoughts on retrans election reform

Good morning, Robin.

I am glad we had the chance to get together last week. Thank you for your time. It was nice to catch up.

As we discussed, we think an area that is ripe for reform is the retrans election process. Every three years, stations must formally elect to negotiate retrans; if they don't, they default to must-carry status, a non-revenue, carriage-only status. The retrans election has not changed since its implantation in 1996 and desperately needs modernization.

The rules require broadcasters to mail their retrans election to "cable systems in the station's market." It has never been clear what that phrase means, and, given the amount of revenue at risk if the retrans election is not properly made, the practice has been for broadcasters to send retrans election notices to each cable head end in each market. As a practical matter, this results in broadcasters having to mail thousands of notices to MVPDs, which is a duplicative and costly exercise. Broadcasters pay Nielsen and other services for lists of MVPDs in their markets so they don't miss any headend and inadvertently lose their opportunity for retrans revenue. In addition, some small MVPDs try to hide from broadcasters, either claiming they are closed or that notice was not received, all so they can avoid paying retrans fees. Chasing thousands of addresses, especially in smaller markets, is an unnecessary administrative burden, does not further the public interest, and just makes it harder and more expensive for broadcasters to elect retransmission consent.

Simplifying the retrans election process would benefit both broadcasters and MVPDs. Ideas for doing so could include:

1. **Change the default status from must-carry to retrans.** It is now well-established which stations negotiate retrans, and there is minimal likelihood that current retrans stations will change their elections to must-carry in the future. Thus, it is time to rethink the purpose of this election. If the default is changed from must-carry to retrans, then stations that do not anticipate negotiating retrans will have to make the must-carry election. This is how retrans election works for DBS, and there is no reason it should be different for cable.
2. **Eliminate the three-year election cycle.** Under this approach, any broadcaster that chooses retrans can keep that status indefinitely until it chooses to change to must-carry. The same would be true for a must-carry station; it would remain must-carry until it elects retrans. This will allow every station to make one election and then only require a notice if they change. With sufficient notice, any broadcaster or station should be able to change its status, regardless of the current three-year cycle.
3. **Clarify that retrans election notices go to one specific address of the MVPD.** The FCC should clarify which address is required for election and require the MVPDs to publicly register that address with the FCC so that all parties know the retrans election address. Broadcasters spend significant resources to locate all the MVPDs in a market and their headend addresses. Since most retrans negotiations are done at the MVPD's corporate level (as opposed to the market level), one notice to the corporate headquarters of the MVPD should be sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement. Unlike cable, over

the air channels can be simply taken off the air without the knowledge of the broadcasters. The requirement of registering with the FCC would allow the broadcasters to know which MVPDs are actually operating in every market.

4. **Allow retrans election to be done online.** Broadcasters are currently required to include their retrans elections in their online public files, so allowing notices to be done online is not a great departure from this current practice. Putting the process entirely online would save the broadcasters and MVPDs time, efforts and out of pocket costs, and would be consistent with the FCC's other migrations to online filing.

If you would like to discuss this further, I would be happy to arrange a call with our Deputy General Counsel. Just let me know if we can be more helpful.

Best,
Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Alison Nemeth
Cc: Deanne Erwin
Subject: Postponing Friday's meeting

Hello Alison and Deanne. I need to postpone our meeting on Friday. Can I reschedule when I have a better idea of when we will be ready?

Rebecca

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From: Alison Nemeth [mailto:Alison.Nemeth@fcc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Cc: Deanne Erwin <Deanne.Erwin@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for reaching out. I've cc'd Deanne here who can assist with setting up a time for you to come in.

Thanks,
Alison

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Alison Nemeth <Alison.Nemeth@fcc.gov>
Subject: Meeting request

Hello, Alison.

I realize you will be very busy over the next two weeks, but I wanted to put a meeting request on your radar. We would like to brief you on an initiative we are taking with India. This was prompted by your announcement of the FCC/India cooperation agreement.

Would March 24th work for you? Hopefully you will be able to take a breather after the open meeting.

Just let me know. And good luck tomorrow!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Susanna Coto <coto@mediainstitute.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:42 AM
Subject: Media Institute Luncheon - June 20 - St. Regis Hotel - Christopher Ripley of Sinclair as guest speaker

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

You are cordially invited to attend, as our guest, The Media Institute's next Communications Forum luncheon, which will take place on Tuesday, June 20. Our guest speaker will be Christopher S. Ripley, president and CEO of Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Mr. Ripley is the architect of Sinclair's \$3.9-billion acquisition of Tribune Media, which will add 42 broadcast TV stations to Sinclair's current 173 stations, giving the company unprecedented access to 72 percent of the country. Find out how this mega-deal came about, the regulatory hurdles still ahead for government approval – and what it will mean for the future of broadcasting.

The details are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday June 20

PLACE: **St. Regis Hotel**

923 16th & K Streets, N.W.

ROOM: Andrew Jackson

TIME: 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. *Registration & Reception*

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. *Luncheon*

Please RSVP by June 16. Space is limited and attendance is by invitation only.

Sincerely,

Susanna Coto
Director of Public Events
The Media Institute
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Joanne Wall

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: FW: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

I can respond to them for me and Pai. Thanks!

-- Brendan
(202) 418-1733

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Lori Alexiou ; Brendan Carr
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

I'll have the Spinach, Berry, and Goat Cheese Box. Thanks!

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

<https://www.specialtys.com/Products.aspx?MenuId=203>

Do you want to look at the sandwich and salad options and let me know today or tomorrow? I'm not sure what you will want. Sorry.

Thanks.

From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 6:28 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Fw: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

From: Stephanie Rogerson <srogerson@komotv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 6:22 PM
To: Keith Shipman; Janene Drafis; cgardner@bonneville.com; mark.boe@kstwtv.com; andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com; jack.hutchison@entercom.com; jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com; jrose@king5.com; mkaye@hubbardradio.com; rdunlop@kcts.org; kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com; kenthaehl@iheartmedia.com; kcotlove@sbgvtv.com
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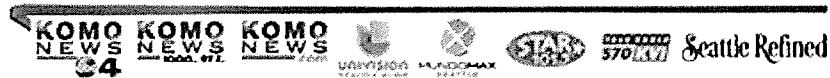
I'll be taking your lunch order. The link below will take you to Specialty's web site for their box lunches. Please scroll down to see their sandwich and salad selections and send me your lunch selection by Friday, 9/16.

<https://www.specialtys.com/Products.aspx?MenuId=203>

We will have bottled water and variety of sodas available for you.

Thank you,
Steph

Stephanie Rogerson
Executive Assistant
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From: Keith Shipman [<mailto:kshipman@wsab.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 2:13 PM

To: Janene Drafs <janened@komotv.com>; cgardner@bonneville.com; mark.boe@kstwtv.com; andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com; jack.hutchison@entercom.com; jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com; jrose@king5.com; mkaye@hubbaddradio.com; rdunlop@kcts.org; kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com; kenthaehl@iheartmedia.com; kcotlove@sbgvtv.com

Cc: brendan.carr@fcc.gov; Stephanie Rogerson <srogerson@komotv.com>

Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Good Afternoon -

The roundtable event with FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai has been scheduled for 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at KOMO-TV (140 - 4th Avenue North, Seattle).

Commissioner Pai's Legal Advisor - Brendan Carr - will be hand as well (we'll lean on him to make sure that discussions steer clear of issues that would violate anti-trust).

Stephanie Rogerson of KOMO-TV will be reaching out to you shortly to make lunch arrangements.

We appreciate your attendance.

Keith

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PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

----- Original Message -----

From: Keith Shipman <kshipman@wsab.org>

To: kshipman@wsab.org

Date: September 6, 2016 at 1:15 AM
Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - Seattle

Hello -

I have been asked by the legal advisor from FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai's office to gauge interest in a broadcaster's round table discussion with Commissioner Pai over the lunch hour on September 19, 20 or 21 in downtown Seattle. The WSAB will provide a box lunch.

Commissioner Pai is the Senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission.

This invitation is being sent to television and radio market managers and owners in Seattle/Tacoma/Everett and we respectfully request your presence at the round table session with Commissioner Pai. As we expect a high level discussion on policy this forum is not an appropriate platform for engineering staff, and thus, we would appreciate your cooperation in being the representative of your company.

Please let me know if you're able to attend. Details on the location (along with a menu for you to select your lunch) will be forthcoming. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell at 541-419-0141, as I am traveling this week.

Thank you for your continued support of the Washington State Association of Broadcasters!

Keith

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Attachments: Directions to KOMO Plaza.pdf

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Cc: Brendan Carr
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

A couple of you have asked for directions to KOMO Plaza. So attached is a map of the area with our address and parking options. If you park in our garage, I can validate your parking for you. (Enter from John Street.) If you have any other questions, let me know.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: brendan.carr@fcc.gov; Stephanie Rogerson <srogerson@komotv.com>
Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Good Afternoon -

The roundtable event with FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai has been scheduled for 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at KOMO-TV (140 - 4th Avenue North, Seattle).

Commissioner Pai's Legal Advisor - Brendan Carr - will be hand as well (we'll lean on him to make sure that discussions steer clear of issues that would violate anti-trust).

Stephanie Rogerson of KOMO-TV will be reaching out to you shortly to make lunch arrangements.

We appreciate your attendance.

Keith

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PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

----- Original Message -----

From: Keith Shipman <kshipman@wsab.org>
To: kshipman@wsab.org
Date: September 6, 2016 at 1:15 AM
Subject: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - Seattle

Hello -

I have been asked by the legal advisor from FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai's office to gauge interest in a broadcaster's round table discussion with Commissioner Pai over the lunch hour on September 19, 20 or 21 in downtown Seattle. The WSAB will provide a box lunch.

Commissioner Pai is the Senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission.

This invitation is being sent to television and radio market managers and owners in Seattle/Tacoma/Everett and we respectfully request your presence at the round table session with Commissioner Pai. As we expect a high level discussion on policy this forum is not an appropriate platform for engineering staff, and thus, we would appreciate your cooperation in being the representative of your company.

Please let me know if you're able to attend. Details on the location (along with a menu for you to select your lunch) will be forthcoming. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell at 541-419-0141, as I am traveling this week.

Thank you for your continued support of the Washington State Association of Broadcasters!

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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:58 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Thanks! We are reviewing and will get back to you soon.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Mathew,

I haven't heard from Lori and wanted to make sure you had these details as well. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Crazy times, huh?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:56 PM
To: 'Lori Alexiou' <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Lori,

Exciting times, to say the least! I am sure the Commissioner will be in increasing demand in the coming weeks, making me feel lucky to have locked this in before the election! By way of reminder:

WHAT: The Commissioner will address our annual fly-in of all our General Managers (around 100), plus some senior execs. Topic should focus on the important role that GMs play in their market, localism, etc., plus whatever he wants to discuss. Session will be off the record.

WHERE: Four Seasons, Baltimore.

WHEN: His "session" is set from 12:45 to 1:15, but it can be shorter, e.g., if he wants to speak for 15 minutes and take questions for 10, that would be fine. Lunch starts at noon, so if he and Matthew would like to come early and have lunch with a few of us, that would be great!

MEETING AFTERWARD: Would he have time to meet with our CEO, David Smith, for a few minutes after his session?

TRAVEL LOGISTICS: There is an Amtrak train leaving Union Station at 11:10, which arrives in Baltimore at 11:51 (84 NE Regional), or an Acela that leaves at 11:00 and arrives at 11:32. I will be there to get them and bring them to the Four Seasons. If he can meet with David Smith afterwards, we could get them on the 2:19 Acela, which arrives back in Union Station at 2:53.

Can we confirm all of this on Monday? I am free all afternoon to chat.

Rebecca

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From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Thanks Rebecca and thanks for your patience on this.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Terrific, Matthew. Thanks so much for confirming: Lori, I will be in touch later this week with details.

Rebecca

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From: Matthew Berry [<mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Rebecca,

Commissioner Pai is able to make it. Please coordinate with Lori in terms of the specific schedule.

Thanks,
Matthew

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Re: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Thanks for sending, Rebecca! And thanks to the team for covering this in such depth -- many sad stories here that need to be told.

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's office!

You may have heard that Congress passed sweeping legislation last month addressing painkiller abuse and the heroin addiction that often follows.

Since 2013, Sinclair has produced hundreds of local news stories and 11 town halls about the devastating impact of opioid misuse in our communities, how it got to this point, and what local leaders are doing about it. Many of these stories are archived on our stations' websites in our digital series *"Hooked on Heroin"*. Attached is a list of links to around 70 of our more recent stories from stations across the country.

WJLA, our ABC affiliate here in DC, recently ran a six-part investigative series on the *"Heroin Highway"*, following the path of suppliers and addicts along Interstates 70 and 81 through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. Here is the first installment. <http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-highway-part-1-baltimore-lets-start-at-the-beginning>

This is just one way that Sinclair Broadcast Group informs and empowers our local communities on issues that impact us at home and on a national level.

Rebecca

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Birmingham, AL - WBMA

- "What Alabama doctors are doing to curb the opioid abuse epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/news/local/what-alabama-doctors-are-doing-to-curb-the-opioid-abuse-epidemic>
- "Hoover not immune to heroin epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/station/talk-of-alabama/hoover-not-immune-to-heroin-epidemic>
- "ABC 33/40 Town Hall – Battling Heroin"
<http://abc3340.com/news/videos/abc-3340-town-hall-battling-heroin>

Mobile, AL-Pensacola, FL - WPMI

- "Heroin drug abuse on the rise"
<http://local15tv.com/news/local/heroin-drug-abuse-on-the-rise>

Bakersfield, CA - KBAK

- "Heroin abuse resources in Kern County"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-kern-county>
- "Heroin-related deaths in U.S. nearly quadruple"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/health/heroin-related-deaths-in-us-nearly-quadruple>

Fresno-Visalia, CA - KMPH

- "Heroin abuse resources in Fresno County"
<http://kmp-hkfre.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-fresno-county>

Washington, DC - WJLA

- "Town Hall in Va. Raises awareness to heroin drug abuse"
<http://wjla.com/news/local/town-hall-in-va-raises-awareness-to-heroin-drug-abuse>
- "Former Congressmen Gingrich and Kennedy working to curb opioid addiction"
<http://wjla.com/news/nation-world/former-congressmen-gingric-and-kennedy-working-to-curb-opioid-addiction>
- "Heroin Highway"
<http://wjla.com/news/news-talk/heroin-highway>
- "Warning signs of heroin addiction"
<http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/warning-signs-of-heroin-addiction>

West Palm Beach-Fort Pierce, FL - WPEC

- "Delray Police Chief Eyes New Position To Tackle City's Heroin Problem"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/delray-police-chief-eyes-new-position-to-tackle-citys-heroin-problem>

- "Police addressing increased heroin problems"
<http://cbs12.com/news/local/police-addressing-increased-heroin-problems>
- "Heroin Help: Local Resources"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-12-2016>

Albany, GA - WFXL

- "The dangers of flakka, heroin"
<http://wfxl.com/news/local/the-dangers-of-flakka-heroin>

Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Dubuque, IA - KGAN

- "Iowa gets \$4 million in drug addiction funds in Obama plan"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/iowa-gets-4-million-in-drug-addiction-funds-in-obama-plan-07-05-2016>
- "Iowa Heroin Deaths Rise"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/iowa-heroin-deaths-rise>
- "Fight to end heroin abuse continues during town hall"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/fight-to-end-heroin-abuse-continues-during-town-hall>
- "U.S. Attorney for Iowa's Northern District Kevin Techau talks about fighting heroin in IA"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/iowa-in-focus/us-attorney-for-iowas-northern-district-kevin-techau-talks-about-fighting-heroin-in-ia>

Sioux City, IA - KMEG

- "Heroin overdoses are becoming prevalent, but how about in Siouxland?"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-overdoses-are-becoming-prevalent-but-how-about-in-siouxland>
- "Heroin help: Local resources"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-23-2016>
- "EMTs use Narcan to fight heroin epidemic"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/local/emts-use-narcan-to-fight-heroin-epidemic>

Champaign-Springfield-Decatur, IL - WICS

- "Kincaid Police: 'We're Going After Drug Dealers'"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/kincaid-police-were-going-after-drug-dealers>
- "New Drug Treatment Center Opens in Macoupin County"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/new-drug-treatment-center-opens-in-macoupin-county>
- "Springfield Police See 'Explosion' in Heroin Use"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/springfield-police-see-explosion-in-heroin-use>

- "Fighting Heroin Use in Logan County"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/fighting-heroin-use-in-logan-county>

Baltimore, MD - WBFF

- "Heroin crisis: From addict to advocate"
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/heroin-crisis-from-addict-to-advocate>
- "Public health, law enforcement officials discuss heroin epidemic at Towson University"
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/public-health-law-enforcement-officials-discuss-heroin-epidemic-at-towson-university>

Flint-Saginaw-Bay City, MI - WEYI

- "Father using son's death from heroin overdose as inspiration to save others"
<http://nbc25news.com/news/local/father-using-sons-death-from-heroin-overdose-as-inspiration-to-save-others>

Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI - WWMT

- "Program could provide millions to fight opioid abuse"
<http://wwmt.com/news/state/program-could-provide-millions-to-fight-opioid-abuse>

Columbia-Jefferson City, MO - KRCG

- "Jessica and the heroin epidemic: something to talk about"
<http://krcgtv.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-something-to-talk-about>

St. Louis, MO - KDNL

- "St. Louis Heroin Epidemic: The Toll It Takes On Families"
<http://abcstlouis.com/st-louis-heroin-epidemic-the-toll-it-takes-on-families>

Las Vegas, NV - KSNV

- "Heroin overdose deaths on the rise in Clark County"
<http://news3lv.com/news/local/heroin-overdose-deaths-on-rise-in-clark-county>

Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY - WRGB

- "Dozens trained to use overdose reversal drug Naloxone"
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/dozens-trained-to-use-overdose-reversal-drug-naloxone>
- "Governor signs package of heroin bills to stop epidemic"
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/new-york-sets-7-day-limit-on-initial-opioid-prescriptions>
- "NY Gov. Cuomo, lawmakers agree on plan to combat heroin"
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/ny-gov-cuomo-lawmakers-agree-on-plan-to-combat-heroin-06-14-2016>

- "Local mom pushes for bill to charge drug dealers as murderers"
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/saratoga-springs-man-indicted-for-distributing-heroin>

Cincinnati, OH - WKRC

- "DEA produces video warning police about dangers of Fentanyl"
<http://local12.com/news/local/dea-produces-video-warning-police-about-dangers-of-fentanyl>
- "NKY Hates Heroin holds annual 5k race"
<http://local12.com/news/local/nky-hates-heroin-holds-annual-5k-race>
- "Out of jail, off drugs: Hamilton County copies successful detox program"
<http://local12.com/news/ hooked-on-heroin/thursday-at-6-out-of-jail-off-drugs>
- "New addiction recovery center opens in West Chester"
<http://local12.com/news/local/new-addiction-recovery-center-opens-in-west-chester>
- "Report: NKY top of list for drug overdoses"
<http://local12.com/news/local/report-nky-top-of-list-for-drug-overdoses>

Columbus, OH - WSYX

- "Dublin: First district in Ohio to have naloxone in its schools"
<http://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/dublin-to-have-naloxone-in-all-20-of-its-schools>

Dayton, OH - WKEF/WRGT

- "Agencies combine to fight back against heroin addiction"
<http://abc22now.com/news/local/agencies-combine-to-fight-back-against-heroin-addiction>

Toledo, OH - WNWO

- "Lucas Co. Sheriff to speak with White House officials about local heroin epidemic"
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/lucas-county-sheriff-to-speak-in-dc-about-local-heroin-epidemic>
- "Your Voice, Your Future Roundtable: Heroin – The Ohio Epidemic"
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/your-voice-your-future-roundtable-heroin-the-ohio-epidemic>
- "25 arrested, indicted after 7-month drug investigation in Hancock County"
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/25-arrested-indicted-after-7-month-drug-investigation-in-hancock-county>
- "Hundreds attend Rep. Latta's forum on opiate abuse in Findlay"
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/hundreds-attend-rep-lattas-forum-on-opiate-abuse-in-findlay>
- "Powerful new synthetic drug creeps into Northwest Ohio"
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/powerful-new-synthetic-drug-creeps-into-northwest-ohio>

Eugene, OR - KMTR

- "Heroin use a growing epidemic on Oregon's South Coast"
<http://nbc16.com/news/local/heroin-use-a-growing-epidemic-on-oregons-south-coast>

Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA - WHP

- "Dauphin Co. leaders outline efforts to combat heroin epidemic"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/dauphin-co-leaders-outline-efforts-to-combat-heroin-epidemic>
- "Heroin epidemic made worse by mixing in painkiller, coroner says"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-made-worse-by-mixing-in-painkiller-coroner-says>

Charleston, SC - WCIV

- "Heroin-related deaths surge across U.S., Lowcountry"
<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/heroin-related-deaths-surge-across-us-lowcountry>

Columbia, SC - WACH

- "Lexington County Coroner attributes 12 deaths with mixing heroin"
<http://wach.com/news/local/lexington-county-coroner-attributes-12-deaths-with-mixing-heroin>

Greenville-Spartanburg, SC-Ashville, NC-Anderson, SC - WLOS

- "Heroin epidemic hits home for mountain family"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-hits-home-for-mountain-family>
- "Town Hall: Heroin epidemic in WNC"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/town-hall-heroin-epidemic-in-western-north-carolina>

Chattanooga, TN - WTVN

- "Recovering heroin addict shares his story"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/recovering-heroin-addict-shares-his-story>
- "More Parents Drug Testing Kids to Fight Heroin Addiction"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/local/more-parents-drug-testing-kids-to-fight-heroin-addiction>
- "Local addiction fighters respond to Obama's plans to combat drug use with \$1.1 billion"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/local-addiction-fighters-respond-to-obamas-plans-to-combat-drug-use-with-11-billion>

Nashville, TN - WZTV

- "Prescription pills crackdown sparks heroin abuse spike in Tennessee"
<http://fox17.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/prescription-pills-crackdown-sparks-heroin-abuse-spike-in-tennessee>

Amarillo, TX - KVII

- "Drug agencies report more heroin coming through Amarillo"
<http://abc7amarillo.com/news/local/drug-agencies-report-more-heroin-coming-through-amarillo>

Austin, TX - KEYE

- "Heroin help: Resources in Austin"
<http://keyetv.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-help-resources-in-austin>

El Paso, TX - KFOX

- "Heroin abuse increases nationwide and in the Borderland"
<http://kfoxtv.com/archive/heroin-abuse-increases-nationwide-and-in-the-borderland>
- "Local recovery center local addiction numbers continue to grow"
<http://kfoxtv.com/news/local/local-recovery-center-local-heroin-addiction-numbers-continue-to-grow>

San Antonio, TX - WOAI

- "Inside heroin addiction"
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/inside-heroin-addiction>
- "Heroin addiction, deaths on the rise"
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/heroin-addiction-deaths-on-the-rise>

Seattle, WA - KOMO

- "SPD creating safety guidelines to protect officers, police dogs from drugs"
<http://komonews.com/news/local/spd-creating-safety-guidelines-to-protect-officers-police-dogs-from-drugs>

Green Bay-Appleton, WI - WLUK

- "Local group continues the battle against heroin and other illicit drugs"
<http://fox11online.com/news/local/fox-cities/local-group-continues-the-battle-against-heroin-and-other-illicit-drugs>

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Subject: Fw: Demo in Las Vegas

Room number for the 1:30 demo at Wynn is below

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori -

The demo will be taking place in the Wynn Tower Suite 2301 (next to room 2317).

From: Catherine Farley
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Lori Alexiou; Rebecca Hanson
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori --

Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry are confirmed for 1:30pm on Monday, April 18th. The demo will be taking place at a suite within the Wynn Tower. I won't know the suite number until Saturday. Once I find out I will let you know. Thank you.

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From: Lori Alexiou [mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>

Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>

Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Catherine,

I am still holding 1:00 pm on Monday, April 18th for this demo for Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry. Would you please send me the details?

Thank you.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:34 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>

Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

No worries at all, Lori. We can catch the Commissioner up at the Show. I am copying Catherine Farley of my office who will be managing all the demos, and she will confirm this slot with you shortly. But please hold it for now.

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From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:54 PM

To: Rebecca Hanson

Subject: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for understanding about today's meeting. I sorry it was so last minute. Matthew asked me to contact you to schedule a time for the demo at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas on April 18th. Please let me know if around 1 or 2 pm in the afternoon works on your end. If not, please let me know your availability and we will work something out.

Thanks again.

Lori

Lori Alexiou

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From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: WJLA Reporting Improves Fredericksburg 911 Policy

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's Office.

I have followed with interest your commitment to direct 911 calling, and, while not exactly on topic, I thought you might be interested in this 911 story. It is a good example of local broadcast investigative news changing local policies that can ultimately end up saving lives.

<http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/fredericksburg-dispatch-changes-policy-following-abc-7-investigation>

Just imagine how much more we could do if the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule were gone. We appreciate your efforts, though!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Cc: Amanda Ota
Subject: Thank you both so much!

Ajit and Matthew,

Thank you again for being the stars of our show at this year's Sinclair GM Summit. All of our stations truly appreciate your support and your *belief* in what they do.

I mentioned to Ajit the movie I am currently obsessed with and provide the link here. *Zero Days*: Award-winning doc about the Stuxnet virus and the dawn of global cyberwarfare. It is a must see for every American! <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/>

I realize you will be busy in the coming weeks with respect to the transition, but since the FCC voting agenda seems to have come to a screeching halt, we would love to come in at some point after Thanksgiving to walk you through all that we are doing in the area of drones and cyber security.

Just let me know!

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:48 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Phone Rules?

From: Tom Gdisis [mailto:tgdisis@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: Phone Rules?

Hi, Ajit, you spoke at our KAB convention last week in Wichita. I'm with KSAS-TV & KMTW-TV. I had a request. Look into the rules that we need to have a toll-free number for our viewers in each city we have a transmitter. Consumers can now reach us via email and website without charge. Most phone services do not charge long distance when dialing within the state.

Thanks

Tom "Gateway" Gdisis
My TV Wichita Station Manager (KMTW) 36.1
Get TV – 36.2
FOX Kansas (KSAS) 24.1
Antenna TV 24.2
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316 N. West St.
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316-941-1031 – Direct Line
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942-8927 – FAX
www.foxkansas.com



Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Smith, Gordon
Cc: Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: Link to movie "Zero Days"

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Fun fact: When Obama pardoned Chelsea Manning, he also pardoned James Cartwright, former vice chairman of the US Joint Chiefs, for his association with leaks of classified info about the Stuxnet program to the New York Times, which first broke the story.

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From: Smith, Gordon [mailto:gsmith@nab.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Cc: Ajit Pai (Ajit.Pai@FCC.gov)
Subject: Re: Link to movie "Zero Days"
Thank you, Rebecca. I am already looking forward to watching it.

Gordon H. Smith
President/CEO

On Feb 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

As I mentioned at lunch today, I think every American should see this movie, to understand how vulnerable we are to cyberattacks.

Ajit, you should consider this research on cyber issues!

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

See it this weekend! It is available on Amazon.

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Joanne Wall

From: Heather Borman (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: NO on Sinclair Media purchase of Tribune Companies

Mr. Pai. You may not think it is a big deal to enable purveyors of fervent propaganda to be able to peddle that propaganda to 70% of American households, but it is a huge deal. We are on the brink of losing our Republic. We have been the envy of the world for our freedom and self determination. By approving this sale you are enabling the authoritarian takeover of America. Propaganda is not information with a point of view. Propaganda is a set of lies, repeated frequently, to sway public opinion.

Joseph Goebbels loved his propaganda and it helped Hitler take over Germany in 1933. Donald Trump does not need more help in his authoritarian takeover of America and his disdain for the rule of law. The public airways have been usurped by propagandists. Do not enable this!

A lie told once remains a lie but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth
Joseph Goebbels

Heather Borman

(b) (6)

Joanne Wall

From: Grayson Lookner (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Please Prevent the Merger of Sinclair and Tribune

Dear Mr. Pai,

I'm very concerned about the merger between Sinclair and Tribune. Allowing this merger would mean Sinclair stations reach 74% of American households. In your biography you said consumers benefit from "competition" in the media sphere. Allowing this merger to take place would mean the Sinclair conglomerate would be approaching monopoly proportions of the market share. That is NOT what I call "competition."

It is your job as the FCC chair to prevent make sure that the media is not violating the public interest. Sinclair has demonstrated again and again its willingness for force an agenda on its local affiliates. That is not a free press and that is not in the public interest.

Please do the right thing and prevent this merger from happening. The onus is on the FCC to preserve the free press that we have guaranteed under the first amendment, and this merger would be a serious threat to that freedom.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Joanne Wall

(b) (6)

From: Jayne Ashworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Proposed merger of Tribune and Sinclair

Dear Sir:

I understand that you are considering the merger of the Tribune with the Sinclair Broadcast Group. I am writing to ask you to disapprove this merger. Sinclair owns a large part of the media in this country at the present time, and as I think you understand from statements you have made, competition is good for this nation. Making them larger does not promote either competition or a diversity of ideas. Please disapprove this merger.

Thank you for your time.

Jayne Ashworth

(b) (6)

Joanne Wall

From: Evelyn Rysdyk (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Sinclair and Tribune

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Pai,

I'm very concerned about the merger between Sinclair and Tribune Media. Allowing this merger would mean Sinclair stations reach 74% of American households. In your biography you said consumers benefit from "competition" in the media sphere. Allowing this merger to take place would mean the Sinclair conglomerate would be approaching monopoly proportions of the market share. That is NOT what I call "competition."

It is your job as the FCC chair to make sure that the media is not violating the public interest. Sinclair has demonstrated again and again its willingness to force an agenda on its local affiliates. Indeed, unlike other owners, Sinclair produces its own biased content and requires all of their affiliates to run it. Help block this consolidation of our media and fight back against propaganda. Blocking this merger is in the public interest.

Please do the right thing and prevent this merger from happening. The onus is on the FCC to preserve the free press that we have guaranteed under the first amendment, and this merger would be a serious threat to that freedom.

Thank you for the consideration.

Evelyn Rysdyk

(b) (6)

Joanne Wall

From: Lara Ashouwak (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Sinclair Broadcasting in Maine

Dear FCC Chairperson,

Our local CBS tv affiliated news program (WCME 13) is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting here in Maine and is operating it as "State Sponsored TV", similar to RT in Russia.

Our state slogan in Maine is ... "Maine - The Way Life Should Be". This sort of PROPAGANDA does not fit our goals.

Please do what you can to stop this sort of unwanted INDOCTRINATION over our airwaves.

Thank you so much

Lara Pertel-Ashouwak and Family

(b) (6)

Joanne Wall

From: dorian smith (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:23 AM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: block the tribune sinclair merger

i want you the block the tribune sinclair merger because the problem with sinclair is that mixed real local news with propaganda and that merging the two companies will be a much bigger company. also can you tell all the broadcast networks to bring back saturday morning cartoons? hope you get this.
Dorian Smith

Joanne Wall

From: Barbara Jabara (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: KOMO TV, Seattle, WA / Sinclair Broadcasting,

I am writing to complain about "commentaries" that Sinclair Broadcasting has been airing on my local NEWS program. All these commentaries are political in nature, none of which are born out in truth or fact, and I find them not only inaccurate, they are offensive. More of a political opinion, however they reported as fact.

I would have attached them to demonstrate my point, but they are not available on the local affiliate's website. Wonder why?

Please let me know what I need to do to file a formal complaint. Thank you.

Barbara Jabara

(b) (6)



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 21, 2017

Mr. Karl Frisch
Allied Progress
1220 L Street, NW
Suite 100/364
Washington, D.C. 20006
Via email to karl@alliedprogress.org

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000689

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This supplements our initial response¹ to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on May 30, 2017 (and subsequently clarified) (*FOIA Request 2017-689*) seeking “correspondence mentioning the word ‘Sinclair’ or involving anyone with an email address ending in @sbgi.net, @pillsburylaw.com, @friedfrank.com or @TandLLaw.com” and: (1) the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai, and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr; (3) any member of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel from January 1, 2016, through May 30, 2017; (4) the Media Bureau; or (5) the Office of Legislative Affairs.² The request as clarified does not seek documents filed on the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System and forwarded by the general public as a courtesy to Commission staff.³

Pursuant to our agreement with you, in the *Initial Release* we responded in full to three other FOIA requests filed by you that overlap in some respects with *FOIA Request 2017-689*.⁴ Specifically, we responded in full to your FOIA requests that we assigned FOIA Control Numbers 2017-000684, -686, and -693 and in part to *FOIA Request 2017-689*. In the *Initial Release*, we released 94 pages of documents responsive to your requests which we redacted in part. We withheld 27 pages of documents as well as 14 emails containing copyrighted

¹ See letter from Elizabeth Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FCC, to Karl Frisch (Sept. 22, 2017) (*Initial Release*).

² See *FOIA Request 2017-689* (submitted and perfected May 30, 2017); see also emails between Joanne Wall and Karl Frisch (June 7, 8, 12, and 16, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-689*).

³ See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (June 20, 2017) (clarifying *FOIA Request 2017-689*).

⁴ See emails between Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch (Sept. 15, 2017) (because one of the FOIA requests involves a voluminous number of documents, Ms. Wall and Mr. Frisch agreed to the release of the documents responsive to the four FOIA requests in two sets) (*September 15, 2017 Emails*).

publications. Here, as agreed, we complete our response to *FOIA Request 2017-689* by releasing the remaining documents responsive to that request (*Supplemental Release*).⁵ We are releasing approximately 202 pages of documents responsive to your request which we redact in part. We are withholding approximately 85 pages of documents as well as approximately 202 email chains (some of which are part of email chains and some of which include attachments).

For the instant FOIA request, we searched the records of the offices of: (1) Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Michael O’Rielly (and their respective staffs); (2) Brendan Carr (the FCC’s General Counsel at the time of the filing of your FOIA requests); (3) members of the Transaction Team in the Office of General Counsel (OGC); and (4) the Media Bureau.

We are withholding in full and redacting in part documents under FOIA Exemption 5, which applies to “inter-agency and intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]”⁶ Exemption 5 encompasses the deliberative process privilege, which is intended to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.”⁷ To fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege encompassed by Exemption 5, records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative, “[reflecting] the give-and-take of the consultative process.”⁸

The material withheld here in full under Exemption 5 consists of email exchanges among Commission staff discussing: (1) attached memos, drafts, briefing sheets, reports, scheduling requests, enforcement plans, and similar documents; (2) attached copyright-protected material; and (3) Commission staff projects, meetings, and communications with the public. Disclosure of this internal material that we withhold in full and redact under Exemption 5 would “discourage candid discussion within the agency and thereby undermine the agency’s ability to perform its functions.”⁹ We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the documents we withhold and the material we redact would harm the Commission’s deliberative processes, which Exemption 5 is intended to protect. Release of this material would chill deliberations within the Commission and impede the candid exchange of ideas.

We are withholding in full documents under Exemption 4 of the FOIA,¹⁰ which protects “commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential[.]”¹¹

⁵ See *September 15, 2017 Emails*.

⁶ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

⁷ *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

⁸ *Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. DOJ*, 823 F. 2d 574, 585 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

⁹ *Formaldehyde Inst. v. Dep’t of Health and Human Servs.*, 889 F.2d 1118, 1122 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (quoting *Dudman Commc’ns Corp. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 815 F.2d 1565, 1568 (D.C. Cir. 1987)); see also *Coastal States Gas Corp. v. Dep’t of Energy*, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (“In deciding whether a document should be protected by the privilege we look to whether the document is . . . generated before the adoption of an agency policy and whether . . . it reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process. The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents”).

¹⁰ See 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4); see also 47 C.F.R. §0.457(d).

¹¹ *Id.*

The terms “commercial” or “financial” “are to be given their ‘ordinary meanings’” and are construed broadly.¹² In cases in which the commercial or financial information is obtained from a person voluntarily, the test to determine whether the information is “privileged or confidential” is whether the information is not customarily released to the public.¹³ Even in cases in which information is found to be submitted involuntarily, the information will be protected if “disclosure would likely impair the government’s ability to obtain necessary information in the future.”¹⁴

Here, we are withholding under exemption 4 several email chains between Commission staff and attorneys for Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) related to settlement negotiations. Some of the email chains also included draft consent decrees or related attachments. (The emails and the attachments are all marked confidential.) The withheld information qualifies for protection under Exemption 4. Sinclair’s attorney voluntarily provided the consent decree drafts and related emails that reflect Sinclair’s negotiating positions in settlement discussions, which reveal concessions and statements that the corporation was willing to make (or not to make) in order to obtain by consent dismissal of the ongoing investigation(s). As such, the drafts and related emails reveal Sinclair’s business strategy and concern information in which Sinclair would properly have a commercial interest and would not customarily release to the public.¹⁵ Similarly, Sinclair’s attorney voluntarily (and in confidence) revealed to the Commission in the settlement negotiation emails information regarding Sinclair’s commercial operating strategies and methods which Sinclair would not ordinarily release to the public. We note that even if it were found that Sinclair’s attorneys involuntarily submitted the information related to the draft consent decrees and other settlement negotiations, we would withhold this information under Exemption 4, because releasing such information would impair the agency’s ability to solicit similar input in the future.

We are also withholding in full under Exemption 4 an attachment (marked confidential) to an email from a member of the public to a Commission staff describing a proposed transaction between two companies and the associated regulatory issues. The attachment contains information regarding the transaction that the companies at issue would properly have a commercial interest and would not customarily release to the public. We are also withholding in full copyrighted publications and a federal receipt number confirming receipt of a payment under Exemption 4.

¹² *Nat’l Ass’n of Home Builders v. Norton*, 309 F.3d 26, 38 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (quoting *Pub. Citizen Health Research Grp. v. FDA*, 704 F.2d 1280, 1290 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (citations omitted)).

¹³ See *Critical Mass Energy Project v. NRC*, 975 F. 2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir 1992) *cert. denied*, 507 U.S. 984 (1993).

¹⁴ See *Nat’l Parks and Conservation Ass’n v. Morton*, 498 F. 2d 765, 770 (D.C. Cir. 1974); see also *Merchant & Gould, P.C.*, 26 FCC Rcd 6556, 6557 (2011).

¹⁵ See *M/A-COM Info. Sys. v. HHS*, 656 F.Supp. 691, 692 (D.D.C. 1986) 692-93 (finding that documents indicating accounting and internal procedures a company was willing to undertake as part of settlement negotiations exchanged in confidence between counsels for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the company concerned commercial information protected by Exemption 4); cf. *Comptel v. F.C.C.*, 945 F.Supp. 48, 58 (D.D.C. 2013) (finding that to withhold under Exemption 4, agency must do more than label information as “commercial or financial”; rather, it must show that this information is commercial or financial information, obtained from a person, and privileged or confidential.)

We redact from the released documents personal telephone numbers and a personal email address pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects from disclosure information that “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”¹⁶ Consistent with the requirements of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, we have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the privacy interests involved, which Exemption 6 is intended to protect.¹⁷

The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record” must be released after appropriate application of the Act’s exemptions.¹⁸ The statutory standard requires the release of any portion of a record that is nonexempt and that is “reasonably segregable” from the exempt portion. However, when nonexempt information is “inextricably intertwined” with exempt information, reasonable segregation is not possible.¹⁹ We have reviewed the material withheld and redacted to determine if any segregable parts may be released and released any information that we reasonably could.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”²⁰ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. Because we are emailing you the responsive documents, you will not be charged any fees associated with reproducing records.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.²¹ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.²²

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.²³ You may file an

¹⁶ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Exemption 6); *see also Moore v. Bush*, 601 F. Supp. 2d 6, 14 (D.D.C. 2009) and *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, 26 FCC Rcd 13812, 13816, n.13 (2011) (personal email addresses and telephone numbers redacted pursuant to Exemption 6)).

¹⁷ *See* FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. 114-185 § 2(1)(D); 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A); *see also U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, FOIA Post, President Obama's FOIA Memorandum and Attorney General Holder's FOIA Guidelines Creating a “New Era of Open Government,”* (2009), available at < <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2009foiapost8.htm> > (recognizing that discretionary release of records is less likely when the requirements of Exemptions 6 are met for withholding records).

¹⁸ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (sentence immediately following exemptions).

¹⁹ *Mead Data Center Inc. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 260 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

²⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

²¹ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

²² 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

²³ *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action."


If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director, Performance
Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Lyle". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized monogram or set of initials.

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

Attachments

cc: FOIA Officer

Joanne Wall

From: Ross Lieberman <rlieberman@americancable.org>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 6:26 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Fwd: ACA Praises FCC Media Bureau Action Against Sinclair TV For Flouting Good Faith Bargaining Obligations

FYI.

Sent with my thumbs. Please excuse typos and clipped speech.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Ted Hearn" <thearn@americancable.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 6:22 PM -0400
Subject: ACA Praises FCC Media Bureau Action Against Sinclair TV For Flouting Good Faith Bargaining Obligations
To: "Ross Lieberman" <rlieberman@americancable.org>



For Immediate Release
Contact: Ted Hearn
(202) 713-0826
thearn@americancable.org

ACA Praises FCC Media Bureau Action Against Sinclair TV For Flouting Good Faith Bargaining Obligations

PITTSBURGH, July 29, 2016 - American Cable Association President and CEO Matthew M. Polka issued the following statement on the Federal Communications Commission Media Bureau's release of a first of its kind Order and Consent Decree resolving an investigation into Sinclair Broadcast Group's violations of its retransmission consent "good faith"

negotiation obligations by engaging in prohibited joint negotiations on an immense scale. The Media Bureau investigation also resolved complaints concerning Sinclair infractions related to licensing issues. Sinclair has agreed to make a \$9.5 million settlement payment to the U.S. Treasury and will be subject to a compliance plan aimed at ensuring it complies with the FCC's good faith rules in the future.

"ACA commends the FCC's Media Bureau for taking strong, first-ever action against Sinclair -- a bad actor in retransmission consent negotiations by anyone's definition. But the widespread duress felt by independent cable operators as a result of broken and outdated retransmission consent rules exploited by TV stations across the country is far from over.

This is especially true in the wake of Chairman Wheeler's recent decision not to recommend changes to the FCC's good faith rules in a proceeding Congress directed the FCC to initiate in the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act Reauthorization Act of 2014

(STELAR). Notwithstanding today's action, Chairman Wheeler should reconsider his decision that additional FCC guidance through the good faith rules is unneeded at this time.

"The Media Bureau deserves great credit for probing Sinclair's egregious conduct on its own, giving confidence to smaller, capital-constrained multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) that they won't have to hire expensive lawyers to vindicate their rights under the statute against a good-faith recidivist like Sinclair. Given the FCC's reluctance to affirm interim carriage during the pendency of retransmission consent disputes, FCC-initiated actions against TV stations are all the more necessary for smaller MVPDs. These providers suffer serious competitive harm when TV stations black out their signals -- typically before marquee viewing events -- and catch many viewers by surprise.

"In our view, the Media Bureau has sent an important signal to TV station owners that violations of the law will not be tolerated and significant penalties await those who failed to appreciate the fair warning given in today's proportional action against Sinclair."

About the American Cable Association: Based in Pittsburgh, the American Cable Association is a trade organization representing nearly 750 smaller and medium-sized, independent cable companies who provide broadband services for nearly 7 million cable subscribers primarily located in rural and smaller suburban markets across America. Through active participation in the regulatory and legislative process in Washington, D.C., ACA's members work together to advance the interests of their customers and ensure the future competitiveness and viability of their business. For more information, visit <http://www.americancable.org/>

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Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: FW: Calls from Sinclair

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Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Calls from Sinclair

Hello Lori.

I just learned that David Smith's assistant, Vicky Evans, has been reaching out to you. I now know what this is about and have told Vicky that I will work with you to schedule it.

I realize you are busy in preparing for the next open meeting, and then the NAB Show after that, so I would be happy to follow up in early May, if that would be more convenient for you.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: FW: Ex Parte Meeting Request from ONE World Sports
Attachments: ONE World Sports Reply Comments.pdf

From: Tomlinson, Jim [mailto:JimTomlinson@dwt.com]
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 3:12 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Ex Parte Meeting Request from ONE World Sports

Dear Mr. Berry:

I am writing to request an *ex parte* meeting with Commissioner Pai, you, and other senior member(s) of the Commissioner's staff responsible for the on-going Notice of Inquiry into *Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Programming*, MB Docket No. 16-41.

The meeting is requested on behalf of **ONE World Sports** ("OWS"), an independent English-language, multi-platform sports network. OWS's CEO, Alexander "Sandy" Brown, and its Executive VP of Distribution, Randy Brown, are traveling to D.C. from Connecticut and California for a series of meetings at the Commission and will be joined by Burt Braverman of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. OWS filed comments in response to the NOI, which are attached.

It would be greatly appreciated if a 30-minute meeting could be scheduled on **Tuesday, June 21** (preferred) or **Monday, June 20** (alternative). At this point, OWS's executives are available at any time on either day, but we are attempting to schedule meetings with other commissioners and senior members of the Media Bureau.

I am available at (202) 973 - 4253 to answer any questions or to discuss the meeting arrangements. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
James W. Tomlinson

James W. Tomlinson | Counsel | Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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Joanne Wall

From: Brian Fontes <bfontes@nena.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: FCC announces transparency "pilot program" re pre-vote FCC drafts
Attachments: Pai Transparency Announcement-c1.pdf; Public Circulation AM Radio Document-c1.pdf; Public Circulation Next Gen TV Document-c1.pdf; 02.02.17 Release of Meeting Items-c1.docx

Matthew,

Congratulations on these moves. This is an excellent step forward in transparency. I am very happy to see this pilot implemented.

I am impressed. Well done!

Brian



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For Immediate Release

STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI
Announces Pilot Program to Release Commission Documents to the Public

WASHINGTON, February 2, 2017.—One of my priorities as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be to make the agency's operations more transparent. I identified many ways of doing that when I served as a Commissioner in the minority, and I want to deliver on those ideas now that I have the privilege of serving as Chairman. I want this Commission to be as open and accessible as possible to the American people. I want us to do a better job of communicating with those we are here to serve.

When a U.S. Senator or Representative introduces a bill, that legislation is soon thereafter made available to the general public. Before any debate begins about the bill, anyone, anywhere can read it. That's not how things work at the FCC. The text of a document that the FCC votes on at its monthly meetings is sent to Commissioners at least three weeks before the vote, but it isn't released publicly until *after* the vote takes place. This is precisely the opposite of transparency.

Now, that's not to say that the contents of FCC proposals and orders remain secret to everyone. Lobbyists with inside-the-Beltway connections are typically able to find out what's in them. But the best that average Americans will get is selective disclosures authorized by the Chairman's Office—disclosures designed to paint items in the most favorable light. More often, the public is kept completely in the dark.

Today, we begin the process of making the FCC more open and transparent. I'm pleased to announce this morning a pilot project that, if successful, will become a Commission practice—one that will give the public much more insight into the Commission's activities. Specifically, at the end of my remarks, I will be releasing two documents that I have presented to my fellow Commissioners for a vote at the FCC's February meeting. The first is a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that seeks comment on allowing television broadcasters to use ATSC 3.0, the next-generation broadcast standard. And the second is a Report and Order giving AM radio broadcasters more flexibility in siting their FM translators.

An NPRM and a Report and Order are essentially the beginning and the end of a conversation that an administrative agency has with the American public about regulation. One announces a proposal and asks for public input; the other takes stock of that input and announces a decision. I have deliberately chosen one NPRM and one Order for purposes of this test run. Between now and our monthly meeting on February 23, we will closely assess how the process plays out with respect to these items. Should things go well, my hope is to make it the norm to publicly release, well in advance, the text of all agenda items for monthly Commission meetings. And my goal is a simple but powerful one: equal access to the administrative process.

I would like to thank Chairman Greg Walden of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Representative Adam Kinzinger, and Senator Dean Heller, the original sponsors of the FCC Process

Reform Act. That legislation, which includes this and other common-sense reforms, unanimously passed the House last week. I also want to thank Commissioner O'Rielly for championing this reform during his time at the Commission. And I look forward to working with him and Commissioner Clyburn in the months to come on additional ways to bring more transparency to the FCC.

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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY
ON CHAIRMAN'S RELEASE OF OPEN MEETING DOCUMENTS**

WASHINGTON, February 2, 2017. — This is an idea whose time has finally come. I applaud Chairman Pai for taking the initiative to implement this important change to our procedures and I can't wait to see all of the other process changes he has planned in the coming months. He has been a great partner in this effort.

Today is a major step forward for the agency in terms of transparency and accountability. While it may make our jobs a bit more challenging, it is the right thing to do for the American people, the practitioners before the Commission and the professional press who report on Commission activities.

If this initial attempt goes well – and I see no reason why it wouldn't -- I think we will all find this to be a significant upgrade in terms of quality of feedback, quality of process, and ultimately quality of the Commission's work product. Soon, we can make this standard operating procedure for more of the Commission's work.

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In the Matter of)
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Revitalization of the AM Radio Service) MB Docket No. 13-249

Released: []

⁵ *Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations*, Report and Order, 24 FCC Rcd 9642, 9642 (2009) (2009 Translator Order). See 47 CFR § 74.1201(g).

proceeding,⁶ suggested that this standard is too restrictive and should be changed to provide that the coverage contour of an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM station as its primary station must be contained within the *greater* of the 2 mV/m daytime contour or a 25-mile radius. Some argued that the current standard disadvantages AM stations employing directional signals with deep signal nulls, resulting in a 2 mV/m contour extending only a short distance from the transmitter site that would disadvantage a translator co-located with the AM transmitter.⁷ Others contended that the current limitations made it difficult for AM stations having transmitters located at some distance from their communities of license, due to land costs, to locate translators nearer to those communities to facilitate service to their listening audiences.⁸ After considering these comments, the Commission proposed in the *AMR FNPRM* to change the standard to the greater of the 2 mV/m daytime contour or a 25-mile radius centered at the AM transmitter site, but with the limitation that the translator's 1 mV/m coverage contour may not extend beyond a 40-mile (64 km) radius centered at the AM transmitter site.⁹ The Commission reasoned that this rule would provide "sufficient flexibility to provide useful signal coverage, while not allowing a cross-service fill-in translator to extend the station's coverage beyond its core service area."¹⁰

3. Commenters overwhelmingly supported a relaxation of the current FM translator siting rule.¹¹ Some would increase the 40-mile limit,¹² or would not implement such a limit at all.¹³ Most commenters opposing the 40-mile limit point to instances in which substantial covered populations lie within an AM station's 2 mV/m daytime contour but more than 40 miles from the station's transmitter. NAB states that limiting translator placement to an AM station's 2 mV/m daytime contour effectively constrains translator operations to an AM station's core service area, and suggests that greater flexibility is needed for AM stations to provide interference-free service to expanding core market areas.¹⁴

⁶ *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 28 FCC Rcd 15221 (2013).

⁷ *AMR FNPRM*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12173, para. 67.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* at 12174, para. 68.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ See, e.g., Blount Masscom, Inc., et al., Comments at 4-5; Las Vegas Broadcasters Comments at 2; Cohen Dippell & Everist Comments at 9; Family Life Broadcasting System Comments at 1-2; Scott Fybush Comments at 6; MBC Grand Broadcasting Comments at 5; Martha Whitman Comments at 5; Charles Anderson Comments at 3; Hatfield & Dawson Comments at 4; K-Zone Media LLC Comments at 1; Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC Comments at 7-8; Mark D. Humphrey Comments at 2; Genesee Media Corp. Comments at 1; The Cromwell Group Comments at 2; WMOV Comments at 1. But see Edward Paul De La Hunt / Bemidji Radio, Inc. (De La Hunt) Comments at 4 (arguing that the FM translator's 1 mV/m contour should not exceed the AM station's 2 mV/m daytime contour on any azimuth, or alternatively that in addition to this the translator's transmitter site must be located within the AM station's 5 mV/m contour, to guarantee service to the core market); McCarthy Radio Enterprises, Inc. (McCarthy), Comments at 15-16 (stating that at least 51 percent of a translator's 70 dBμ coverage area should cover areas within the community of license's municipal boundaries, unless the translator site is located on the AM station's tower, except that for smaller communities the 70 dBμ signal should cover 80 percent of the community of license's population).

¹² See, e.g., Metro Radio, Inc., Comments at 4-5; Communications Technologies, Inc., Comments at 4-5; Mountainplex Media, LLC, Comments at 1-4; Radio Vision Cristiana Management Comments at 4-5 (all supporting increase of cap to 60 miles); Monterey County Broadcasters Comments at 1; Butte Broadcasting Co., Inc., Comments at 2 (both suggesting increase to 50 miles).

¹³ See, e.g., Crawford Broadcasting Co. (Crawford) Comments at 4-5; NAB Comments at 1-4; Univision Local Media, Inc., (Univision) Comments at 10-11; du Treil, Lundin & Rackley, Inc., (DLR) Comments at 7.

¹⁴ NAB Comments at 3-4. See also Crawford Comments at 4-5 (citing "significant population clusters" more than 40 miles from some of its stations but within the 2 mV/m daytime contour, that "are, in some cases, key to a station's economic viability.").

Univision submits a study of a sample of three of its AM stations, one of which has a population of over 300,000 in its 2 mV/m daytime contour more than 40 miles from the transmitter, and the other two of which have populations over 1 million in the same area.¹⁵ DLR states that the imposition of a 40-mile limit could restrict translator service to some areas, owing to directional antenna patterns and/or uneven ground conductivity.¹⁶

4. Having read and considered the comments addressing this proposal, and given the overwhelming support expressed for the proposal or slight variations from it,¹⁷ we adopt the proposal set forth in the *AMR FNPRM* with one change. Specifically, we agree with Crawford, DLR, NAB, and Univision that the 40-mile limitation on translator siting may, in some cases, be unduly restrictive, and accordingly remove that limitation from the rule change as adopted. Such a change will be consistent with our objective, articulated in the *AMR FNPRM*, to provide flexibility to an AM station using a cross-service translator to serve its core market while not extending its signal beyond the station's core service area.¹⁸ To the extent that some commenters argue that eliminating the 40-mile limitation enables the extension of service beyond an AM station's core service area or community of license,¹⁹ we note that the Commission has already held that the 2 mV/m contour in all cases constitutes an AM station's primary service area.²⁰ In light of the inclusion of that contour as one of the limits to translator coverage in the modified rule, we do not believe it is necessary to impose the 40-mile limitation to ensure that the use of FM translators will not result in such extensions of service. We therefore amend section 74.1201(g) of the rules to provide that an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM broadcast station must be located such that the 60 dBμ contour of the FM translator station must be contained within the greater of either (a) the 2 mV/m daytime contour of the AM station, or (b) a 25-mile radius centered at the AM station's transmitter site.

III. ORDERING CLAUSES

5. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 1, 2, 4(i), 303, and 307 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 152, 154(i), 303, and 307, this *Second Report and Order* **IS ADOPTED**.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to the authority found in Sections 1, 2, 4(i), 303, and 307 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 152, 154(i), 303, and 307, the Commission's rules ARE HEREBY AMENDED as set forth in Appendix A.

¹⁵ Univision Comments at 10-11 and Appendix 3.

¹⁶ DLR Comments at 7.

¹⁷ See, e.g., Mt. Wilson FM Broadcasters, Inc., Comments at 4-5 (proposing to contain the translator's coverage contour within the greater of the AM station's daytime 2 mV/m contour or a 40 mile radius from the AM transmitter site, with the translator's 1 mV/m contour not extending beyond a 60-mile radius); Edward Schober Comments at 10 (substituting AM station's daytime primary contour for 2 mV/m daytime contour); Butte Broadcasting Co., Inc., Comments at 2 (increasing 40-mile cap to 50 miles, and allowing translator coverage contours to extend slightly beyond limit to avoid need for directional antennas); REC Networks Comments at 4-8 (suggesting that a translator's signal should not extend beyond a 25-mile radius from the AM transmitter site, except where the community of license is over 25 miles from the AM transmitter, the translator would serve a population unserved by an FM station, or the stations are in Alaska).

¹⁸ *AMR FNPRM*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12174, para. 68.

¹⁹ See note 11 *supra*, referencing De La Hunt and McCarthy Comments.

²⁰ See *AM FNPRM*, 30 FCC Rcd at 12173, para. 64 (citing *Policies to Promote Rural Radio Service and to Streamline Allotment and Assignment Procedures*, Second Order on Reconsideration, 27 FCC Rcd 12829, 12838, para. 16 (2012)). See also *Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations*, Report and Order, 24 FCC Rcd 9642, 9658, para. 38 (2009) (*2009 Translator Order*) (recognizing that the 2 mV/m contour accurately depicts the core market area for the majority of AM stations, which operate at a nominal power of 2.5 kW or less).

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, **SHALL SEND** a copy of this *Report and Order*, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

8. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission **SHALL SEND** a copy of this *Report and Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A).

9. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the rule change adopted herein, which contains new or modified information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), **WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE** after the Commission publishes a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing such approval and the relevant effective date.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary

APPENDIX A**Final Rule Change**

Part 74 of Chapter 1 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 74 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 302a, 303, 307, 309, 336 and 554.

2. Revise paragraph (g) of Section 74.1201 to read as follows:

§ 74.1201 Definitions.

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(g) * * * The coverage contour of an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM radio broadcast station as its primary station must be contained within the greater of either the 2 mV/m daytime contour of the AM station or a 25-mile (40 km) radius centered at the AM transmitter site. The protected contour for an FM translator station is its predicted 1 mV/m contour.

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APPENDIX B

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

1. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA)¹ an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) was incorporated in the *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (FNPRM)* to this proceeding.² The Commission sought written public comment on the proposals in the *FNPRM*, including comment on the IRFA. The Commission received no comments on the IRFA. This Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) conforms to the RFA.³

A. Need For, and Objectives of, the Second Report and Order

2. This *Second Report and Order (Second R&O)* adopts a change to the rule setting forth where an FM translator station rebroadcasting an AM broadcast station may be located. Specifically, in the *Second R&O* the Commission changes the current rule, which requires that an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM station be located such that the 60 dB μ contour of the FM translator station must be contained within the lesser of (a) the 2 millivolts per meter (mV/m) daytime contour of the AM station, or (b) a 25-mile radius centered at the AM transmitter site.⁴ The rule change specifies that an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM station may be located such that the 60 dB μ contour of the translator must be contained within the *greater* of the AM station's 2 mV/m daytime contour or a 25-mile radius of the AM transmitter site. This rule change was proposed, in a slightly different form, in the *FNPRM*, based on comments submitted during the initial round of commenting in this proceeding. The Commission determined that, because it had completed two filing windows allowing the relocation of FM translator stations to rebroadcast AM stations, immediate adoption of this rule change would benefit those station licensees and permittees when determining where to site the relocated FM translators.

B. Summary of Significant Issues Raised by Public Comments in Response to the IRFA

3. There were no comments to the IRFA filed.

C. Description and Estimate of the Number of Small Entities to Which the Proposed Rules Will Apply

4. The RFA directs the Commission to provide a description of and, where feasible, an estimate of the number of small entities that will be affected by the rules adopted herein.⁵ The RFA generally defines the term "small entity" as having the same meaning as the terms "small business," "small organization," and "small government jurisdiction."⁶ In addition, the term "small business" has the same meaning as the term "small business concern" under the Small Business Act.⁷ A small business concern

¹ See 5 U.S.C. § 603. The RFA, *see* 5 U.S.C. §§ 601-612, has been amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), Pub. L. No. 104-121, Title II, 110 Stat. 847 (1996). The SBREFA was enacted as Title II of the Contract With America Advancement Act of 1996 (CWAAA).

² 30 FCC Rcd 12145, 12202-05 (2015).

³ See 5 U.S.C. § 604.

⁴ *Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations*, Report and Order, 24 FCC Rcd 9642, 9642 (2009) (2009 Translator Order). See 47 CFR § 74.1201(g).

⁵ 5 U.S.C. § 603(b)(3).

⁶ *Id.* § 601(6).

⁷ *Id.* § 601(3) (incorporating by reference the definition of "small business concern" in 15 U.S.C. § 632). Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 601(3), the statutory definition of a small business applies "unless an agency, after consultation with the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration and after opportunity for public comment, establishes one

is one which: (1) is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA).⁸

5. The subject rules and policies potentially will apply to all AM radio broadcasting licensees and potential licensees, as well as licensees and potential licensees of FM translator stations that rebroadcast an AM radio broadcasting station as its primary station. A radio broadcasting station is an establishment primarily engaged in broadcasting aural programs by radio to the public.⁹ Included in this industry are commercial, religious, educational, and other radio stations.¹⁰ Radio broadcasting stations which primarily are engaged in radio broadcasting and which produce radio program materials are similarly included.¹¹ However, radio stations that are separate establishments and are primarily engaged in producing radio program material are classified under another NAICS number.¹² The SBA has established a small business size standard for this category, which is: firms having \$38.5 million or less in annual receipts.¹³ According to the BIA/Kelsey, MEDIA Access Pro Database on December 21, 2016, 4,661 (99.94%) of 4,664 AM radio stations have revenue of \$38.5 million or less. Therefore, the majority of such entities are small entities. We note, however, that, in assessing whether a business concern qualifies as small under the above definition, business (control) affiliations¹⁴ must be included. Our estimate, therefore, likely overstates the number of small entities that might be affected by our action, because the revenue figure on which it is based does not include or aggregate revenues from affiliated companies.

6. The proposed policies could affect licensees of FM translator stations, as well as potential licensees in this radio service. The same SBA definition that applies to radio broadcast licensees would apply to these stations. The SBA defines a radio broadcast station as a small business if such station has no more than \$38.5 million in annual receipts.¹⁵ Currently, there are approximately 6,962 licensed FM translator and booster stations.¹⁶ In addition, there are approximately 225 applicants with pending applications filed in the 2003 translator filing window. Given the nature of these services, we will presume that all of these licensees and applicants qualify as small entities under the SBA definition.

D. Description of Projected Reporting, Record Keeping and Other Compliance Requirements

7. As described, the rule change will not result in substantial increases in burdens on applicants, and in fact may decrease burdens on many applicants by providing additional flexibility in FM translator siting. The rule change adopted in the *Second R&O* is substantive and does not involve

or more definitions of such term which are appropriate to the activities of the agency and publishes such definition(s) in the Federal Register.” 5 U.S.C. § 601(3).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. § 632.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ 13 CFR § 121.201, NAICS code 515112 (updated for inflation in 2008).

¹⁴ “[Business concerns] are affiliates of each other when one concern controls or has the power to control the other or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.” 13 CFR § 121.103(a)(1).

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ See *Broadcast Station Totals as of September 30, 2016*, News Release (rel. Oct. 19, 2016) (https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-341807A1.pdf).

application changes, reporting requirements, or record keeping requirements beyond what is already required.

E. Steps Taken to Minimize Significant Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

8. The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): (1) the establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design, standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for small entities.¹⁷

9. The vast majority of commenters on the *FNPRM* proposal adopted in the *Second R&O* supported the proposal. Some suggested variations on the rule change as proposed; many in particular suggested the Commission relax or eliminate the proposed absolute limitation on placing an FM translator rebroadcasting an AM station so that its 1 mV/m contour would not extend farther than 40 miles from the AM station's transmitter site. Based on these comments, the Commission declined to adopt the absolute 40-mile limitation, thus providing applicants with greater flexibility in locating FM translators rebroadcasting AM stations, and further minimizing the impact on small entities.

F. Report to Congress

10. The Commission will send a copy of the *Second R&O*, including this FRFA, in a report to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.¹⁸ In addition, the Commission will send a copy of the *Second R&O*, including the FRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. A copy of the *Second R&O* and FRFA (or summaries thereof) will also be published in the *Federal Register*.¹⁹

¹⁷ 5 U.S.C. § 603(c)(1)-(c)(4)

¹⁸ See *id.* § 801(a)(1)(A).

¹⁹ See *id.* § 604(b).

Joanne Wall

From: Nancy Murphy
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 8:38 PM
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Subject: FW: Frontier Negotiations with Sinclair
Attachments: FTR Letter to FCC re Sinclair Dispute 1-1-17.pdf

Thanks Michael. Adding Jessica to the chain.

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From: Saperstein, Michael [mailto:Michael.Saperstein@ftr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 01, 2017 5:23 PM
To: William Lake
Cc: Matthew Berry ; Robin Colwell ; David Grossman ; Marc Paul ; Nancy Murphy
Subject: Frontier Negotiations with Sinclair

Dear Mr. Lake,

Please find attached a letter from Frontier's Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Mark Nielsen, regarding the current status of our retransmission consent dispute with Sinclair that required Frontier to go dark in select markets yesterday. Please let us know if you would like to discuss any aspect further.

Thank you and happy New Years!
Best,
Mike

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Mark D. Nielsen
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

January 1, 2017

VIA E-MAIL & ECFS

William T. Lake
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Re: Status of Retransmission Consent Disputes – Frontier Communications and Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.; *Implementation of Section 103 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014; Totality of the Circumstances Test*, MB Docket No. 15-216.

Dear Mr. Lake:

On behalf of Frontier Communications ("Frontier"), I am writing to alert you that last night our MVPD systems in six markets were required to discontinue carriage of the stations listed below when Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) refused to extend its retransmission consent for those stations after negotiations failed to produce an agreement by the contractual deadline. This is not our desired result – indeed, this action by Sinclair is denying important local and network programming to Frontier subscribers in these markets.

Frontier has been working proactively to try to avoid this impasse in negotiations. We are disappointed that we have not been able to come to an agreement, but Frontier cannot accept the unreasonable terms Sinclair is demanding. The larger problem from Frontier's perspective is the leverage that the current retransmission consent process rules – which are based on an outdated understanding of how customers consume media – provide to broadcasters. The majority of consumers no longer watch content via over-the-air spectrum and are increasingly embracing non-linear approaches to how they view content. Yet despite these changes, the rules distort the marketplace by presuming that MVPDs have market power when they actually face a greater risk of losing customers in the face of a blackout – thereby enabling broadcasters to extract exorbitant rents and in particular to punish smaller carriers. Frequently, broadcasters with control of programming demand that smaller operators pay an exceptionally higher per-customer fee than other larger operators in the same market, inhibiting new competition in the marketplace.

In the meantime, Frontier remains committed to putting our customers first and will work with Sinclair toward achieving a prompt and reasonable resolution. We have warned our customers via set top box notifications, email, and channel alerts in advance of this impasse, and we are maintaining a website, <https://frontier.com/helpcenter/articles/channelupdates>, to ensure that

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our customers are updated on the status of our efforts to restore the affected stations.

Frontier has worked diligently and negotiated with Sinclair in good faith to arrive at a retransmission consent agreement that is acceptable to both sides and results in no negative impact to our customers. Frontier hopes that the current negotiation will be resolved shortly, and that Sinclair will restore service to viewers in the affected markets. We will keep you informed as this matter develops. Until then, feel free to contact me (203-614-5050) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

____/s/____

Mark D. Nielsen

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Frontier Communications

cc: Commissioner Clyburn
Commissioner Rosenworcel
Commissioner Pai
Commissioner O’Rielly

Affected Stations

Station/Affiliate	Market
WUCW: CW	Minneapolis, MN
WUCW: GetTV	Minneapolis, MN
WUCW: Grit	Minneapolis, MN
WUCW: Comet	Minneapolis, MN
WRDC: MyNetworkTV	Raleigh Durham, NC
WRDC: Grit	Raleigh Durham, NC
KATU: ABC	Portland, OR
KATU: MeTV	Portland, OR
KATU: Comet	Portland, OR
WPDE: ABC	Myrtle Beach, SC
WPDE: Local Weather	Myrtle Beach, SC
WPDE: Comet	Myrtle Beach, SC
WWMB: CW	Myrtle Beach, SC
WWMB: CW Plus	Myrtle Beach, SC
WWMB: American Sports Network	Myrtle Beach, SC
WCIV: ABC	Charleston, SC
WCIV: My NetworkTV	Charleston, SC
WCIV: Me TV	Charleston, SC
KOMO: ABC	Seattle, WA
KOMO: Comet	Seattle, WA
KOMO: Grit	Seattle, WA

Joanne Wall

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Attachments: Broadband World Forum 2017 - Draft Agenda.pdf; BBWF Sample Attendees.pdf

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Subject: Keynote Speaker Invitation - Broadband World Forum

Dear Ajit Pai

I wanted to follow up on my previous message regarding the Broadband World Forum, taking place **October 24-26** in Berlin.

This is the largest event in the world for the fixed network community and annually brings together 5000+ attendees from all over the world to share, learn and discuss.

I've attached here a snapshot of the 2016 attendee list, as well as a draft copy of the agenda to give you a sense of topics and themes.

Do let me know if you are available to participate. It would be amazing to have you involved.

Best

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Tuesday 24 th October: Pre-Day		
10:00 – 13:00 Pre-Day Workshops		
NGPON2 Forum Workshop	G. Fast Council Workshop	LeadersIn Broadband – Executive Summit
14:00 BBWF Exhibition Opens – Welcome to Berlin!		
14:30-17:00 OPENING KEYNOTES		
14:30 Understanding the Evolving Ecosystem for Supporting the Digital Consumer		
15:00 Understanding the Value of Data Analytics		
15:30 What Are the Benefits of a Digital Single Market? Lessons from Europe 2 Years On		
16:00 The Gigabit Challenge – Obstacles to Network Deployment		
16:30 – PANEL DISCUSSION Will We Be Ready for 2020?		
17:00-19:00 Oktoberfest Party– OPEN TO ALL		

Wednesday 25 th October: Day One		
09:00 – 10:00 Breakfast Briefings		
10:00 Day One Keynotes		
10:00 Evolving the Networks – What is the Next Step?		
10:20 Fixed-Mobile Convergence Delivering a Seamless Experience		
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Re: A Voluntary North American Digital Radio Standard

Dear Sir:

I am writing to present the attached Position Paper from the North America Broadcasters Association (NABA). It is for your review and future industry discussion, as it speaks to a cooperative continental approach on the transition from analogue to digital radio technology.

The paper, developed by the NABA Radio Committee's Digital Radio Working Group, focuses on why NABA supports both this specific technology and a continental approach. As you'll note in the paper, the transition is well underway in the U.S. (since it has benefitted from FCC support since 2002, one could say it is entering a more mature phase), the transition is beginning in Mexico, and it is in the experimental stage in Canada.

NABA recognizes that each national jurisdiction has its own opportunities, issues and barriers to overcome in selecting a digital radio technology. NABA believes that all the stakeholders (consumers, broadcasters, regulators, administrations and manufacturers) will benefit by a continental North American approach, while recognizing individual country requirements. Sharing of transition strategies, sharing research on spectrum and technology issues, and, where possible, harmonizing regulations can benefit everyone.

In addition, the Position Paper includes an appendix which details HD Radio technology and how it works.

In compiling this paper and appendix, the Working Group consulted widely with radio broadcasters, broadcast associations, manufacturers,

and service providers in Mexico, the U.S. and Canada. The paper represents the NABA Radio Committee's consensus about the future of over-the-air digital radio and has been supported by the NABA Board of Directors. We hope you find it interesting and helpful as you consider the transition of analogue to digital radio. NABA remains available to answer any questions or follow ups you may have.

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POSITION PAPER - A Voluntary North American Digital Radio Standard

Objective

The purpose of this document is to advocate for the development of a voluntary North American digital radio standard, harmonizing regulatory and technical elements in Canada, Mexico and the United States of America. This would encourage the rapid adoption of the technology and enhanced digital services, which will benefit the consumer and all industry stakeholders.

This document was developed by the NABA Radio Committee in the Digital Radio Working Group, and focuses on the In-Band, On-Channel (IBOC) HD Radio™ technology developed by DTS Inc. (formerly iBiquity Digital Corporation) in North America. The technology has been approved for use in the United States by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in Mexico by the Federal Institute of Telecommunications (IFT). Experimental authority has been granted for HD Radio transmission in Canada by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). It is logical to consider the harmonization of regulation and voluntary standardization of HD Radio across all of North America to maximize the potential economic, regulatory and service quality benefits across all borders.

The analysis and recommendation for a voluntary HD Radio IBOC standard is based on present spectrum availability within North America. AM and FM HD Radio broadcasting allow for the voluntary migration and evolution to digital broadcasting without requiring additional spectrum. This document includes information to support discussion and co-operation between policy makers and regulatory entities across the North American continent.

Executive Summary

The development of a voluntary digital radio broadcast standard in North America will greatly benefit listeners by providing for new and enhanced broadcasting services that are accessible across the entire continent. Having a continental digital radio market will assist broadcasters in planning and creating a unified set of program and data services compatible across the majority of OEM automotive receivers, arguably the most impactful and relevant platform for radio listening. The standardization of digital radio services simplifies content creation toolsets for data and program service vendors, reducing cost and complexity of development and system testing. These actions all help realize the rapid adoption of digital radio.

1. The Consumer Benefit

As with other consumer electronics (CE) digital upgrades, the HD Radio system provides consumers substantial advantages over legacy analog technology. CE digital transitions have historically given consumers better quality, more choice and more services, and interactivity, benefits that are all realized by the HD Radio system.

HD Radio technology improves audio quality: consumers receive sound quality equal to or better than (depending upon bit rate) analog FM. The potential for CD-like sound quality for over the air services is possible. HD Radio signals are much less prone to interference than existing analog signals as well, leading to cleaner audio.

HD Radio technology increases choice: through the multicasting capability, digital FM broadcasters are able to offer multiple audio channels over a single FM frequency. The new audio channels, known as HD2, HD3, etc., offer consumers new, diverse, targeted content. Multicasting has led to an explosion of programming creativity, with formats such as dance, garage band, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, comedy and indie rock. A greater selection of audio choices has expanded listener appetites for new music. These new audio sources are often referred to as "infinite shelf space" and radio needs these additional channels to meet a more diverse consumer taste in music.

The opportunity for additional public service programming exists including emergency alerting and programming, minority language programming, and community services and information. The opportunity to better serve the listener is all enhanced by digital radio.

The HD Radio system provides new services and interactivity: by using Program Service Data (PSD), stations can display text information such as artist, song title, station call letters or other real-time information like stock quotes and sports scores on the radio's screen. Market research suggests that program associated information is an important feature for customer satisfaction. Industry-leading companies are implementing systems to deliver real-time and on-demand traffic data to consumers using HD Radio technology. Working with CE manufacturers, music tagging for HD Radio technology is supported, enabling consumers to purchase music they hear on the radio through on-line music stores. Station logo and cover art image support are available through the HD Radio feature known as "Artist Experience." Through Artist Experience, the listener is presented with an image-rich enhancement to their listening experience. Commercial announcements may also be enhanced with client logos and product images.

Emergency Alerts may be enhanced by HD Radio technology's ability to provide images and text content in addition to the traditional audio information contained in the alerts. Digital receivers, even while in a standby mode, are able to receive HD Radio Emergency Alert messages and turn on during the announcement. This feature significantly increases the effectiveness of emergency alerts.

Other advanced services in the early stages of implementation include an electronic program guide and store-and-replay functionality. For consumers, digital radio standardization would make possible a uniform product offering, enhancing the user experience with familiar graphical user interface (GUI) displays tailored to the services offered by a common digital radio platform.

Finally, since all local radio station dial positions can remain the same, the HD Radio system requires little or no change in well-established consumer behavior. Consumers purchasing HD Radio receivers will simply tune to their favorite programs and stations and enjoy the digital upgrades in quality, choice and services automatically as stations transition from analog to digital.

2. The Broadcaster Benefit

The HD Radio system facilitates a smooth upgrade to digital broadcasting by using existing infrastructure and minimizing implementation costs, providing a means for broadcasters to compete against new digital media and grow the broadcast industry. Broadcasters' existing

studios, towers and antenna equipment are maintained under the HD Radio system. Each station will require a new digital exciter to provide basic HD Radio services and a digital service multiplexer, known as the Importer, to enable multicasting and other advanced services. The overall upgrade costs for a station range from USD \$23,000 to \$195,000, depending on its existing infrastructure, with an average around USD \$100,000. Stations will be able to preserve their current consumer base and retain all brand equity associated with their dial positions, typically developed at great expense over long periods of time. HD Radio technology has the potential to provide broadcasters new revenue through multicasting, advanced data services and other new applications.

New business models enabled by HD Radio technology include expanding current offerings, such as additional programming streams through multicasting, as well as the transmission of news services, and wireless data and other advanced digital applications, which are becoming widespread in North America. A radio station's revenue potential is increased by allowing broadcasters to better target listening audiences and offer niche services. And, the HD Radio system provides radio broadcasters with the most economical means of transmitting wireless data services to mobile platforms such as GPS and portable entertainment devices and smart phones. Hundreds of millions of units of these products are sold each year. Having access to mobile platforms is key to growing the broadcasting industry marketplace. Using the HD Radio system, radio broadcasters have the potential to compete in this market with sufficient bandwidth and a low cost, high quality digital data pipe.

Widespread adoption of analog FM as an application feature on mobile phones and digital media players is paving the way for future adoption of HD Radio technology on these devices. Several media players have already incorporated analog FM tuners, and a significant percentage of smart phones sold into the US, Mexico and European markets include analog FM tuners.

3. The Benefit to Manufacturers and Retailers

Manufacturers and retailers have a strong interest in upgrading radio technology from analog to digital. A uniform digital radio standard across North America would incentivize manufacturers that have benefited tremendously from previous digital product upgrades, and the broad base of manufacturers building various HD Radio products will capture that same opportunity in radio's digital transition.

The basic existing analog radio technology, which has been stable for many years, offers limited opportunity to add new features, and thus limits sales growth. The HD Radio system provides manufacturers with an opportunity to upgrade a very large product category. The large installed base of analog radio equipment is being replaced over time, and new audio products, even whole new product categories, are being developed with increased functionality and potentially higher profit margins. For high growth wireless devices like mobile phones, media players, personal navigation systems, telematics systems and converged versions of these consumer electronics products, HD Radio technology offers the potential to increase device functionality by adding digital radio to these devices with the potential benefit of delivering wireless data and audio services. For automotive OEM and tier 1 suppliers, a uniform North American product offering means reduced receiver head unit model inventory, and the ability to conduct more thorough testing of a reduced subset of receivers, resulting in better performance and lower costs.

4. Benefit to Regulatory Agencies

Allocation of new spectrum for digital radio is not required as the HD Radio IBOC signal is carried within the same frequencies that broadcasters currently utilize. As a result of these and other factors, in a first Report and Order in October 2002, the FCC selected the HD Radio IBOC system as the sole technology AM and FM radio broadcasters will use to upgrade to digital in the United States. In March 2007, in a Second Report and Order, the FCC adopted service rules and other requirements for terrestrial digital radio. Subsequent regulatory actions by the FCC since then have implemented incremental improvements and modifications to operational parameters such as allowing increased transmit power in the digital sidebands of HD Radio signals.

In Mexico, HD Radio technology was adopted officially by the CoFeTel (now known as El Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones or IFT) on June 16, 2011. Since the formal adoption more than 70 radio stations have upgraded to HD Radio technology and offer over 115 Digital Programs. HD Radio technology has a presence in 4 of the top 10 Mexican markets with 33% population coverage. The technology may be found in 15 OEM automotive brands in Mexico across 50 models.

In Canada, the CRTC released a targeted policy review of the commercial radio sector (Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2014-554) on October 28th 2014. Included in this review was a flexible approach for introducing HD Radio technology in Canada, designed to allow for innovation and experimentation. Licensees are required to apply to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) for experimental authorization and inform the CRTC in writing of any experimentation with HD Radio (or other digital radio technologies) that they undertake, including the type of service they intend to provide.

Presently, twelve radio stations are on-air with HD Radio in Canada across seven markets: Toronto, Hamilton, Vancouver, Markham, Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary. While limited, this represents a significant increase within a twelve month period.

Adoption of HD Radio in Canada has a number of issues that need to be addressed in this experimental period. ISED deals with spectrum and technical issues in Canada, and has yet to provide broadcasters with a consistent technical framework or provisional technical rules to understand the full impacts of more widespread deployment. Operating parameters are authorized on a case by case basis and only the stations directly involved have knowledge. A database is currently not available to permit stations to gain knowledge from prior experience. An opportunity to develop consistent technical rules and share the experience gained may encourage innovation and experimentation on a broader scale.

ISED has acknowledged the need for an engineering study, which could then be shared with the CRTC and the Radio Advisory Board of Canada (RABC), to gain an understanding of the adjacent channel impacts of HD Radio technology on existing radio stations. Understanding the impact of HD Radio technology on the existing broadcast infrastructure in Canada and a simple and supportive licensing regime would give Canadian broadcasters the confidence that a transition is both possible and desirable.

Implementation of HD Radio requires radio stations to pay licensing fees to the patent holder to use the technology. While main station (HD1) license fees have been waived during experimentation for broadcasters who implement the technology ahead of formal adoption, a uniform licensing policy is available following formal adoption. The certainty and stability of future

licence fees are a factor in employing the technology. The affordability and flexibility of fees will contribute to further deployment.

Market information

Broadcast radio continues to play a critical role in everyday life throughout North America. Radio's role is so pervasive that it is often taken for granted. Radio remains a primary source of information and entertainment for the majority of the residents of North America, providing music, news, weather, traffic and information. Consumers are able to receive these program services virtually everywhere free of charge. Radio is ubiquitous. Audiences wake up and go to sleep listening to radio. People listen to radio in the home, while driving, at work, exercising, while walking down the street, on the beach, in the park, and while shopping.

The radio receiver remains one of the most ubiquitous devices in our lives. It is estimated that there are over 575 million radio receivers in use today in the United States. Over 92% of all people over the age of 12 listen to the radio every week. As of June 2016, there were more than 15,330 licensed radio stations. The average American listens to AM or FM radio more than 22 hours per week.

Canada has a little more than 1,250 radio stations. In 2016, Numeris reports that nearly 90% of Canadian consumers, 12 years or older, tune in weekly spending almost 18 hours of their media time with radio.

In Mexico there are more than 1,300 radio stations. PwC Mexico reports that more than 7 out of 10 Mexicans listen to radio and on average spend 18% of their day doing so.

There are fundamental aspects of radio broadcasting which define the service. Radio broadcasts are traditionally free; the consumer does not need a subscription and is not charged a fee. As a result, radio's penetration is unrivalled by other services. Radio is inherently local because of the nature of radio coverage. In turn, radio provides one of the best sources of local information and, to a large extent, reflects the tastes, values and interests of the local community each station serves. Although individual radio broadcasts are inherently local, radio broadcast availability is presumed to be universal. Anyone driving from coast to coast expects to be able to receive radio broadcasts, using the same receiver, throughout the country and indeed throughout North America.

Another important aspect of radio is the relatively low cost of receivers. Although audiophiles can spend considerable sums on a high-end receiver, radio can also serve the listener who can only afford a basic portable or clock radio. In addition, radio's role in society goes beyond entertainment. HD Radio receivers available today are capable of functioning in an all-digital mode, an advanced service mode (not currently authorized) in which the analog carrier is eliminated, allowing for higher-power digital signals that can provide even greater coverage. As such these receivers are already "seeding" the future for radio, insuring its place in the digital world.

Radio provides critical public service as a central part of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in the U.S., and with similar alerting systems in Canada and Mexico. Radio is a primary means of dissemination of news and information, and as a source for public service announcements. In other words, radio informs, enlightens and entertains all key elements for a civil society.

The basic motivations for transitioning from analog to digital technology are enhanced performance, added capabilities, reliability, flexibility and cost efficient manufacturing. Despite the obvious benefits of digital radio, terrestrial radio has remained one of the last bastions for analog service, due in part to the large installed base of analog receivers requiring replacement as well as the low cost of including analog radio in other products (for example, the inclusion of analog FM radio in smart phones). While recent broadcast standards activities indicate increasing interest in the digitalization of VHF band II (87.5 to 108 MHz), many countries lack the additional spectrum required to accommodate a parallel transition of radio from analog to digital service on a new frequency assignment. This is certainly the case in North America.

IBOC technology allows broadcasters to add digital signals to their existing analog broadcasts without new spectrum ("hybrid" broadcasts), while providing the capability for an eventual move to all-digital transmission. In short, the technology acts as a bridge from analog to digital services.

To be clear, the hybrid mode includes both the existing analog and the new digital services. Broadcasters are using this mode during rollout of the technology to permit the continued operation of analog-only radios while new HD Radio receivers deliver the new enhanced services as well as existing analog reception. In the future, when the market penetration of HD radio receivers is sufficiently high, broadcasters may switch to the all-digital mode resulting in additional benefits including greater digital coverage (than available in hybrid mode) and the potential for greater throughput.

HD Radio technology supports low-cost receivers; a significant factor for digital audio broadcasting deployment and acceptance. IBOC transmission methodology utilizes adjacent digital signals that permit existing tuner components and antenna circuitry commonly used in the manufacture of analog signal receivers to be employed.

A Comparison of Digital Radio Technologies

1. HD Radio Technology

While numerous digital radio systems have been deployed worldwide, few realize the level of commercial acceptance as the In-Band, On-Channel (IBOC) HD Radio Technology in North America. Both the United States and Mexico have selected the IBOC approach as it does not compel the broadcaster to forfeit an existing listener base to develop a new audience for the digital service. IBOC preserves the analog broadcast located on the main frequency assignment by adding a low-level digital signal immediately adjacent to the analog signal and within the existing frequency allocation. This combined analog and digital signal is known as a hybrid IBOC signal.

IBOC, as implemented by the HD Radio system, retains the full power of the analog signal, while adding digital carriers within a controlled bandwidth and at lower power levels (than the analog "host"). This design allows for adjustment of the bandwidth and power of the digital signal, making possible controllable tradeoffs between coverage of the digital signal and adjacent channel availability. The FM hybrid IBOC digital signal is capable of delivering up to four digital audio programs (one replicating the analog service) along with the analog transmission. The AM hybrid HD Radio digital signal is limited to delivering a single digital audio program replicating the analog service. Eventually, as the transition matures, analog

radio would be shut down in favor of all-digital services. A more detailed description of the HD Radio system is provided in Appendix A.

The HD Radio brand of IBOC technology is successfully being used to deliver enhanced traffic and data services to OEM and aftermarket automotive receivers. These traffic services are presently in operation in the United States and Mexico as commercial services and experimentally in Canada. A voluntary North American digital radio standard would reinforce the economic benefits of a common broadcast infrastructure as well as streamlining product inventory requirements for tier one and OEM suppliers to the automotive industry delivering these services.

2. Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB and DAB+)

DAB and its successor technology, DAB+, are “cellular” based radio technologies that have found favor within ITU Region 1 and more recently, within ITU Region 3 (in particular, Australia). DAB is deployed as a network of wideband transmitter sites, known as a “multiplex”. Each multiplex broadcasts multiple audio channels in a single wideband data stream.

Each multiplex by design covers a small geographic footprint. In order to expand coverage (particularly in larger metropolitan areas), a “single frequency network” or SFN approach of linking adjacent transmitting multiplexes is utilized to provide uniform contiguous coverage. This network of multiplexes is referred to as an “ensemble”. A broadcast ensemble can transmit up to 25 program channels (with DAB+) dependent on program channel bandwidth. A DAB receiver first tunes the entire multiplexed signal, and then the user selects the program to which they want to listen.

The deployment of the DAB and DAB+ ensemble assumes a cooperative sharing of the cost in construction and operation among the broadcasters participating in the ensemble. The cost of constructing a DAB ensemble (consisting of many multiplexes) can be significant. Without the help of the large government subsidies typical in European countries, it would be prohibitive for most radio stations to finance their share of the cost from local advertising revenue. This is especially true in smaller markets, where the infrastructure costs would be nearly the same as in major markets but without enough programming content to use all the all the multiplex capacity. Therefore, fewer stations would share the infrastructure cost, and the resulting cost per service would be considerably higher.

DAB+ receivers are plentiful especially in countries that have established or are planning to establish “FM sunset” dates. Fueled by these sunset dates, automobile manufacturers have broadly adopted the technology in their product offerings. Table top radios in a variety of stylish forms abound at competitive price points.

3. Digital Radio Mondiale

Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) was developed in 1997 as a digital broadcasting technology for shortwave and medium wave broadcast (now called “DRM30”). A variant of DRM, DRM+, was introduced in 2009 to support FM and VHF broadcasting. DRM30 and DRM+ utilize digital-only signals on a separate frequency (*i.e.*, one not being used for analog transmissions) inside the existing broadcast bands. In 2006, DRM introduced Single Multi Channel Simulcast (SMCS) as a way for AM analog broadcasters to transition to digital radio. SMCS utilizes the transmission

of both amplitude modulated (AM) and Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) signals (with the same programming) in the same or adjacent channel space.

The DRM system is highly flexible and is designed to allow for trading off audio quality for system coverage. Generally speaking, with DRM signals better (digital) coverage is made available at reduced audio quality and vice-versa.

Although developed as a European technology, no countries within Europe have designated DRM as their broadcast standard. Only India has selected DRM30 as an AM and shortwave standard, but its implementation in that country is progressing slowly. Russia elected DRM as a standard in 2009 but then canceled the program in April of 2012. The lack of receiver availability has often been cited as one of the major concerns for the viability of the technology.

Conclusion

In this brief Position Paper, NABA has provided information on the HD Radio IBOC digital radio technology which has been adopted for use in the U.S. and Mexico and is currently authorized for experimental use in Canada.

NABA is supportive of and encourages broadcasters and regulators in all three countries to work together to advance the rollout of HD Radio digital radio services across North America and to harmonize the use and regulation of digital radio in the AM and FM broadcast bands to create a *de facto* voluntary North American digital radio standard.

NABA further encourages all North American broadcasters to participate in the activities of the NABA Radio Committee to help achieve these goals. NABA is a resource and an advocate for IBOC digital radio and the NABA Radio Committee exists to further the interests of terrestrial radio broadcasting across the continent.

Appendix A

HD Radio System Description

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Introduction

This Appendix is a high-level description of the HD Radio system. It is intended for broadcasters considering transmission of digital radio signals; equipment manufacturers designing digital radio receivers; and anyone else interested in how HD Radio technology works. Minimal technical knowledge is required.

The system supports new audio and data services that coexist with existing frequency modulation (FM) analog service on VHF Band II assignments from 87.5 MHz to 108 MHz and existing amplitude modulation (AM) analog services in the medium wave (MW) portion of the medium frequency band (MF) from 535 kHz to 1705 kHz. Operation in these frequency ranges is subject to certain regulatory conditions. Therefore, the North American digital radio system standard adoption and deployment is proposed in accordance with these regulatory conditions, while ensuring operation of the existing analog broadcasting services.

Interference protection requirements for FM sound broadcasting in Band II are defined by the International Telecommunication Union – Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R). HD Radio technology was designed to satisfy the frequency spacing and spectral mask for FM sound broadcasting for Band II in ITU-R Region 2.

This Appendix focuses on the simultaneous “hybrid” transmission of existing analog FM with digital HD Radio signals. Some sections may also apply to the hybrid of existing analog AM with digital HD Radio signals. While all-digital transmission is a functional mode in deployed HD Radio receivers, transmission in this mode has only been used experimentally and is not covered in this Appendix.

Detailed information on HD Radio technology is available from the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC, a technical standards-setting body co-sponsored by the Consumer Technology Association and the National Association of Broadcasters; see in particular the NRSC-5 Standard) at <http://www.nrscstandards.org>, and DTS, Inc. (developers and implementers of HD Radio technology) at <http://www.dts.com>.

Overview

HD Radio technology is a method to transmit digital radio signals. It allows digital radio signals to exist in the same band as analog AM and FM radio signals, and on the same channel as these existing signals. This is generically known as “in-band, on-channel” or “IBOC” (pronounced EYE-bahk) digital radio. As noted in the Position Paper, in the hybrid mode of operation, existing analog radio signals are preserved; low-level HD Radio digital signals are added immediately adjacent to (or in the case of AM HD Radio, underneath of) an analog signal. HD Radio technology provides a comprehensive and flexible transition to an “all-digital” world, whenever it may occur, since it also supports an all-digital mode of operation in which an all-digital radio signal would occupy that same spectrum. No new spectrum allocations are required for the digital radio signal, either now or in the future.

The HD Radio signal can contain the same content as an existing analog radio signal, including audio and related metadata such as song title and artist. It can contain additional audio channels and metadata. Moreover, other digital content can also be transmitted, such as images or data that are unrelated to any of the audio programs — all on the same HD Radio signal.

All existing analog radio receivers are compatible with hybrid transmissions of analog FM and HD Radio signals. HD Radio receivers for audio will blend from an analog to a digital radio signal, if it is available. If a digital radio signal is not available, the receiver will stay tuned to the analog FM signal.

HD Radio technology was evaluated extensively in the United States by the National Radio Systems Committee (NRSC), resulting in a recommendation to the FCC for the adoption of the HD Radio IBOC technology. Subsequent to the NRSC evaluation of IBOC, the NRSC developed the NRSC-5 IBOC Digital Radio Broadcasting Standard. The latest version of this standard may be found at the following URL: <http://www.nrscstandards.org>.

Supported Services and Bandwidth Management

Audio is one of many types of services supported by the HD Radio system. A few services are mandatory; the remaining services are optional.

Main Program Service

The **Main Program Service (MPS)** is the primary digital audio channel from the broadcaster. If the radio station is transmitting a hybrid of the analog radio signal and the digital HD Radio signal, then the MPS is a digital simulcast of the analog signal. In this way, the analog audio acts as a “backup” to the digital audio, and HD Radio receivers will “blend” from the analog to the digital audio and vice versa depending upon reception conditions.

As a digital audio signal, the MPS can offer better audio quality than the analog signal. Static, noise, and other impairments found in analog signals do not exist in the MPS. The audio quality is consistent throughout the digital signal coverage area.

The MPS is commonly known as “HD-1”, and is a mandatory part of the HD Radio signal.

Supplemental Program Service

The **Supplemental Program Service (SPS)** provides for additional digital audio channels on the same HD Radio signal as the MPS.

These channels may contain different programming than the MPS, such as foreign-language programs, other music formats, or simulcasts from a different radio station. SPS audio quality can be similar to that of the MPS. Unlike the MPS, the SPS audio channels do not have an analog backup, and when the digital signal is lost by the receiver, the SPS audio channels will mute.

Multiple SPSs are supported. Each SPS is commonly known as “HD-2,” “HD-3,” etc., and SPS is an optional part of the HD Radio signal.

Program Service Data

The MPS and each SPS can contain textual **Program Service Data (PSD)** that is synchronized to the current audio program. Examples include the artist and title of a song, the phone number for a talk show, the score of a game, or the name and slogan of a commercial advertiser.

HD Radio PSD is equivalent to the Program Service (PS) and RadioText (RT) features of the RDS digital data subcarrier used with analog FM.

Use of PSD is optional, but is recommended to match the HD Radio listening experience with analog FM containing RDS.

Advanced Application Services

Advanced Application Services (AAS) are data channels on the same HD Radio signal as MPS and SPS (if SPS services are present). Examples include images of logos for the radio station or advertiser, or album artwork linked to specific songs. These services can greatly enhance the radio listening experience, matching that provided by internet-based audio streaming services, but with no additional data usage fees for the listener.

AAS data does not necessarily have to relate to any audio program, or even the radio station itself. Examples include emergency alerts for severe weather, earthquakes, or terrorism; real-time road traffic

data for navigation devices; or remote switching of electrical devices to optimize the load on the electric power grid. Broadcasters can potentially generate additional recurring revenue by transmitting these services for a third party.

Station Information Service

The **Station Information Service (SIS)** contains basic, non-audio information about the radio station, such as the call sign, frequency, slogan, or electronic program guide (EPG), among other things. This is similar to the basic information found in the RDS digital data subcarrier used with analog FM.

The SIS also contains control information about the HD Radio signal, such as technical details for other services available on the signal. Receivers use the SIS data as part of the HD Radio signal acquisition process.

The SIS is a mandatory part of the HD Radio signal.

Bandwidth Management

HD Radio signals have a limited amount of bandwidth, constrained primarily by the AM and FM radio channel allocation rules.

For maximum audio fidelity, the entire HD Radio signal bandwidth could be used for the MPS and the SIS (which uses very little bandwidth). If one SPS is required, then half of the bandwidth could be allocated for the MPS, and the other half could be allocated to the SPS. But if the SPS is primarily for monaural talk radio, then substantially less than half of the bandwidth can be used for the supplemental service, and the bandwidth of the MPS can be increased to more than half.

These examples highlight some of the many possible combinations; the broadcaster is free to re-allocate the given bandwidth as needed.

Implementing HD Radio Transmissions

System Configurations

The HD Radio system, utilizing an IBOC[®] approach, allows for a smooth evolution from analog sound broadcasting to comprehensive digital sound and data broadcasting. In support of this evolution, the system introduces two conceptual configurations of operation. HD Radio receivers are designed to support both configurations so consumers only need to upgrade from existing analog equipment to HD Radio equipment once:

Hybrid configuration: both analog and digital signals are transmitted in a single radio channel. This may be considered a transitional configuration. Broadcasters and consumers alike see little benefit in the immediate termination of analog broadcasting as would be required if a digital radio system was implemented that required broadcasters and consumers to immediately “switch” to a new system, not compatible with existing analog service. The benefit of the hybrid configuration is that analog sound broadcasting service is maintained, while simultaneously offering new digital sound and data services, receivable on HD Radio receivers. This configuration supports simulcasting of audio programs on analog and digital signals and supports smooth audio “blending” between the two (for the MPS);

All-digital configuration: a digital signal only is transmitted in the radio channel. This may be considered a future implementation. In this configuration the broadcast stations cease transmitting analog sound service and broadcast only the digital sound and data services; consumers who have upgraded to HD Radio receivers during the transmission of hybrid services will continue to receive the all-digital signals as well.

Basic Infrastructure

The HD Radio signal is a different signal than the existing analog radio signal, and requires different types of equipment to transmit. However, this equipment is typically used in conjunction with existing analog equipment. In some cases existing equipment can be used to transmit both analog and HD Radio signals. In other cases, existing equipment may need to be updated or augmented to accommodate HD Radio transmission.

For analog FM, existing systems transmit a signal approximated by the red line shown in **Figure 1**, labeled “FM.” The entire transmission system is tuned specifically for the center frequency of the radio station (represented as 0 kHz frequency offset in **Figure 1**), for the bandwidth of the red line (approximately 100 kHz away from the center on both sides), and for the authorized power of the radio station.

To transmit the HD Radio digital signal with an existing analog FM signal, additional equipment is needed to transmit the signals represented by the gray bars, *PL* and *PU*, shown in **Figure 1** and which represent the HD Radio “digital sidebands.” Note that the HD Radio signals are placed below (left) and above (right) the analog FM signal; the FM signal itself remains essentially unchanged. The total occupied bandwidth of the analog plus HD Radio digital signal is approximately ± 200 kHz.

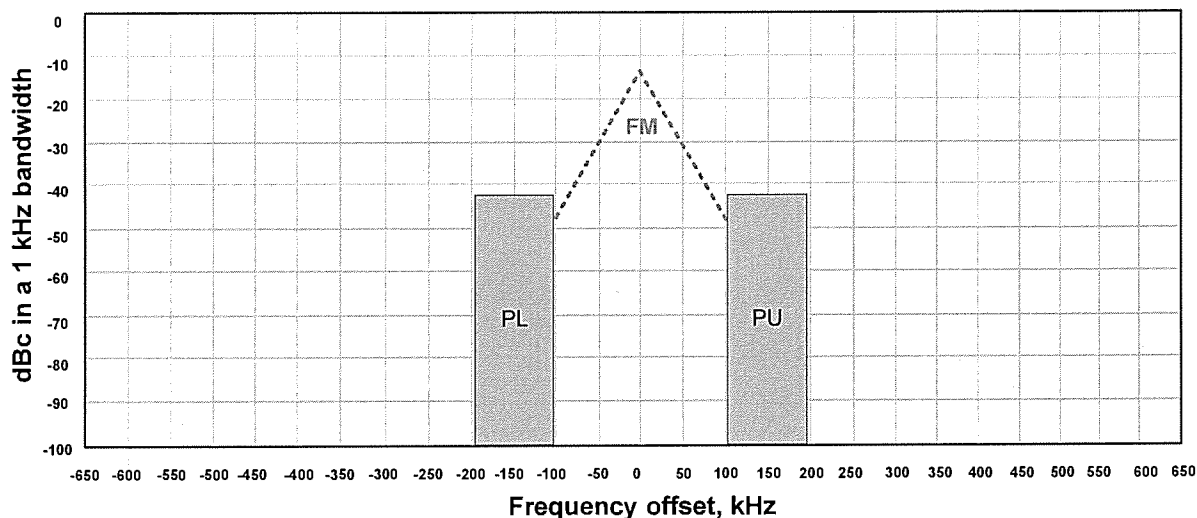


Figure 1: Hybrid analog FM and HD Radio signals

In some cases, an existing analog system can already transmit the wider bandwidth and handle the additional power required for the HD Radio signal digital sidebands. If so, less equipment and fewer modifications are required to implement HD Radio transmissions.

In other cases, if the existing system cannot transmit the wider bandwidth and/or handle the additional power, then existing equipment may need to be upgraded, or additional equipment may be needed. Some broadcasters even choose a separate transmitter site exclusively for the HD Radio digital signal, and leave the existing analog transmitter system on-the-air as-is (choosing to combine the analog and digital signals in the antenna system).

Power, Signal Strength, and Coverage

In the original design of the HD Radio system, two key factors were considered in determining the power used to transmit the digital portion of the HD Radio signal:

The coverage of the digital HD Radio signal should be similar to the coverage of the analog FM signal;

Because of the greater efficiency of the digital transmission system, a lower signal strength (than used for analog FM) should be sufficient to successfully receive an HD Radio signal.

Transmitted radio frequency (RF) power is usually expressed in units of watts, such as 100 kilowatts (100 kW). Although the power of HD Radio signals can also be expressed in watts, it is generally more useful to use decibels below the analog carrier (dBc). For example, the total power of the HD Radio signals shown in **Figure 1** is approximately 20 decibels below the analog carrier (–23 dBc per digital sideband).

The scale of a decibel is logarithmic rather than linear. So if the power of the analog signal is 100,000 W, the power of the digital signal at:

–20 dBc, the power is 1.0% of 100,000 W, or 1,000 W;

–14 dBc, the power is 4.0% of 100,000 W, or 4,000 W;

–10 dBc, the power is 10.0% of 100,000 W, or 10,000 W.

In the United States, FM stations are authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate at –14 dBc (4.0% of the analog signal power) down to a minimum of –20 dBc (1.0% of analog). The maximum allowed power is –10 dBc below the analog FM signal (10% of analog) but requires the broadcaster to submit to the FCC an engineering submission demonstrating adequate protection of nearby radio signals. At this highest power level, the outdoor and indoor digital reception coverage typically outperforms analog reception coverage under similar conditions.

High-Level Combining (Separate Amplification)

Three principal methods are used for producing the HD Radio hybrid FM signal. The method that was most popular at the introduction of HD Radio technology is known as “high-level combining” or “separate amplification” and is shown in **Figure 2**. With this method, the existing station transmitter has its output combined with the output of a separate digital transmitter compatible with HD Radio technology. The resulting hybrid signal is then fed to the existing station antenna.

HD Radio FM high-level combining uses two transmitters to produce the transmitted signal. This approach requires the addition of an HD Radio digital transmitter and the associated combiner, filter and digital exciter. Since both an analog and digital transmitter will be operated at the site, power demands may require the upgrade of electrical service to the facility. Heat load will also increase and may require additional cooling to remain within acceptable limits.

The high-level combining method is inefficient due to power differences between the analog and digital portions of the signal. In order to achieve the requisite isolation and linearity, RF combiners used for hybrid HD Radio signal generation sacrifice approximately 10% (~0.5 dB) of the analog power and 90% (~10 dB) of the digital power to a reject load. However, because the digital power requirements in HD Radio technology are low (–20 dBc to –10 dBc), this loss is tolerable.

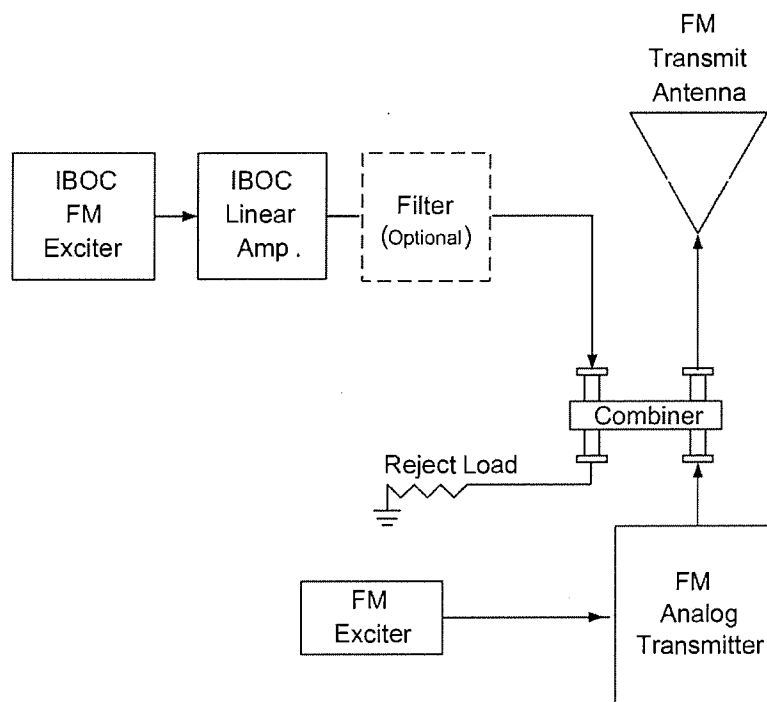


Figure 2: FM HD Radio high-level, separate amplification

Another issue is that of peak-to-average ratio (PAR). Because the digital signal varies in amplitude as well as frequency, the PAR of an FM hybrid HD Radio signal is about 5.5 dB. For example, in the case of an FM station with an analog total power output (TPO) of 10 kW, the digital carrier power of the HD Radio signal would be 1000 watts at -10 dBc or 100 watts at -20 dBc. Assuming combiner loss as discussed above, the analog transmitter would need to be increased to 11.1 kW to overcome combiner insertion loss. The digital transmitter would have to provide for an average output power of 1 kW to overcome the 10 dB combiner loss for -20 dBc injection. The IBOC transmitter would also need to be sized to accommodate 5.5 dB of additional overhead for PAR. This sizing for peak power would amount to approximately three and a half times the average power requirement.

Low-level Combining (Common Amplification)

A second method for producing a hybrid IBOC signal is "low-level combining" or "common amplification" as depicted in **Figure 3**. In this implementation, the output of an analog FM exciter is combined with the output of an HD Radio exciter. The combined signal is fed to a broadband linear amplifier to raise the power to the desired TPO. This method is both power and space efficient and reduces the number of independent elements in the broadcast chain.

Separate and Dual-Input Antenna

The third implementation is known as the separate antenna method. This methodology takes one of two forms; physically separate antennas for the analog and digital signals, as depicted in **Figure 4**, or a dual-input antenna shown in **Figure 5**.

In the separate antenna implementation, signals are routed from independent digital and analog amplifiers to dedicated radiating elements for each signal. Two methods of separate antenna implementation are in use today. The basic form is an independent antenna for the digital signal, often

previously installed as an analog backup antenna. A physically separate antenna is often problematic as it can be difficult to achieve parity between analog and digital coverage.

The second method, known as an interleaved antenna, places a digital antenna “bay” at the mid-point of the analog radiating element array. In this design, the phase of the digital antenna elements is typically inverted (i.e., installed upside down) to provide additional isolation between the analog and digital signals.

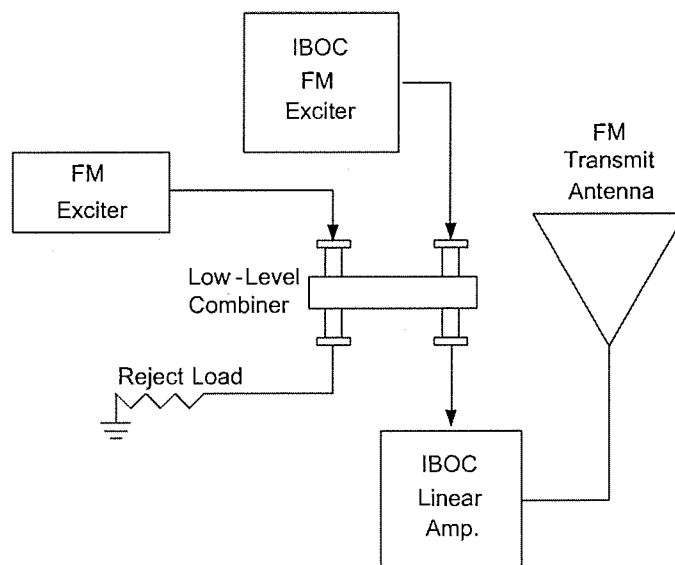


Figure 3: FM HD Radio low-level, common amplification

Regardless of which separate antenna method is employed, the FCC authorizes use of this method in the United States as follows:

- The digital transmission must use a licensed auxiliary antenna;

- The auxiliary antenna must be within three seconds of latitude and longitude of the main antenna (used for the analog transmission);

- The height above average terrain (HAAT) of the auxiliary antenna must be between 70 and 100 percent of the HAAT of the main antenna.

When using the separate antenna method, it is important for the digital antenna to have a minimum of 40 dB of isolation from the analog antenna in order to keep intermodulation products within acceptable limits. Attention to the proper placement of the antenna elements along with the use of an RF isolator on one or both transmitters may be required to minimize mutual coupling.

Replicating radiating element placement with regard to the leg and crossbar portions of the tower, for both the analog and digital transmitting elements, will help to ensure that the patterns of the digital and analog antennas are congruent. Since physically separate radiators are employed in this design, analog signal radiation may be superior to the digital signal radiation due to the height difference between the centers of radiation (analog will be higher). Despite this drawback, the advantage of using separate antennas is the elimination of the combiner loss. Dual-input antennas have the advantage that the center of radiation is identical for both the analog and digital aperture resulting in near-identical analog and digital RF coverage.

Since system designs vary in dimension as well as configuration, the physical space and implementation constraints should be reviewed with equipment manufacturers to determine the appropriate solutions.

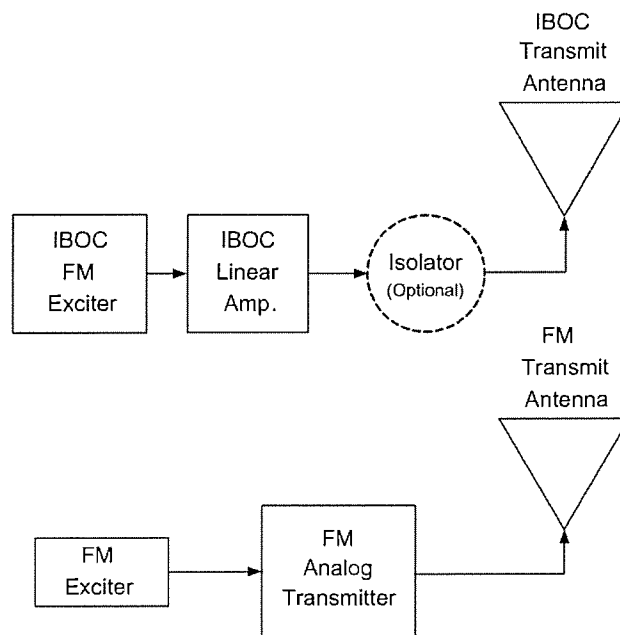


Figure 4: FM HD Radio Separate Antenna Implementation

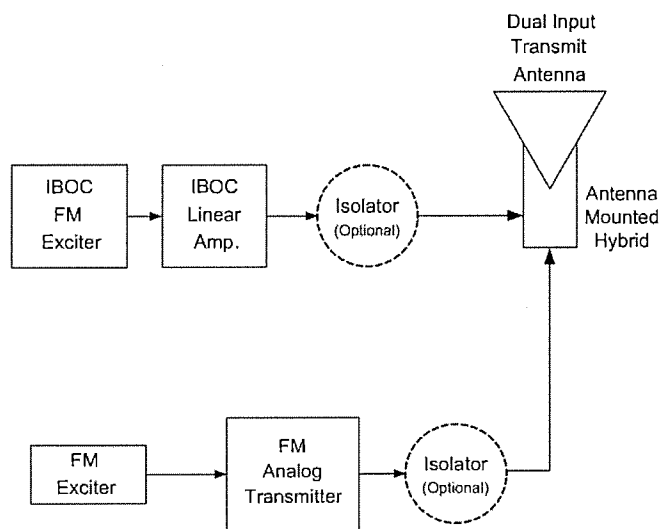


Figure 5: FM HD Radio Dual-Input Antenna Implementation

Simulcast and Analog/Digital Audio Blending

An effective method for dealing with RF channel fading in a mobile reception environment (for example, radio reception in a moving automobile) is to provide a second channel conveying the same information. Transmitting the same information on a second channel shifted in time can enhance the total system performance when the two channels are recombined at the receiver. This technique is called "time diversity."

HD Radio technology takes advantage of time diversity in the MPS by introducing a time delay between the analog and digital transmitted versions of the simulcast MPS audio channel of four to eight seconds, and then by realigning these digital and analog signals in the receiver. Synchronizing the MPS digital audio service and the analog FM audio service is essential to allow HD Radio receivers to smoothly transition between the analog and the digital versions of the signal. This analog to digital audio transition is called "blending."

HD Radio Service Modes

The HD Radio broadcasting system functionality affords many degrees of freedom in the choices that can be made to optimize system end-to-end performance.

These include:

- Audio robustness versus audio quality and latency;
- Data throughput versus data robustness;
- Audio quality versus data throughput tradeoffs (upper Layers);
- Scrambling;
- Channel coding;
- Interleaver design;
- Allocation of the various digital subcarriers (which comprise the digital sidebands).

By choosing and combining these factors in appropriate ways, a wide variety of information data rates, audio/data combinations and bit error rate performance for anticipated channel conditions can be achieved.

For the HD Radio system, several such combinations have been defined, enumerated and designated for the hybrid FM system and the all-digital FM system. These designated combinations are the defined service modes of the HD Radio system.

Audio Service Definitions

In hybrid HD Radio systems, the analog portion of the over-the-air signal is identical to the signal of existing analog-only broadcasting systems. As previously noted, broadcasting using the HD Radio system is compatible with much of the existing analog-only broadcasting equipment and the transmitted signal is compatible with existing analog-only receivers. The FM analog program audio is the means by which the broadcast system maintains compatibility with analog-only receivers. It is used synergistically with the MPS digital audio in hybrid mode as backup audio, to provide improved robustness at the receiver under circumstances of signal fading and blockage.

As detailed above, multicast or SPS channels are additional audio channels that may be added in addition to the MPS. The amount of bandwidth allocated to the MPS and SPS channels is determined by HD Radio service mode selected and by the total number of audio streams transmitted. Digital audio is the primary or main audio delivery mode in both hybrid and all-digital modes. In all-digital mode, the main audio signal is augmented with another lower-latency and lower-bandwidth digital channel which acts as backup audio in lieu of the analog channel (used in hybrid mode, which no longer exists in all-digital mode). While the MPS channel is backed up by the analog signal, the SPS channels are stand-alone and receivers tuned to an SPS channel will mute when the digital signal becomes unreceivable.

Audio Classes

In the hybrid modes of operation, the maximum digital audio quality achievable for an MPS channel is described by audio service class 1 in **Table A-1**. The actual audio quality of a given digital audio channel is defined by the bitrate used for that audio channel which determines the audio frequency response, stereo separation and dynamic range (parameters shown for class 1 in **Table A-1** are realized for an MPS bit rate of 96 kbps which is the maximum available for a normal hybrid transmission). Class 2 audio service is, at a minimum, accomplished by the simulcast analog channel. Typically, the simulcast analog audio channel is stereophonic. In all-digital modes, a digital backup channel (separate from the main channel audio) is supported which can provide class 2 audio service.

Table A-1: Audio Service Classes

Class	Service	Audio Type	Maximum Audio Frequency Response	Maximum Stereo Separation (dB)	Maximum Dynamic Range	Quality Level
1	FM main	stereo	20 – 20,000 Hz	70 dB	96 dB	Virtual CD
2	FM backup	monophonic	20 – 15,000 Hz	N/A	65 dB	FM mono

Digital Data Service Definitions

The HD Radio system supports extensive datacasting services. Six data transport services have been defined for hybrid FM HD Radio as follows:

CODEC digital audio transport;

Text transport;

Control channel transport;

Packet/message transport;

File transport;

Generic streaming data transport.

To support these transport services, the HD Radio system has defined the following classes of data:

Table A-2: Classes of Data Service

Class	Service	System	Minimum Rate (bit/s)	Maximum Rate
1	Dedicated fixed rate	Hybrid, All-digital	860; FM	N/A
2	Adjustable rate	Hybrid, All-digital	0	Equal to at least the maximum rate of audio CODEC
3	Opportunistic variable rate	Hybrid, All-digital	0	Equal to maximum rate of audio CODEC

Dedicated fixed-rate services employ a fixed data rate that cannot be changed by the broadcaster. Adjustable rate services operate at a constant rate that, unlike fixed-rate services, is selectable and changeable by the broadcaster by trading off audio quality or robustness for data throughput. To increase the data rate, the broadcaster reduces the audio bit-rate (and therefore audio quality or robustness) and

reallocates it to data. To increase audio quality, the data is reduced. The adjustable rate services operate by dynamically allocating digital subcarriers among error correction, audio and data services.

Opportunistic variable-rate services offer data rates that are dynamically related to the complexity of the encoded digital audio. Simpler audio passages (e.g., simple tones, narrow bandwidth audio, and silence) require lesser bit rates, permitting the unused throughput to be used for data. The audio encoder dynamically measures audio complexity and adjusts data throughput accordingly, without compromising the quality of the encoded digital audio.

Datacasting

Datacasting is defined as delivering data content from a content provider to a receiver end user via the HD Radio system. This data can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Streaming perceptual audio CODEC (HDC) applications;
- Still and streaming video applications;
- Message/packet based applications;
- File-based applications;
- Audio storage and retrieval applications;
- Billing and management;
- Text/XML (extended mark-up language) applications;
- Specialized applications with specialized receivers;
- Datacasting services with various defined levels of quality of service for each.

HD Radio system datacasting users are of three types:

- Content providers who create and package content for broadcast over the HD Radio system;
- Operations, administrative and maintenance (OAM) users who manage the broadcast system for content delivery, billing and other administrative tasks support;
- Receiver end-users who make use of the content broadcast by the HD Radio system.

For purposes of datacasting definition and specification, the HD Radio system consists of two parts:

- Broadcast network system that receives content from content providers and delivers it to individual broadcast station systems;
- Broadcast station systems that receive content from the broadcast network system, or from local content providers for broadcast.

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Mr. Chairman,

In light of your recently signed MOU with India, I thought you'd like to see what we've been doing there. More to come!

Best,

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ONE MEDIA 3.0 AND SAANKHYA LABS AGREE TO ATSC 3.0 CHIPSET DEVELOPMENT

Hunt Valley, MD (March 28, 2017) – ONE Media 3.0, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI), today announced an agreement with Saankhya Labs, a leader in the development of Cognitive Software Defined Radio (SDR) chips, to accelerate the development of ATSC 3.0 (the Next Generation standard) chipsets.

Under the agreement, Saankhya Labs will begin the development of a global standards supporting ATSC 3.0 chipset that will enable various type of consumer devices to receive the Next Generation television standard. Those devices will include televisions, cell phones, tablets, dongles, gateways and automotive units.

The intent is to accelerate and stimulate the activities associated with the incubation of the ATSC 3.0 chipset development as a pre-cursor to a full-fledged development program. During the project incubation stage, key team members of Saankhya Labs will engage in chip architecture definition and algorithm identification in collaboration with Sinclair and ONE Media 3.0 technical leads.

The complete ATSC 3.0 standard is on track for final approval by the standard-setting body in the coming months and governmental approval for use in the U.S. is expected by year-end. This new standard promises to revolutionize the broadcast industry by permitting mobility, convergence with broadband Internet platforms, addressability, conditional access, increased capacity and dramatic quality improvements. Early development of the chipsets anticipating final approval should accelerate adoption of the dramatic new capabilities enabled by the standard as broadcasters begin deployment.

“We are pleased to begin working with Saankhya Labs to fast-track development of a global ATSC 3.0 device ecosystem that is focused on mobility, and provides support for all global broadcast transmission standards,” said **Mark Aitken**, Sinclair’s Vice President for Advanced Technology. “ONE Media 3.0 and Sinclair, as digital innovators and the largest U.S. broadcaster, are committed to “mobile first” services, advanced data delivery as well as emergency and



educational connectivity. Saankhya Labs' software defined technology will allow us to exploit the underlying flexibility of the Next Generation standard in evolving beyond '3.0' in support of the unique needs of large markets like the United States and India."

"We are excited to partner with One Media 3.0 and Sinclair to develop an ATSC 3.0 chipset that is set to revolutionize the mobility broadcast and data delivery services industry. Based on 'Pruthvi,' Saankhya's award winning Software Defined Radio (SDR) platform, the next generation ATSC 3.0 chipset will enable true convergence of networks and devices. The new age chipset bears testimony to Sinclair and Saankhya's commitment to innovate and Make in India." said **Parag Naik**, CEO of Saankhya Labs.

About Sinclair:

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About ONE Media 3.0, LLC:

ONE Media 3.0, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sinclair, was formed for the purpose of developing business opportunities, products and services associated with the ATSC 3.0 "Next Generation" broadcast transmission standard and TV platform. ONE Media 3.0's objectives include the planning and buildout of a Single Frequency Network; designing, developing and deploying a national Internet Protocol core network infrastructure; and the buildout of a user collection and measurement system.

About Saankhya Labs:

Saankhya Labs, founded in 2007, is a fabless semiconductor company specializing in the development of Cognitive Software Defined Radio (SDR) communications processors and modules supporting a broad range of emerging data communication standards. Powered by its award-winning Software Defined Radio (SDR) architecture, Saankhya chipsets combine low power, cost efficiency and small footprint, making them ideally suited to build ONE Worldwide platform for applications such as broadcasting, TV White Space (TVWS), Machine to Machine (M2M) communication and Internet of Things (IoT). Company information can be accessed at www.saankhyalabs.com.

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I had a request. Look into the rules that we need to have a toll-free number for our viewers in each city we have a transmitter. Consumers can now reach us via email and website without charge. Most phone services do not charge long distance when dialing within the state.

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Joanne Wall

From: Alison Nemeth
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 5:15 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Fw: Vmail

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Saperstein, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 2:53 AM
To: Alison Nemeth
Subject: RE: Vmail

Hi Alison,

I am pleased to report that we've come to an agreement with Sinclair that will restore their broadcast stations back to Frontier's viewers starting this evening. Obviously this is a much better result than having to file a complaint with the FCC and, more importantly, allows our customers to enjoy those channels again right away. Thanks for your assistance with this and please let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Best,

Mike

Mike Saperstein

Vice President, Federal Regulatory

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From: Saperstein, Michael
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 6:52 PM
To: 'alison.nemeth@fcc.gov'
Subject: Vmail

Hi Alison,

Per my earlier vmail, it looks like we may be giving it one last try to work something out so it will not be coming tonight. Sorry for the confusion!

Mike

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Joanne Wall

From: Alison Nemeth
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Fwd: Meeting
Attachments: RBC Media - The 2017 Media Oracle (01.05.2017).pdf

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Alison Nemeth

From: "Cahall, Steven" <steven.cahall@rbccm.com>
Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 10:56:45 AM
To: "Alison Nemeth" <Alison.Nemeth@fcc.gov>
Subject: Meeting

Ms. Nemeth,

I wanted to introduce myself as I'm a sellside equity research analyst covering the Media sector and follow the FCC's regulatory philosophy and media-related policy changes very closely. I attach a recent piece of my research just as an example of how I fit in the world (and I'd be happy to add you to our research distribution if you have an interest). I commonly meet with industry experts, company executives and government officials to inform my view. And, I also have a deep appreciation for the inter-workings of Washington policy as I spent the first decade of my career in the defense industry, including 7 years inside the beltway, before transitioning to Wall Street.

I'm reaching out to see if you or your office is willing to meet at some point to discuss the FCC's outlook on key areas such as broadband deployment, internet utilization and media industry consolidation. I consider your office's views most critical to our perspective, as do the institutional investors I work with. Please let me know if something might be arranged.

Regards,

Steven Cahall

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From: Bodorff, Richard <RBodorff@wileyrein.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 9:13 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Cc: scott.flick@pillsburylaw.com; Lori Alexiou
Subject: Nexstar/Media General
Attachments: NexstarMG Overview for FCC Staff.DOCX

Attached as background for our meeting on the 17th is a description of the Nexstar/Media General transaction and a list of regulatory issues addressed in the assignment and transfer applications filed earlier this week. We look forward to meeting with you and the Commissioner.

Attending for Nexstar will be Perry Sook, Chairman and CEO; Elizabeth Ryder, Sr. VP and GC; and myself. For Media General, Vincent Sadusky, President and CEO; and Scott Flick of Pillsbury.

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From: Jerald Fritz <jnfritz@ONEMediaLLC.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Ajit Pai ((b) (6))
Cc: Matthew Berry
Subject: ONE Media 3.0 and Saankhya Labs Agree to ATSC 3.0 Chipset Development
Attachments: Saankhya-ONE Media CLEAN 032817.pdf

Mr. Chairman,

In light of your recently signed MOU with India, I thought you'd like to see what we've been doing there. More to come!

Best,

Jerry



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ONE MEDIA 3.0 AND SAANKHYA LABS AGREE TO ATSC 3.0 CHIPSET DEVELOPMENT

Hunt Valley, MD (March 28, 2017) – ONE Media 3.0, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI), today announced an agreement with Saankhya Labs, a leader in the development of Cognitive Software Defined Radio (SDR) chips, to accelerate the development of ATSC 3.0 (the Next Generation standard) chipsets.

Under the agreement, Saankhya Labs will begin the development of a global standards supporting ATSC 3.0 chipset that will enable various type of consumer devices to receive the Next Generation television standard. Those devices will include televisions, cell phones, tablets, dongles, gateways and automotive units.

The intent is to accelerate and stimulate the activities associated with the incubation of the ATSC 3.0 chipset development as a pre-cursor to a full-fledged development program. During the project incubation stage, key team members of Saankhya Labs will engage in chip architecture definition and algorithm identification in collaboration with Sinclair and ONE Media 3.0 technical leads.

The complete ATSC 3.0 standard is on track for final approval by the standard-setting body in the coming months and governmental approval for use in the U.S. is expected by year-end. This new standard promises to revolutionize the broadcast industry by permitting mobility, convergence with broadband Internet platforms, addressability, conditional access, increased capacity and dramatic quality improvements. Early development of the chipsets anticipating final approval should accelerate adoption of the dramatic new capabilities enabled by the standard as broadcasters begin deployment.

“We are pleased to begin working with Saankhya Labs to fast-track development of a global ATSC 3.0 device ecosystem that is focused on mobility, and provides support for all global broadcast transmission standards,” said **Mark Aitken**, Sinclair’s Vice President for Advanced Technology. “ONE Media 3.0 and Sinclair, as digital innovators and the largest U.S. broadcaster, are committed to “mobile first” services, advanced data delivery as well as emergency and



educational connectivity. Saankhya Labs' software defined technology will allow us to exploit the underlying flexibility of the Next Generation standard in evolving beyond '3.0' in support of the unique needs of large markets like the United States and India."

"We are excited to partner with One Media 3.0 and Sinclair to develop an ATSC 3.0 chipset that is set to revolutionize the mobility broadcast and data delivery services industry. Based on 'Pruthvi,' Saankhya's award winning Software Defined Radio (SDR) platform, the next generation ATSC 3.0 chipset will enable true convergence of networks and devices. The new age chipset bears testimony to Sinclair and Saankhya's commitment to innovate and Make in India." said **Parag Naik**, CEO of Saankhya Labs.

About Sinclair:

Sinclair is one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies in the country. Including pending transactions, the Company owns, operates and/or provides services to 173 television stations in 81 markets, broadcasting 513 channels and having affiliations with all the major networks. Sinclair is the leading local news provider in the country, as well as a producer of live sports content. Sinclair's content is delivered via multiple-platforms, including over-the-air, multi-channel video program distributors, and digital platforms. The Company regularly uses its website as a key source of Company information which can be accessed at www.sbgi.net.

About ONE Media 3.0, LLC:

ONE Media 3.0, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sinclair, was formed for the purpose of developing business opportunities, products and services associated with the ATSC 3.0 "Next Generation" broadcast transmission standard and TV platform. ONE Media 3.0's objectives include the planning and buildout of a Single Frequency Network; designing, developing and deploying a national Internet Protocol core network infrastructure; and the buildout of a user collection and measurement system.

About Saankhya Labs:

Saankhya Labs, founded in 2007, is a fabless semiconductor company specializing in the development of Cognitive Software Defined Radio (SDR) communications processors and modules supporting a broad range of emerging data communication standards. Powered by its award-winning Software Defined Radio (SDR) architecture, Saankhya chipsets combine low power, cost efficiency and small footprint, making them ideally suited to build ONE Worldwide platform for applications such as broadcasting, TV White Space (TVWS), Machine to Machine (M2M) communication and Internet of Things (IoT). Company information can be accessed at www.saankhyalabs.com.

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Brendan Carr; Matthew Berry
Subject: RE: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

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From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Cc: Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

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-- Brendan
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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>
Cc: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

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From: Alana J. LaFlore [<mailto:ajLaFlore@sbgvtv.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Hello,

I'm writing about the speech Commission Pai gave back in April about contraband cell phones. His remarks are mentioned in this article. <http://money.cnn.com/2016/04/07/technology/prison-cell-phones/>
Have steps been taken to move forward to such a block? What is the current status?

Thank you for your help. I'm on a hard deadline of Wednesday night (11/09).

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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Mark Wigfield; Nathan Leamer
Subject: RE: Calendar story

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From: Mark Wigfield
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Matthew Berry ; Nathan Leamer
Subject: RE: Calendar story

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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Mark Wigfield <Mark.Wigfield@fcc.gov>; Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Calendar story

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From: Matthew Berry

Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 11:37 AM

To: Mark Wigfield <Mark.Wigfield@fcc.gov>; Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>

Subject: FW: Calendar story

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From: Margaret McGill [<mailto:mmcgill@politico.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 10:29 AM

To: Mark Wigfield <Mark.Wigfield@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>

Subject: Calendar story

Good morning,

I want to give you both a heads up that I'm working on a story based on Chairman Pai's appointment calendar from just after the election through January. My main takeaways:

- Following the election, Pai worked to shore up relationships with key Republican lawmakers, holding a flurry of meetings and phone calls which could have helped him cement GOP support as he prepared to assume the chairmanship

- Broadcasters see him as an ally for a reason - he met with members of the industry several times (a contrast to former Chairman Wheeler's relationship with the sector), including two meetings with Sinclair executives. I found an ex parte for this Sinclair meeting, but could not find one for a meeting in Baltimore scheduled Nov. 16.

- Some of his meetings with industry/trade group leaders are not reflected in ex partes (that I could find searching ECFS): Nov. 29 with John Legere, Jan. 10 with Charlie Ergen, Jan. 13 with Michael Powell and Jan. 17 with Jonathan Spalter.

I'm happy to talk by phone and go over more of the specific meetings/calls I plan to highlight in the story. I'm aware that just because something was on a calendar doesn't mean it actually happened, so would want to avoid any inaccuracies.

I'm reaching out now to see if you'd like to comment? Some questions:

- What was the purpose of now-Chairman Pai's outreach to Republican lawmakers following the election? Did he also contact or meet with any Democratic lawmakers during that time period? (I didn't see anything on the calendar).

- Why is the broadcast industry a particular focus for the chairman? Did these meetings with Sinclair have any connection with his interest in moving the ATSC 3.0 standard forward so early in his tenure?

Please let me know what you can today. Best way to reach me is by cell: 571-982-0559.

Thank you,
Margaret

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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:54 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

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From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Matthew Berry ; Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:44 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

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From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

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Lori Alexiou
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From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 9:32 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

My reactions in red:

Exciting times, to say the least! I am sure the Commissioner will be in increasing demand in the coming weeks, making me feel lucky to have locked this in before the election! By way of reminder:

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WHERE: Four Seasons, Baltimore.

WHEN: His "session" is set from 12:45 to 1:15, but it can be shorter, e.g., if he wants to speak for 15 minutes and take questions for 10, that would be fine. Lunch starts at noon, so if he and Matthew would like to come early and have lunch with a few of us, that would be great! (b) (5)

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MEETING AFTERWARD: Would he have time to meet with our CEO, David Smith, for a few minutes after his session? (b) (5)

TRAVEL LOGISTICS: There is an Amtrak train leaving Union Station at 11:10, which arrives in Baltimore at 11:51 (84 NE Regional), or an Acela that leaves at 11:00 and arrives at 11:32. I will be there to get them and bring them to the Four Seasons. If he can meet with David Smith afterwards, we could get them on the 2:19 Acela, which arrives back in Union Station at 2:53 (b) (5) (b) (5)

From: Lori Alexiou

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 9:29 AM

To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>

Subject: FW: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

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From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]

Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:56 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Lori,

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Can we confirm all of this on Monday? I am free all afternoon to chat.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

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From: Lori Alexiou [mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:34 PM

To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>

Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Thanks Rebecca and thanks for your patience on this.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:29 PM

To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>

Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Terrific, Matthew. Thanks so much for confirming. Lori, I will be in touch later this week with details.

Rebecca

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From: Matthew Berry [<mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:19 PM

To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>

Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Rebecca,

Commissioner Pai is able to make it. Please coordinate with Lori in terms of the specific schedule.

Thanks,

Matthew

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM

To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>

Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

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From: Rebecca Hanson

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

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From: Rebecca Hanson

Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Accepted: Brief Meeting with David Smith, CEO of Sinclair

Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:25 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Accepted: Sinclair General Manager Summit

Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Ajit Pai
Subject: Accepted: Sinclair General Manager Summit

Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 10:33 AM
To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Brendan Carr
Subject: Re: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:12 AM
To: Nicholas Degani; Brendan Carr; Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Brendan Carr ; Ajit Pai ; Matthew Berry
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 10:35 PM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>; Nicholas Degani <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>
Subject: Ew: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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Cc: Brendan Carr
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

Good Morning –

Thank you for participating the FCC roundtable with Commissioner Ajit Pai on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:30 pm (and thanks to KOMO-TV for serving as our host).

I will be unable to attend as I will be in Nashville at the National Alliance of State Broadcasters Association meeting.

Brendan Carr is Commissioner Pai's legal advisor and will serve the necessary function of helping us avoid discussions that may wander near collusion. We appreciate your cooperation in this facet of the conversation. At the request of a couple of broadcasters, the conversation during the roundtable shall be off the record. I believe this will generate candid, respectful dialogue from all parties.

I visited with Congressman Greg Walden on Saturday and shared with him that Seattle area broadcast executives would have an audience with Commissioner Pai this week. He was delighted to learn this, as he considers Commissioner Pai a thoughtful friend of broadcasters. He suggested that broadcasters ask the Commissioner to share his views on the television spectrum auction/repacking, revitalization of the AM band,

retransmission consent as a starting point and cross ownership. These are topics are likely discussion points on the Commissioner's agenda, but in the event they don't emerge you're welcome to introduce these and other questions.

Thank you for attending, and thanks for your continued support of the WSAB!

Keith

From: Stephanie Rogerson [mailto:srogerson@komotv.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 6:00 PM

To: 'Keith Shipman' <kshipman@wsab.org>; Janene Drafts <janened@komotv.com>; 'cgardner@bonneville.com' <cgardner@bonneville.com>; 'mark.boe@kstwtv.com' <mark.boe@kstwtv.com>; 'andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com' <andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com>; 'jack.hutchison@entercom.com' <jack.hutchison@entercom.com>; 'jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com' <jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com>; 'jrose@king5.com' <jrose@king5.com>; 'mkaye@hubbardradio.com' <mkaye@hubbardradio.com>; 'rdunlop@kcts.org' <rdunlop@kcts.org>; 'kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com' <kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com>; 'kenthaehl@iheartmedia.com' <kenthaehl@iheartmedia.com>; Kevin Cotlove <kjcotlove@sbgvtv.com>

Cc: 'brendan.carr@fcc.gov' <brendan.carr@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

A couple of you have asked for directions to KOMO Plaza. So attached is a map of the area with our address and parking options. If you park in our garage, I can validate your parking for you. (Enter from John Street.)

If you have any other questions, let me know.

Kind Regards,

Steph

Stephanie Rogerson

Executive Assistant

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From: Stephanie Rogerson

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:23 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 2:13 PM

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To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Ajit Pai
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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:12 AM
To: Nicholas Degani; Brendan Carr; Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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From: Nicholas Degani
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From: Brendan Carr
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 10:35 PM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>; Nicholas Degani <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>
Subject: Fw: FCC Commissioner Roundtable - (September 21, 12:30 pm)

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To: 'Stephanie Rogerson'; 'Janene Drafts'; cgardner@bonneville.com; mark.boe@kstwvtv.com; andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com; jack.hutchison@entercom.com; jackson.weaver@kgyradio.com; jrose@king5.com; mkaye@hubbardradio.com; rdunlop@kcts.org; kevin.p.mccarthy@cbsradio.com; kenthaehl@iheartmedia.com; 'Kevin Cotlove'
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I will be unable to attend as I will be in Nashville at the National Alliance of State Broadcasters Association meeting.

Brendan Carr is Commissioner Pai's legal advisor and will serve the necessary function of helping us avoid discussions that may wander near collusion. We appreciate your cooperation in this facet of the conversation. At the request of a couple of broadcasters, the conversation during the roundtable shall be off the record. I believe this will generate candid, respectful dialogue from all parties.

I visited with Congressman Greg Walden on Saturday and shared with him that Seattle area broadcast executives would have an audience with Commissioner Pai this week. He was delighted to learn this, as he considers Commissioner Pai a thoughtful friend of broadcasters. He suggested that broadcasters ask the

Commissioner to share his views on the television spectrum auction/repacking, revitalization of the AM band, retransmission consent as a starting point and cross ownership. These are topics are likely discussion points on the Commissioner's agenda, but in the event they don't emerge you're welcome to introduce these and other questions.

Thank you for attending, and thanks for your continued support of the WSAB!

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From: Stephanie Rogerson [mailto:srogerson@komotv.com]

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Kind Regards,

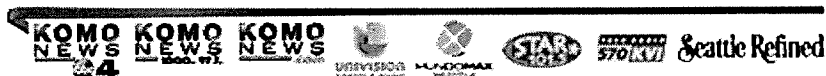
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Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 3:47 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Brendan Carr; Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

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From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
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202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:42 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Re: Meeting Request: June 5/6 S&P Ratings Analysts

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Nicholas Degani; Matthew Berry
Subject: Re: Meeting Request: June 5/6 S&P Ratings Analysts

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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Ajit Pai
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Best,
-Nick D.

From: Devereey, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Nicholas Degani
Cc: Devereey, Sean
Subject: RE: Meeting Request: June 5/6 S&P Ratings Analysts

Hi Nick,

Hope all is well with you—we interacted when I used to work for the student loan industry (NCHER) on TCPA issues. I am writing to request a meeting with Chairman Pai and senior staff on either June 5th (Monday) or 6th (Tuesday) to meet with our media, telecom, and cable analysts team from S&P Global Ratings (formerly Standard and Poor's). I've attached a couple of bios and a few articles including the one on cable/wireless convergence that we published a couple weeks ago.

Agenda items to discuss:

Cable industry regulation – Title II

Wireless industry regulation – three versus four operators, spectrum auction

Broadcasting industry – UHF discount, 39% ownership cap, DISH,

Rewrite of Telecom Act, Cable Act, Copyright Act

AT&T/TWX

US privacy rules versus Europe

Concentration risk for declining industries

Cross media ownership

Fake news

In terms of who could attend from our side, it would be:

Naveen Sarma – sector lead for media and telecom and cable teams (I cover the large cap media companies and Comcast)

Allyn Arden – lead telecom analyst – he covers AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile

Chris Mooney – cable analyst – he covers the cable industry

Mike Altberg – analytical manager for telecom and cable team

Jawad Hussain – media analyst covering the cable network operators

Jeanne Shoesmith – media analyst covering the local TV and radio broadcasters (Sinclair, Nexstar, iHeart)

Sean Devereey, Government Affairs and Public Policy

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Many thanks,

Sean Peter Devereey

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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Kirby, Paul
Cc: Brendan Carr
Subject: RE: RELEASE: FCC Reached \$100 Million Settlement with Straight Path

No comment.

From: Kirby, Paul [mailto:paul.kirby@wolterskluwer.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:00 PM
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From: Will Wiquist [mailto:Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:27 AM
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Media Contact:
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Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Mark Wigfield; Neil Grace; Brian Hart
Subject: RE: request for comment

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From: Mark Wigfield
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 5:27 PM
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From: Sullivan, Margaret
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Mark Wigfield
Subject: request for comment

Dear Mr. Wigfield,

I'm The Post's media columnist. I'm working on a column about the Sinclair/Tribune ownership deal. In the course of my reporting, I spoke to Tim Karr of the advocacy organization, Free Press, who told me that he sees a relationship between Sinclair's partisan (conservative) content and the willingness of the FCC to relax rules on ownership limits.

He said: "It's legitimate to suggest a quid pro quo – a trade of policy favors for favorable media coverage." Would you please comment on this specifically, and, more broadly on whether there is a relationship between Sinclair's content and the expansion of ownership limits?

Thank you.

Margaret Sullivan
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347 749 3748

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It was a treat to see you yesterday at Sinclair and to discuss translators. Just read about FM C4. It's an ironic and appropriate title. I write to echo John Garziglia's comments. C4 is the explosive charge that will displace so many translators you worked so hard to get for AMs. And, as I indicated yesterday, translators currently have no protections of any kind, so this new C4 class will likely wipe out many, many signals. I am opposed to the classification.

That being said, I'm still grateful you've made radio part of the discussion. I've attached the photo from yesterday. Now you can say you met Andy Skotdal!

Andrew Skotdal

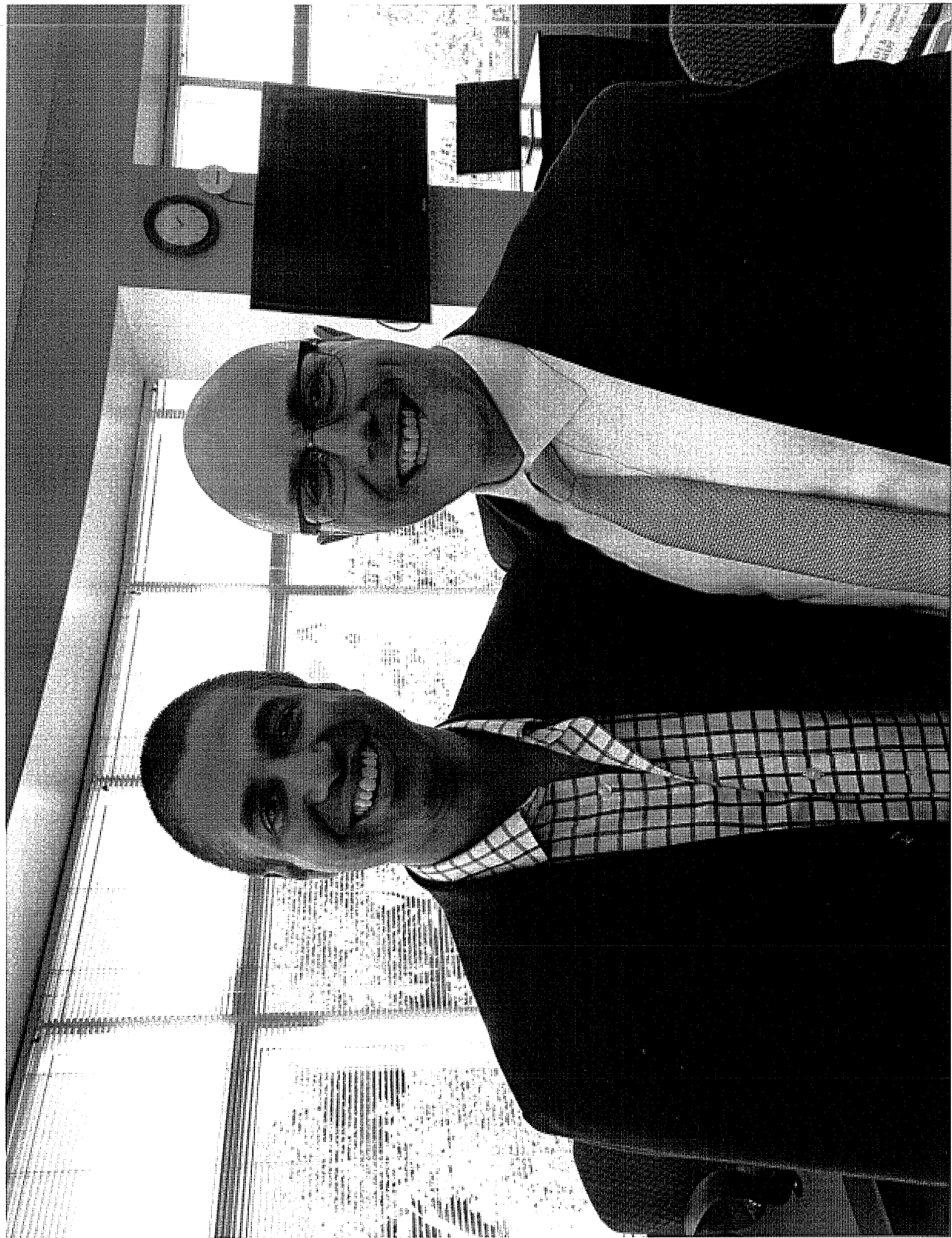
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Joanne Wall

From: Andrew Skotdal <andrew.skotdal@skotdal.com>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 1:46 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: RE: Seattle Visit at Sinclair

Thank you. (still panicked!)

Andrew Skotdal

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From: Matthew Berry [mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 10:42 AM
To: Andrew Skotdal
Subject: Re: Seattle Visit at Sinclair

Andrew, thanks for your message. We aren't going to move forward with any rules that would force the translators off the air. They would have to be protected. That is very important to our office.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Andrew Skotdal
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 12:25 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Seattle Visit at Sinclair

Matt,

You were here, I believe, with Commissioner Pai. This C4 proposal is a nightmare. 26 new LPFMs were granted in the Seattle area since 2014. 6 new AM translators have been granted. Several of those frequencies are co-channel or first-adjacent to the Class A's that ring the Seattle metro area. If those Class A's go up in power, many of the LPFMs and several of the translators will be forced to shut down. All that work to open spectrum for new users will have been a wasted exercise. There is no room for a C4 proposal that I can see. It's explosive, like C4. Seattle would be an easy market to evaluate. This proposal is a disaster.

That being said, I appreciated your visit and meeting you!

Andrew Skotdal, licensee
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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Mark Wigfield; Neil Grace; Timothy Strachan
Subject: RE: The Hill/ free press & house dems on UHF discount

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From: Mark Wigfield
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Neil Grace ; Timothy Strachan ; Matthew Berry
Subject: The Hill/ free press & house dems on UHF discount

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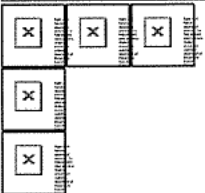
From: Harper Neidig [<mailto:hneidig@thehill.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Mark Wigfield <Mark.Wigfield@fcc.gov>
Subject: Reaching out for comment

Hey Mark,

I know you've declined to comment on this issue in the past, but I was wondering if you guys want to respond to the efforts from Free Press and others to block the UHF discount from going into effect in order to stop the Sinclair-Tribune merger. Also, there are some House Dems who are calling for an E&C hearing on the merger, and I wanted to see if you have any comment on their letter, which I've attached.

Thanks,
Harper

[Preview attachment 05-16-17 Letter on Sinclair-Tribune Hearing.pdf](#)



[05-16-17 Letter on Sinclair-Tribune Hearing.pdf](#)
592 KB

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Harper Neidig
Staff Writer
The Hill
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Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 7:17 PM
To: Gerald Udwin
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group

Our office's summer law clerks will be attending as well. See you tomorrow!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Gerald Udwin
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 6:26 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Cc: gudwin@aol.com
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group

Great! Thanks, Matt.

On Jul 6, 2016, at 6:14 PM, Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov> wrote:

Yep, thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Gerald Udwin
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 6:10 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Cc: gudwin@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group

Hello again, Matt. Please let me know if you received the list okay.

Best,

Jerry

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gerald Udwin <gudwin@aol.com>
Date: July 6, 2016 at 5:49:41 PM EDT
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>, Deanne Erwin <Deanne.Erwin@fcc.gov>, "gudwin@aol.com" <gudwin@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group

Hi, Matt.

Just got your message. Here are the expected attendees. Please excuse any misspellings. We former broadcast journalists can't spell.

Looking forward to seeing you in the morning.

All the best,

Jerry

Jerry Udwin--The Udwin Group
Tricia Paoletta--Wiltshire Grannis
Andy Schwartzman--Georgetown Law
Barry Ohlson--Cox Enterprises
Jim Blitz--SiriusXM
Norm Lent--Arent Fox
David O'Connor--Wilkinson Barker
Trey Forgety--NENA
Alex Kimata--NENA
John Godfrey--Samsung
Mark MacCarthy--Georgetown U
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Grant Spellmeyer--U.S. Cellular
Pat Butler--PBS
Anne Swanson--Cooley
Jennifer Warren--Lockheed Martin
Harold Furchtgott Roth--HFR Economic Group
Bill Bailey--Disney
Paul Schomberg--Panasonic
Barbara Esbin--Cinnamon Mueller
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Laura Stefani--Fletcher Heald
Frank Jazzo--Fletcher Heald
Scott Bergman--CTIA
Peter Pitsch--Intel
Paul Boyd--Microsoft
Jordan Goldstein--Comsat
Reinhard Wieck--Deutsche Telekom
John Ladd--Carmen Group
Catherine McCollum--Intelligent Car Coalition
Rebecca Hanson--Sinclair

On Jul 6, 2016, at 4:12 PM, Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov> wrote:

Jerry,
Could you please send me a list of who you expect to attend?
Thanks.

From: GUdwin@aol.com [mailto:GUdwin@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Deanne Erwin <Deanne.Erwin@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: gudwin@aol.com
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group
Thanks again, Lori.
In a message dated 7/6/2016 9:25:28 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov writes:

Yes, we are fine.
Thanks Jerry.
Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Commissioner Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: GUdwin@aol.com [mailto:GUdwin@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:18 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Deanne Erwin <Deanne.Erwin@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: gudwin@aol.com
Subject: Tomorrow's Udwin Breakfast Group
Hi, Lori, Deanne, Matt,
Please let me know if you received okay my email yesterday about tomorrow morning's 9 a.m. breakfast with the Commissioner...and whether there's any additional information that you need.
As expected, we have a large turnout very much looking forward to our visit with him.
All the best,
Jerry

From: GUdwin@aol.com
To: lori.alexiou@fcc.gov
CC: matthew.berry@fcc.gov, gudwin@aol.com
Sent: 7/5/2016 10:17:31 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Udwin Breakfast Group This Thursday
Hi, Lori,
Just a note to say we're VERY much looking forward to Commissioner Pai's visit with our Breakfast Group this Thursday, July 7th, at 9 a.m., in the Metropolitan Club (1700 H Street, N.W.).
I hope that Matt (and any of the Commissioner's other Advisors) also will join us.

As before, we'd like the Commissioner to speak informally for a few minutes on whatever subjects are most important to him. Q&A follows. It's all off-the-record, and we'll conclude by 10 a.m.

I'll meet him in the first floor lobby of the Club at 9 o'clock. Our breakfast will be in the Anderson Room on the second floor. My cellphone number is (b) (6) [REDACTED]

Please let me know if you need any additional information and if you'd like me to have a cellphone number for anyone on your team.

All the best,

Jerry

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 3:52 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'; Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: RE: WJLA Reporting Improves Fredericksburg 911 Policy

Thanks Rebecca!

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Commissioner Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Ajit Pai ; Lori Alexiou ; Matthew Berry ; Nicholas Degani
Subject: WJLA Reporting Improves Fredericksburg 911 Policy

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's Office.

I have followed with interest your commitment to direct 911 calling, and, while not exactly on topic, I thought you might be interested in this 911 story. It is a good example of local broadcast investigative news changing local policies that can ultimately end up saving lives.

<http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/fredericksburg-dispatch-changes-policy-following-abc-7-investigation>

Just imagine how much more we could do if the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule were gone. We appreciate your efforts, though!

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
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202-256-2116 (cell)

Joanne Wall

From: Lynne Montgomery
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 2:47 PM
To: Jessica Almond; David Grossman; Marc Paul; Matthew Berry; Robin Colwell
Subject: Sinclair Consent Decree has been released

Here is the link: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/sinclair-bad-faith-negotiation-settlement>

Joanne Wall

From: NAB Education Foundation <nabef@nab.org>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: The Faces of NABEF's Success | Fall 2016

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Letter from the President

Welcome, NABEF family and friends, to the 2016 fall newsletter!

As we look forward to the cooler weather of fall, the NAB Education Foundation continues its work promoting diversity and opportunities in the broadcasting industry with a variety of upcoming events and programs.

On November 9, NABEF will host its first Excellence in Innovative Technology Awards luncheon as part

Program Updates and Deadlines

- Register for NAB Show New York and attend the NABEF EIT Awards at the Innovation Celebration on November 9.
- Apply for the Technology Apprenticeship Program (TAP) before February 15, 2017.
- Register for the Leadership Development Program (LDP) on January 12-15, 2017.

Important Dates

Mark your calendars for the NAB Education Foundation's upcoming programs and initiatives:

- Join us for the NABEF EIT Awards on November 9, part of the Innovation Celebration at the NAB Show New York. Register for NAB Show New York now.
- Learn how to advance your broadcasting career at the Leadership Development

of NAB Show New York. Join us as we honor three extraordinary college students who promote the advancement of technology in media while showcasing their inventions. The luncheon will feature keynote speaker Barry Libert, CEO, Open Matters and author of *The Network Imperative: How to Survive and Grow in the Age of Digital Business Models*. Tickets are available now through nabshowny.com.

Freedom of Speech week kicked off October 17. NABEF supports this yearly event that raises public awareness of the importance of free speech in our democracy - and to celebrate that freedom. As freedom of speech is a right all Americans share, this non-partisan, non-ideological event is intended to be a unifying celebration and we are proud to be a part of it.

In January, NABEF will offer the Leadership Development Program (LDP), a four-day session where the curriculum is designed to provide non-managers and novice broadcast managers the tools needed to confront today's business challenges, take on new levels of responsibility, advance their careers and hone their leadership skills. Registration for this program can be found on our website, NABEF.org.

We had another successful run of our Technology Apprenticeship Program (TAP), which concluded with a webcast on September 26. Applications for the next TAP are now open and the deadline for entries is February 15, 2017. More information on this program can also be found on NABEF's website.

We also held our 5th Annual Congressional Golf Classic on September 19 at Woodmont Country Club (a U.S. Open qualifying course). This fundraising event was attended by member of Congress, staffers and lobbyists who braved the rain in support of NABEF. Many thanks to our sponsors and donors for their wonderful generosity!

At NABEF, our goal is to develop stronger leaders and executives in the broadcasting industry. We thank you for continuing to support our efforts and spreading the word about NABEF and its programs.

Program (LDP), taking place on January 12-15, 2017. Registration is open now.

- Apply for the next Technology Apprenticeship Program. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2017.

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Be sure to check out Broadcast Career Link every month for new information and updates on today's broadcasting careers.

- **Leadership Series:** Learn more about the Leadership Development Program
- **Career Center:** The Role of a Multimedia Journalist
- **Human Resources:** How to Get Your First Job in Digital Media

Sponsors' Corner

Thank you again to our Fifth Annual Congressional Golf Classic donors and sponsors!

Please join us in thanking our program sponsors.

- **Futuri Media** committed \$30,000 to the BLT program.
- **Hearst Television** committed \$50,000 to the BLT program.
- **Fox Television Stations** committed \$30,000 to the BLT program.
- **Legend Communications** committed \$10,000 to the BLT program.
- **comScore** committed \$20,000 to the BLT program.
- **Patrick Communications** committed \$5,000 to the MSI program.
- **TEGNA Foundation** awarded a \$25,000 grant in support of the MSI program.
- **Fletcher Heald & Hildreth** committed \$2,000 to the BLT program.

Let's continue to strengthen broadcasting together.

Best regards,



Marcellus Alexander
President
NAB Education Foundation

- **Commonwealth Broadcasting** committed \$1,000 to the BLT program.
- **TVNewsCheck** committed \$2,000 to the TAP program.



Success Stories

Broadcast Leadership Training (BLT)

The executive MBA-style program enables talented senior level broadcast executives who aspire to advance as group executives or station owners – particularly women and people of color – to be exposed to the fundamentals of purchasing, owning and the successful operation of radio and television stations.



Jeff Anderson (BLT 2016) is now the operations manager for Beasley in Charlotte, N.C.

Manny Fantis (BLT 2015) was promoted to National and Digital News Director at Sinclair Broadcast Group.



Ravi Kapur (BLT 2013) was inducted into the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council Hall of Fame.

Executive Development Seminar (EDS)

Geared towards broadcast managers (general managers, sales, programming, news) at radio and television stations or groups with career advancement and development ambitions, this seminar is designed to increase managerial effectiveness and prepare attendees with the skills needed to meet the changes and challenges of the rapidly evolving business environments of radio and television broadcasting.



Steve Chase (EDS 2016) was recently promoted to vice president/director of Sales for Cordillera Communications from director of Sales at KOAA-TV.

Susie Elkins is now the interim director of Broadcasting and general manager for WKAR-TV. She was previously station manager at the station.



Andrew Perini (EDS 2016) was promoted from senior account executive to local sales

Jama Killingsworth (BLT 2013) was named vice president and general manager of WDAM-TV in Hattiesburg, Miss.



team development manager at KTVN-TV.



Kirk Litton (BLT 2015), managing partner at Midlands Media Group, LLC, and Keith Stover purchased station WWNQ-FM and its companion online newspaper, ColaDaily.

Leadership Development Program (LDP)

This four-day program provides nonmanagers who are top-performing professionals with the tools needed to take on new levels of responsibility, advance their careers and develop leadership skills.

Robert Brooks (LDP 2015) was promoted to integrated sales manager earlier this year for the Dallas-Fort Worth Market for Radio One, Inc. and was selected to be a part of Radio One, Inc.'s Mentorship Program.



DuJuan McCoy's (BLT 2008) Bayou City Broadcasting signed a definitive agreement to purchase KADN-TV and KLAF-TV for \$40 million from Nexstar. The closing is expected by the end of 2016.



Dana Neves (LDP 2013) was promoted from news director to regional news director at WFSB-TV.



Chris Munoz (BLT 2011) and his wife are the proud owners of five radio stations under their newly formed company LMNOC Broadcasting in Taos, N.M. They will be building a sixth station next year in Springer, N.M. They own KKIT-FM, KXMT-FM, KKTC-FM, KTRZ-FM and KVOT-AM.

Media Sales Institute (MSI)

This program provides recent college graduates with a 10-day intensive sales training program, in which they learn winning sales strategies, networking skills how to prepare and make effective presentations and close deals.

James Robinson (BLT 2016) is now the vice president of Sales for iHeartMedia in Washington, D.C.



David Burton (MSI 2016) was hired as an account executive for KUSA-TV in Denver, Colo.



Samuel Tatum (BLT 2016) is now the director of Sales and Solutions, Radio One D.C. (WPRS/WKYS/WMMJ/WYCB/WOL).

Jessica Gryder (MSI 2016) was hired as an account executive for KFDM-TV in Beaumont, Texas.



Technology Apprenticeship Program (TAP)

The six-month apprenticeship exposes high-tech graduates and professionals to the broadcast industry. The program provides participants with an opportunity to



Montea Hawthorne (MSI 2016) was hired as an account executive for WFXG-TV in

learn about the latest broadcast technology, receive hands-on training at a station and contribute a fresh perspective and innovative ideas to the industry.



Jessica Marsh (TAP 2015) was recently hired to be a studio engineer for Premiere Networks in Seattle.

Augusta, Ga.

Connor Johnson (MSI 2016) was hired as an account executive for KOLD-TV in Tucson, Ariz.



Shay Kak (MSI 2016) was hired as a sales assistant at ABC15 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Amber Smith (TAP 2014) has accepted a position as an A/V tech with Five-Star AudioVisual at their new site in Georgia.



Amber Key (MSI 2016) was hired as an account executive for WUPV-TV in Richmond, Va.



Carla Mordica (MSI 2016) was hired as a remote technician for Cumulus Broadcasting.

Interested in hiring a NABEF TAP or MSI graduate? Contact Michelle Duke at mduke@nab.org.

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Joanne Wall

From: etravelservices@cwtsatotravel.com
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry
Subject: Final Voucher 7992270(1) has received final approval

Dear MATTHEW BERRY

Final voucher 7992270(1) has received final approval.

Trip ID: 7992270
Voucher ID: 1
Voucher type: Final
Traveler name: MATTHEW BERRY
Purpose: Speak at Sinclair General Managers Summit
Destination: Baltimore (City), MD, United States
Dates: 2016-11-16 - 2016-11-16
Current status: Voucher Awaiting Payment

Voucher total expenses: 69.84
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Joanne Wall

From: Alison Nemeth
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Experimental apps
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Just got a call from Kathleen on this. I have not seen these applications, have you? Wasn't sure if you saw these while I was away.

From: Kathleen Victory [mailto:victory@fhhlaw.com]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Alison Nemeth
Subject: Experimental apps

Alison, per our discussion, attached are the experimental applications to implement NTSC 3.0 and confirmations of their filings. As I indicated, I spoke with Kevin Harding who said he is ready to grant these but that with the new administration they were being sent up to your office . . .

My client, WatchTV is very anxious to get moving on this. Other experimental apps for the same thing so we are hoping to see action ASAP.

I appreciate your looking into this for me.

Best,

Kathleen

 **Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth**

Kathleen Victory, Co-Managing Member

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CC:

Separate multiple email addresses with a
comma**Authorization and Disclosure**

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

I authorize a charge to my card account for the above amount in accordance with my card issuer agreement. ☒ *

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Thank you.
Your transaction has been successfully completed.

Pay.gov Tracking Information

Application Name: Remittance Advice
Pay.gov Tracking ID: 2604LAS2
Agency Tracking ID: PGC2911412
Transaction Date and Time: 01/16/2017 19:11 EST


Payment Summary

Address Information	Account Information	Payment Information
Account Holder Gregory J. Name: Herman Billing Address: (b) (6) Billing Address 2: City: State / Province: Zip / Postal Code: Country: USA	Card Type: Visa Card Number: ***** (b) (6)	Payment Amount: \$190.00 Transaction Date 01/16/2017 19:11 and Time: EST



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Your transaction has been approved. For your records, please note the following:

AGENCY TRACKING ID:	PGC2911412
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER :	03696D
AMOUNT PAID :	\$190.00

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Agency Tracking ID:PGC2911412 Authorization Number:03696D

Successful Authorization -- Date Paid: 1/16/17

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SECTION A - Payer Information		
(2) PAYER NAME (if paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card) WatchTV, Inc.		(3) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (dollars and cents) \$190.00
(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 (b) (6)		
(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2		
(6) CITY (b) (6)	(7) STATE (b)	(8) ZIP CODE (b) (6)
(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE) 503-8190500		(10) COUNTRY CODE (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) US
FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) REQUIRED		
(11) PAYER (FRN) 0020497590		(12) FCC USE ONLY
IF PAYER NAME AND THE APPLICANT NAME ARE DIFFERENT, COMPLETE SECTION B IF MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)		
(13) APPLICANT NAME WatchTV, Inc.		
(14) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 (b) (6)		
(15) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2		
(16) CITY (b) (6)	(17) STATE (b)	(18) ZIP CODE (b) (6)
(19) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE) +1 (503) 819-0500		(20) COUNTRY CODE (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) US
FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) REQUIRED		
(21) APPLICANT (FRN) 0020497590		(22) FCC USE ONLY
COMPLETE SECTION C FOR EACH SERVICE, IF MORE BOXES ARE NEEDED, USE CONTINUATION SHEET		
(23A) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24A) Payment Type Code(PTC) MGT	(25A) Quantity 1
(26A) Fee Due for (PTC) \$190.00	(27A) Total Fee \$190.00	FCC Use Only
(28A) FCC CODE 1 703659	(29A) FCC CODE 2 LMS0000021321	
(23B) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24B) Payment Type Code(PTC)	(25B) Quantity
(26B) Fee Due for (PTC)	(27B) Total Fee	FCC Use Only
(28B) FCC CODE 1	(29B) FCC CODE 2	

Peter Tannenwald

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To: Peter Tannenwald
Subject: Pay.gov Payment Confirmation: Remittance Advice

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Application Name: Remittance Advice
Pay.gov Tracking ID: 2604LAS2
Agency Tracking ID: PGC2911412
Transaction Type: Sale
Transaction Date: Jan 16, 2017 7:11:23 PM

Account Holder Name: Gregory J. Herman
Transaction Amount: \$190.00
Card Type: Visa
Card Number: *****(b)

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Application Submitted[Download Reference Copy \(/api/download/draftcopy/DTS/25076ff358f44dd70159a82d96265b62\)](/api/download/draftcopy/DTS/25076ff358f44dd70159a82d96265b62)

Your application has been submitted for processing.

- Please pay any fees associated with this application.
- Use the assigned **File Number** when referencing this application in the future.
- The progress of this application can be tracked on the **Applications** page.

Application Summary

File Number: 0000021318
Application Purpose: Experimental STA
Status: Submitted
Date Submitted: 2017-01-17

Applicant Information

Name: WatchTV, Inc.
Title:
Address: (b) (6)
United States
Phone: +1 (503) 819-0500
Email: watchtvinc@mac.com

Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Exempt from FCC Application Fees? No

Application Type	Fee Code	Fee Amount
Experimental STA	MGT	\$190.00
Total		\$190.00
		Pay Fees

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Open Government Directive
(<http://www.fcc.gov/open>)
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2009 Recovery and Reinvestment Act
(<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/american-recovery-and-reinvestment-act-2009>)



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Select a Payment Method

Choose an online payment method for your \$190.00 fee. Your Remittance ID is 2911409.



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To pay via electronic debit from a checking or savings account, you must provide the Routing Number and Account Number.

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Pay by Credit or Debit Card

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- Print the prefilled Form 159.
- Mail the Form 159 along with the check/money order to:
Federal Communications Commission
P.O. Box 979089
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000
- Make the check/money order payable to:
Federal Communications Commission

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Payment Summary

Bill Number	Applicant FRN	Applicant Name	Call Sign	PTC	Amount	FCC Code 1	FCC Code 2
N/A	0020497590	WatchTV, Inc.		MGT	\$190.00	703657	LMS0000021318
Total Amount Due :					\$190.00		

* The U.S. Treasury may reject Credit Card transactions greater than \$24,999.99. This limit includes multiple transactions on the same Credit Card totaling more than this limit in a single day. Reference: Treasury Announcement No. A-2014-04 (<http://tfm.fiscal.treasury.gov/v1/announcement/a-14-04.html>)

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Online Payment

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Payment Summary [Edit this information](#)**Address Information**Account Holder Gregory J.
Name: Herman

Billing Address:

Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Country: USA

Account Information

Card Type: Visa

Card Number: *****

(b)

(6)

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$190.00

Transaction Date 01/16/2017 19:05
and Time: EST**Email Confirmation Receipt**

To have a confirmation sent to you upon completion of this transaction, provide an email address and confirmation below.

Email Address: tannenwald@fhhlaw.com

Confirm Email Address: tannenwald@fhhlaw.com

CC:

Separate multiple email addresses with a
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Application Name: Remittance Advice

Pay.gov Tracking ID: 2604LAK6

Agency Tracking ID: PGC2911409

Transaction Date and Time: 01/16/2017 19:05 EST

Payment Summary

Address Information

Account Holder Gregory J.
Name: Herman

Billing Address:

Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province:

Zip / Postal Code:

Country: USA

Account Information

Card Type: Visa

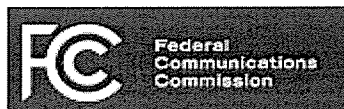
Card Number: *****

(b) (6)

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$190.00

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Payment Confirmation

Your transaction has been approved. For your records, please note the following:

AGENCY TRACKING ID:

PGC2911409

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER :

06235D

AMOUNT PAID :

\$190.00

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(11) PAYER (FRN) 0020497590		(12) FCC USE ONLY
IF PAYER NAME AND THE APPLICANT NAME ARE DIFFERENT, COMPLETE SECTION B IF MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)		
(13) APPLICANT NAME WatchTV, Inc.		
(14) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 855 Harbor Court		
(15) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2		
(16) CITY Southlake	(17) STATE TX	(18) ZIP CODE 76092-2700
(19) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE) +1 (503) 819-0500		(20) COUNTRY CODE (IF NOT IN U.S.A.) US
FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) REQUIRED		
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(23A) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24A) Payment Type Code(PTC) MGT	(25A) Quantity 1
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(28A) FCC CODE 1 703657	(29A) FCC CODE 2 LMS0000021318	
(23B) FCC Call Sign/Other ID	(24B) Payment Type Code(PTC)	(25B) Quantity
(26B) Fee Due for (PTC)	(27B) Total Fee	FCC Use Only
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Application Name: Remittance Advice
Pay.gov Tracking ID: 2604LAK6
Agency Tracking ID: PGC2911409
Transaction Type: Sale
Transaction Date: Jan 16, 2017 7:05:41 PM

Account Holder Name: Gregory J. Herman
Transaction Amount: \$190.00
Card Type: Visa
Card Number: ***** (b) (6)

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DTS Experimental STA Application

File Number: Submit Date: **01/17/2017** Facility ID: **703654** FRN: **0020497590** State: **Oregon** City: **Portland**
Service: **DTS** Purpose: **Experimental STA** Status: **Saved** Status Date: **01/10/2017** Filing Status: **Active**

General Information

Section	Question	Response
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Section	Question	Response
Fees	Is the applicant exempt from FCC application Fees?	Yes
	Indicate reason for fee exemption:	Fee was paid with File No. 0000019130. This application replaces 0000019130 but has to be filed separately rather than as an amendment because it uses different pages from Form 2100.
Waivers	Does this filing request a waiver of the Commission's rule(s)?	No
	Total number of rule sections involved in this waiver request:	

**Applicant
Information**

Applicant Name, Type, and Contact Information

Applicant	Address	Phone	Email	Applicant Type
WatchTV, Inc. Doing Business As: WatchTV, Inc.	Gregory J. Herman (b) (6) United States	+1 (503) 819- 0500	watchtvinc@mac. com	Corporation

**Contact
Representatives
(2)**

Contact Name	Address	Phone	Email	Contact Type
Jesus M. Ortega <i>Chief Operator</i> WatchTV, Inc.	(b) (6) 2109 United States	+1 (503) 366- 1498	jess@oregonbes.com	Technical Representative
Peter Tannenwald <i>Attorney</i> Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P. L.C.	1300 N. 17th St. 11th Floor Arlington, VA 22209- 3801 United States	+1 (703) 812- 0404	tannenwald@fhhlaw. com	Legal Representative

**Channel and
Facility
Information**

Section	Question	Response
Proposed Community of License	Facility ID	703654
	State	Oregon
	City	Portland
	DTS Channel	16
Facility Type	Facility Type	Commercial
	Station Type	Main
Zone	Zone	2

**DTS Reference
Point**

Section	Question	Response
Construction Permit File Number and Facility ID	File Number for Current Authorized Service Area:	
	Facility ID	703654
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-

**Site 1: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1204059
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	282.2 meters
	Support Structure Height	250.2 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	342.3 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	183 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	436 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	525.3 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	15 kW

**Site 1: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Non-Directional
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	COEL
	Model	CO-24U/8
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

**Site 2: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1031943
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 41' 29.3" N+
	Longitude	122° 21' 45.4" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	46.0 meters
	Support Structure Height	36.9 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	561.4 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	24 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	293 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	585.4 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.2 kW

**Site 2: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	235 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
50	.417	140	.059	230	.051	320	.563
60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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**Site 3: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1034276
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 23' 36.3" N+
	Longitude	123° 03' 10.2" W-
	Structure Type	LTOWER-Lattice Tower
	Overall Structure Height	42.7 meters
	Support Structure Height	39.6 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	485.9 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	30 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	397 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	515.9 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.1 kW

**Site 3: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	60 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
50	.417	140	.059	230	.051	320	.563
60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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Certification

Section	Question	Response
General Certification Statements	The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by authorization or otherwise, and requests an Authorization in accordance with this application (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.).	
	The Applicant certifies that neither the Applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to §5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. This certification does not apply to applications filed in services exempted under §1.2002(c) of the rules, 47 CFR . See §1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR §1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification §1.2002 (c). The Applicant certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.	
Authorized Party to Sign	FAILURE TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ANY FEES PAID Upon grant of this application, the Authorization Holder may be subject to certain construction or coverage requirements. Failure to meet the construction or coverage requirements will result in automatic cancellation of the Authorization. Consult appropriate FCC regulations to determine the construction or coverage requirements that apply to the type of Authorization requested in this application. WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND /OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, §1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, §312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, §503).	
	I certify that this application includes all required and relevant attachments.	Yes
	I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am an authorized representative of the above-named applicant for the Authorization(s) specified above.	Gregory J. Herman <i>President</i> 01/16/2017

Attachments

File Name	Uploaded By	Attachment Type	Description
<u>wty exper exhibit KORS 16.pdf</u>	Applicant	All Purpose	Description of Experiment

WatchTV, Inc.
FRN 0020-4975-90
Experimental DTS Application
Channel 16

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

This application is one of four applications requesting authority for WatchTV, Inc. (WTV) to experiment with new television technologies, by implementing the new ATSC 3.0 technical standard at four Class A television stations which transmit from a common site in Portland, Oregon. The application is configured as a request for a new Distributed Transmission System (DTS) STA because that is the only way that multiple transmitter sites can be entered in LMS.

This application will use the channel occupied by KORS-CD, Facility ID 71069, Channel 16, which is licensed to WTV. Since the experimental applicant and the licensee of KORS-CD are the same, consent by KORS-CD has obviously been given.

The objectives of the experiment are as follows:

1. To learn more about the propagation characteristics of ATSC 3.0 by implementing the technology in a geographic area with much more uneven terrain than exists in the Washington-Baltimore area, where Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. conducted its recent experimental operations.
2. To explore the capacity of the ATSC 3.0 platform to deliver multiple data services along with television programming in multiple formats, including Ultra-HD (4K).
3. To explore the benefits of a multi-frequency network for multiplying the data capacity of the ATSC 3.0 technology. Previous experiments have focused on single-frequency networks using only one television channel. WTV's experiment will use four channels. WTV's program will be the first experiment of which it is aware in which spectrum will be available to test spreading data across multiple TV channels while each channel is also transmitting single-channel video content.
4. To explore the benefits of distributed antenna systems by transmitting simultaneously from three transmitter sites initially, with the possibility that a request will be filed at a later date to add more sites.
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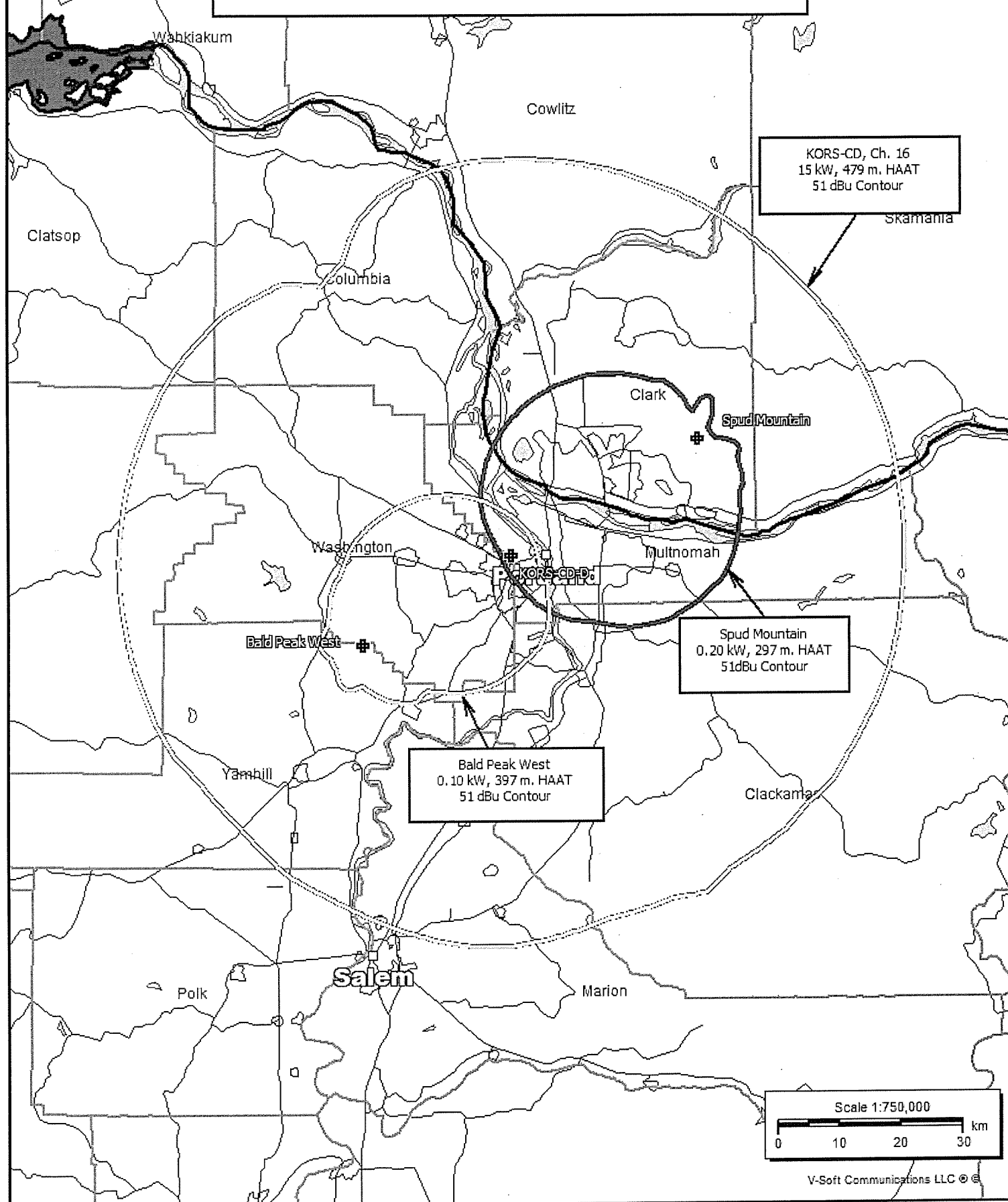
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DTS Experimental STA Application

File Number: Submit Date: **01/17/2017** Facility ID: **703658** FRN: **0020497590** State: **Oregon** City: **Portland**
Service: **DTS** Purpose: **Experimental STA** Status: **Saved** Status Date: **01/16/2017** Filing Status: **Active**

General Information

Section	Question	Response
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Section	Question	Response
Fees	Is the applicant exempt from FCC application Fees?	No
	Indicate reason for fee exemption:	
Waivers	Does this filing request a waiver of the Commission's rule(s)?	No
	Total number of rule sections involved in this waiver request:	

Application Type	Fee Code	Fee Amount
Experimental STA	MGT	190.0
	Total	190.0

**Applicant
Information**

Applicant Name, Type, and Contact Information

Applicant	Address	Phone	Email	Applicant Type
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**Channel and
Facility
Information**

Section	Question	Response
Proposed Community of License	Facility ID	703658
	State	Oregon
	City	Portland
	DTS Channel	35
Facility Type	Facility Type	Commercial
	Station Type	Main
Zone	Zone	2

**DTS Reference
Point**

Section	Question	Response
Construction Permit File Number and Facility ID	File Number for Current Authorized Service Area:	
	Facility ID	703658
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-

**Site 1: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1204059
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	282.2 meters
	Support Structure Height	250.2 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	342.3 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	183 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	436 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	525.3 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	15 kW

**Site 1: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Non-Directional
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	COEL
	Model	CO-24U/8
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

**Site 2: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1031943
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 41' 29.3" N+
	Longitude	122° 21' 45.4" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	46.0 meters
	Support Structure Height	36.9 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	561.4 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	24 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	293 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	585.4 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.2 kW

**Site 2: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	235 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
50	.417	140	.059	230	.051	320	.563
60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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**Site 3: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1034276
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 23' 36.3" N+
	Longitude	123° 03' 10.2" W-
	Structure Type	LTOWER-Lattice Tower
	Overall Structure Height	42.7 meters
	Support Structure Height	39.6 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	485.9 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	30 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	397 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	515.9 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.1 kW

**Site 3: Antenna
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Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Antenna ID	
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	toward azimuth	
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DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
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Certification

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General Certification Statements	The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by authorization or otherwise, and requests an Authorization in accordance with this application (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.).	
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	I certify that this application includes all required and relevant attachments.	Yes
	I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am an authorized representative of the above-named applicant for the Authorization(s) specified above.	Gregory J. Herman <i>President</i> 01/16/2017

Attachments

File Name	Uploaded By	Attachment Type	Description
<u>wtv exper exhibit KORK 35.pdf</u>	Applicant	General Information	Description of Experiment

WatchTV, Inc.
FRN 0020-4975-90
Experimental DTS Application
Channel 35

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

This application is one of four applications requesting authority for WatchTV, Inc. (WTV) to experiment with new television technologies, by implementing the new ATSC 3.0 technical standard at four Class A television stations which transmit from a common site in Portland, Oregon. The application is configured as a request for a new Distributed Transmission System (DTS) STA because that is the only way that multiple transmitter sites can be entered in LMS.

This application will use the channel occupied by KORK-CD, Facility ID 71079, Channel 35, which is licensed to WTV. Since the experimental applicant and the licensee of KORK-CD are the same, consent by KORK-CD has obviously been given.

The objectives of the experiment are as follows:

1. To learn more about the propagation characteristics of ATSC 3.0 by implementing the technology in a geographic area with much more uneven terrain than exists in the Washington-Baltimore area, where Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. conducted its recent experimental operations.
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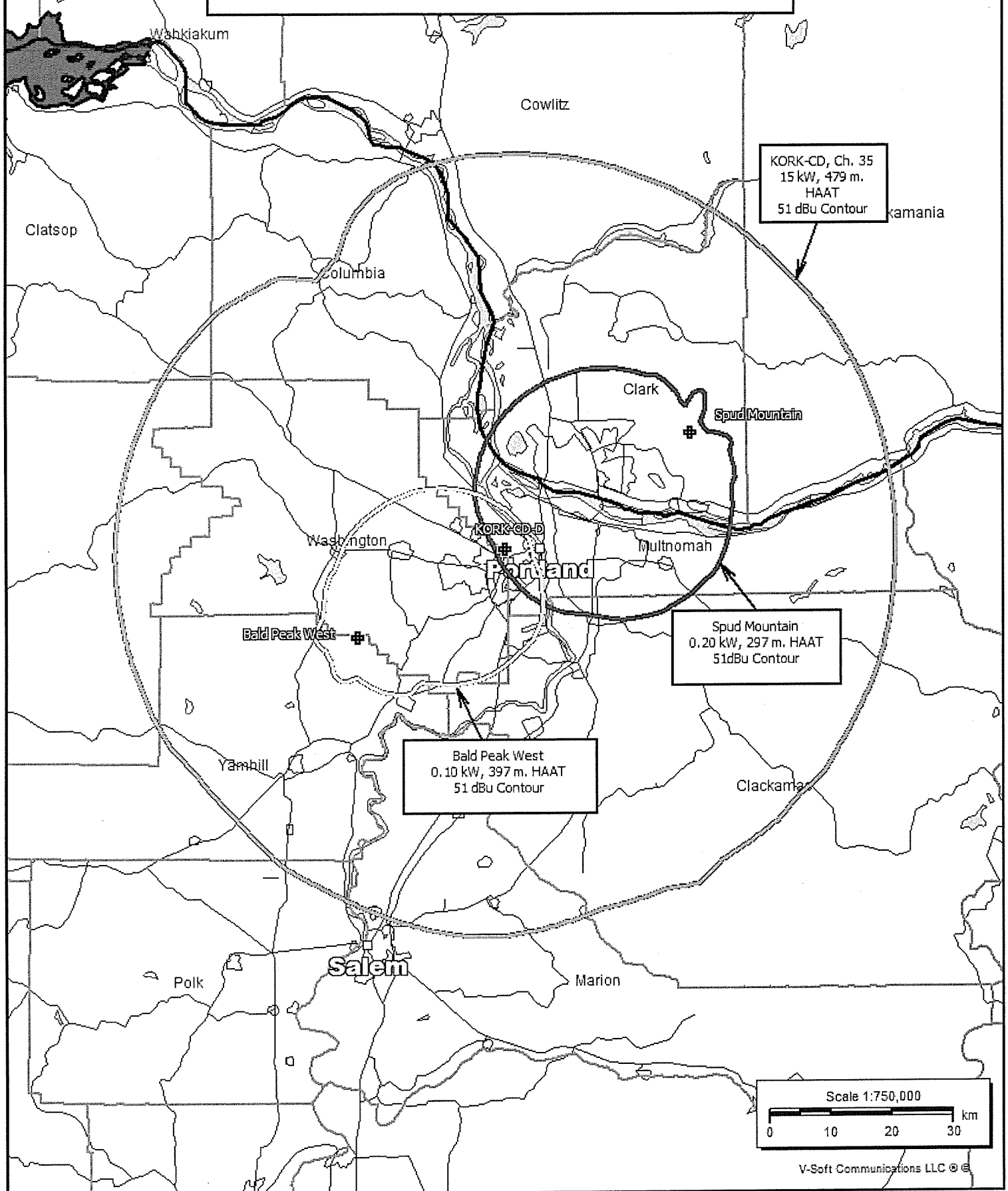
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Exempt from FCC Application Fees? No

Application Type	Fee Code	Fee Amount
Experimental STA	MGT	\$190.00
Total		\$190.00
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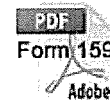
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(13) APPLICANT NAME WatchTV, Inc.		
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(26B) Fee Due for (PTC)	(27B) Total Fee	FCC Use Only
(28B) FCC CODE 1	(29B) FCC CODE 2	

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File Number: 0000021317
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Exempt from FCC Application Fees? Yes

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DTS Experimental STA Application

File Number: Submit Date: **01/17/2017** Facility ID: **703657** FRN: **0020497590** State: **Oregon** City: **Portland**
Service: **DTS** Purpose: **Experimental STA** Status: **Saved** Status Date: **01/16/2017** Filing Status: **Active**

General Information

Section	Question	Response
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Section	Question	Response
Fees	Is the applicant exempt from FCC application Fees?	No
	Indicate reason for fee exemption:	
Waivers	Does this filing request a waiver of the Commission's rule(s)?	No
	Total number of rule sections involved in this waiver request:	

Application Type	Fee Code	Fee Amount
Experimental STA	MGT	190.0
	Total	190.0

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Information**

Applicant Name, Type, and Contact Information

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**Channel and
Facility
Information**

Section	Question	Response
Proposed Community of License	Facility ID	703657
	State	Oregon
	City	Portland
	DTS Channel	20
Facility Type	Facility Type	Commercial
	Station Type	Main
Zone	Zone	2

**DTS Reference
Point**

Section	Question	Response
Construction Permit File Number and Facility ID	File Number for Current Authorized Service Area:	
	Facility ID	703657
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-

**Site 1: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1204059
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	282.2 meters
	Support Structure Height	250.2 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	342.3 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	183 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	436 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	525.3 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	7 kW

**Site 1: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Non-Directional
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	COEL
	Model	CO-24U/8
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

**Site 2: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1031943
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 41' 29.3" N+
	Longitude	122° 21' 45.4" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	46.0 meters
	Support Structure Height	36.9 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	561.4 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	24 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	293 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	585.4 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.2 kW

**Site 2: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	235 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
50	.417	140	.059	230	.051	320	.563
60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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**Site 3: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1034276
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 23' 36.3" N+
	Longitude	123° 03' 10.2" W-
	Structure Type	LTOWER-Lattice Tower
	Overall Structure Height	42.7 meters
	Support Structure Height	39.6 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	485.9 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	30 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	397 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	515.9 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.1 kW

**Site 3: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	60 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
50	.417	140	.059	230	.051	320	.563
60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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Certification

Section	Question	Response
General Certification Statements	The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by authorization or otherwise, and requests an Authorization in accordance with this application (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.).	
	The Applicant certifies that neither the Applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to §5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. This certification does not apply to applications filed in services exempted under §1.2002(c) of the rules, 47 CFR . See §1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR §1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification §1.2002 (c). The Applicant certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.	
Authorized Party to Sign	FAILURE TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ANY FEES PAID Upon grant of this application, the Authorization Holder may be subject to certain construction or coverage requirements. Failure to meet the construction or coverage requirements will result in automatic cancellation of the Authorization. Consult appropriate FCC regulations to determine the construction or coverage requirements that apply to the type of Authorization requested in this application. WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND /OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, §1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, §312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, §503).	
	I certify that this application includes all required and relevant attachments.	Yes
	I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am an authorized representative of the above-named applicant for the Authorization(s) specified above.	Gregory J. Herman <i>President</i> 01/16/2017

Attachments

File Name	Uploaded By	Attachment Type	Description
wtv exper exhibit KOXI 20.pdf	Applicant	General Information	Description of Experiment

WatchTV, Inc.
FRN 0020-4975-90
Experimental DTS Application
Channel 20

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

This application is one of four applications requesting authority for WatchTV, Inc. (WTV) to experiment with new television technologies, by implementing the new ATSC 3.0 technical standard at four Class A television stations which transmit from a common site in Portland, Oregon. The application is configured as a request for a new Distributed Transmission System (DTS) STA because that is the only way that multiple transmitter sites can be entered in LMS.

This application will use the channel occupied by KOXI-CD, Facility ID 71074, Channel 20, which is licensed to WTV. Since the experimental applicant and the licensee of KORS-CD are the same, consent by KORS-CD has obviously been given.

The objectives of the experiment are as follows:

1. To learn more about the propagation characteristics of ATSC 3.0 by implementing the technology in a geographic area with much more uneven terrain than exists in the Washington-Baltimore area, where Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. conducted its recent experimental operations.
2. To explore the capacity of the ATSC 3.0 platform to deliver multiple data services along with television programming in multiple formats, including Ultra-HD (4K).
3. To explore the benefits of a multi-frequency network for multiplying the data capacity of the ATSC 3.0 technology. Previous experiments have focused on single-frequency networks using only one television channel. WTV's experiment will use four channels. WTV's program will be the first experiment of which it is aware in which spectrum will be available to test spreading data across multiple TV channels while each channel is also transmitting single-channel video content.
4. To explore the benefits of distributed antenna systems by transmitting simultaneously from three transmitter sites initially, with the possibility that a request will be filed at a later date to add more sites.
5. To explore the robustness and capabilities of a multi-frequency system to deliver video and other content to mobile receivers.

WTV is not only using its own resources in this project but also is also being supported by an established manufacturer of broadcast transmitters for the U.S. market. The KOXI-CD broadcast transmitter is aging and needs replacement in any event. WTV has been able to acquire a software-defined transmitter that can transmit in both the ATSC 1.0 and ATSC 3.0 formats, which makes it usable not only for the experiment but also for conventional ATSC 1.0 operation until such time as the Commission authorizes ATSC 3.0 on a permanent basis.

WTV will welcome interested industry parties, including manufacturers, broadcasters, content purveyors, software developers, and others, to observe and to join in the testing process. WTV has obtained a limited number of receivers, which will be made available to observers and participants. These receivers are too expensive to provide to members of the general public at this time; so no receivers will be sold, leased, or given by WTV to members of the general public. However, as the development of ATSC 3.0 progresses, less expensive receivers may become available in the marketplace to anyone who wants to

acquire them. Nothing will prevent anyone who obtains an ATSC 3.0 receiver on his or her own from receiving WTV's signals.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., which has been a leading advocate for experimentation with new technologies, has expressed to WTV its support for WTV's experimental project and has offered to assist where it can be helpful.

While this application is being filed as a request for a new experimental DTS license rather than experimental authority for licensed stations because LMS will not allow an experimental DTS application to be filed under an existing Class A Television Facility ID number, the experiment will take place using only main site facilities and frequencies that are already licensed to WTV for broadcast use. In addition to using KOXI-CD's Channel 20, separate applications are being filed to use the facilities and channels of three other stations licensed to WTV, all at Portland, Oregon:

KORS-CD, Facility ID 71069, Channel 16, 482-488 MHz

KORK-CD, Facility ID 71079, Channel 35, 596-602 MHz

KKEI-CD, Facility ID 71078, Channel 38, 614-620 MHz

All spurious emissions on all channels will be confined within the limits applicable to ATSC 1.0 transmissions. Because ATSC 3.0 is an OFDM-based system, the potential for interference to other stations transmitting ATSC 1.0 facilities will be less than the potential from the existing licensed ATSC 1.0 facilities of the four stations. The emission mask at all three transmitter sites will be stringent.

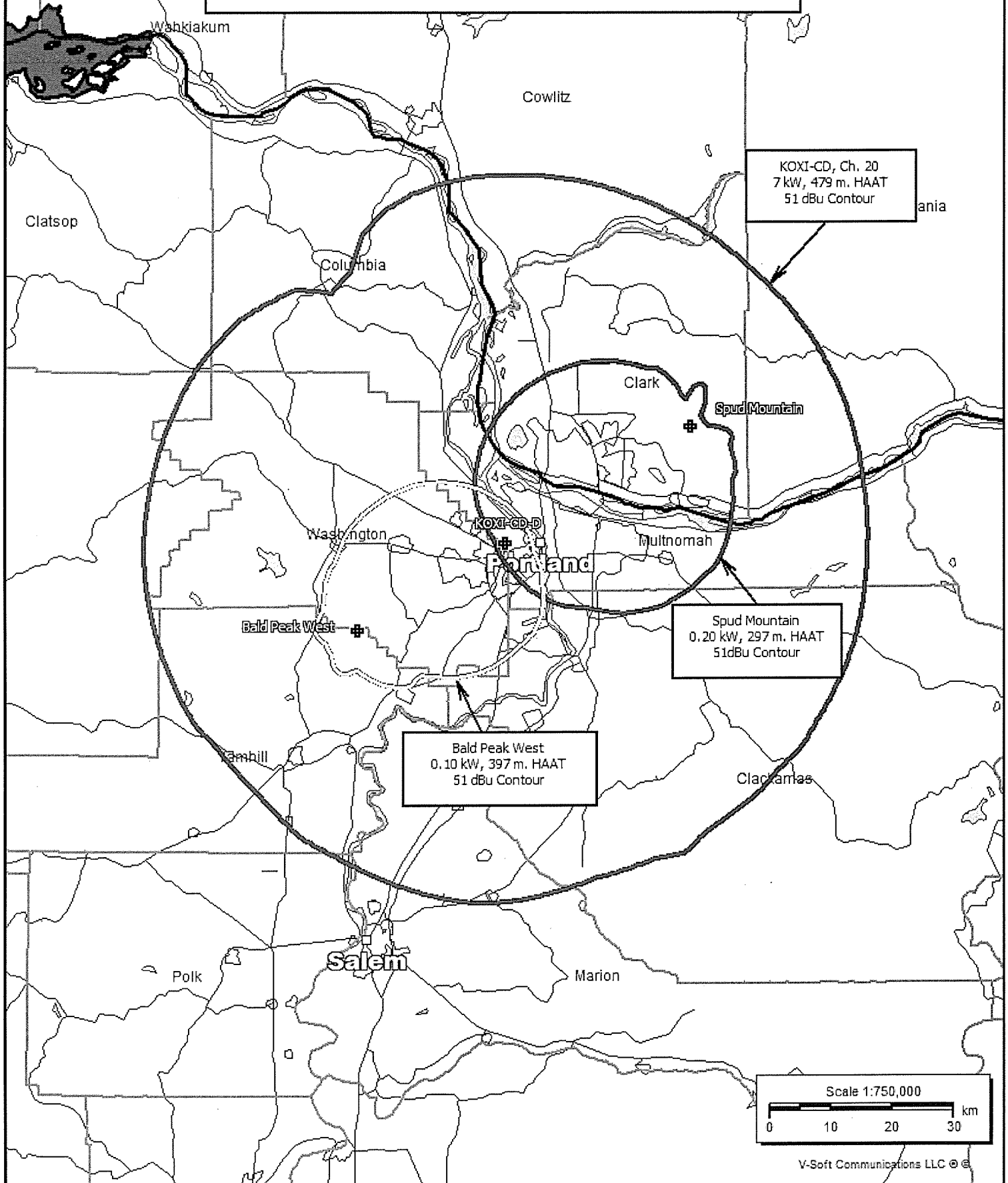
KOXI-CD and the other three stations will all continue to transmit from their present shared licensed transmitter site ("Skyline"), which is Site #1 in the application. Distributed transmitting locations will be established at two other locations, one at 30303 NE Spud Mountain Rd., Camas, WA 98607 ("Spud Mountain"), which is Site #2, and the other at 24424 Bald Peak Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123 ("Bald Peak West"), which is Site #3 in the application.

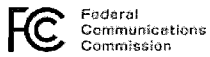
This application proposes to continue use of the licensed antenna now used by KOXI-CD at Skyline. The facilities at the DTS Site #2 and Site #3 have been designed to ensure that the 51 dBu contour of the station from both DTS sites will be confined well within the predicted 51 dBu contour of the station from its licensed facilities at Site #1. A map showing the service contours of KOXI-CD as an experimental facility from each of the three sites is included with this exhibit. Thus there will be no expansion of the 51 dBu service area and no need for a waiver of the current freeze on Class A service area expansion that is in effect pending announcement of a new channel plan after conclusion of the Incentive Auction.

KOXI-CD is a Class A station, which has local and children's programming obligations. WTV is the licensee of a fifth station in Portland – KOXO-CD, Facility ID 71080, operating on Channel 41. KOXO-CD will continue to transmit in the ATSC 1.0 format. The local and children's programming from both KOXO-CD and KOXI-CD will be broadcast by KOXO-CD/Channel 41, so that the programming required of Class A stations will continue to be provided to members of the public who use ATSC 1.0 receivers.

Prompt processing and grant of this application is requested, as the experimental transmitters are available to Watch TV now, so the experiment can commence promptly upon receipt of authorization from the Commission.

Figure 1
51 dBu (50-90) Contours of Licensed Class A Station KOXI-CD, Portland, Oregon and Proposed Experimental Facilities located at Spud Mountain and Bald Peak West





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DTS Experimental STA Application

File Number: Submit Date: **01/17/2017** Facility ID: **703659** FRN: **0020497590** State: **Oregon** City: **Portland**
Service: **DTS** Purpose: **Experimental STA** Status: **Saved** Status Date: **01/16/2017** Filing Status: **Active**

General Information

Section	Question	Response
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Fees, Waivers, and Exemptions

Section	Question	Response
Fees	Is the applicant exempt from FCC application Fees?	No
	Indicate reason for fee exemption:	
Waivers	Does this filing request a waiver of the Commission's rule(s)?	No
	Total number of rule sections involved in this waiver request:	

Application Type	Fee Code	Fee Amount
Experimental STA	MGT	190.0
	Total	190.0

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**Channel and
Facility
Information**

Section	Question	Response
Proposed Community of License	Facility ID	703659
	State	Oregon
	City	Portland
	DTS Channel	38
Facility Type	Facility Type	Commercial
	Station Type	Main
Zone	Zone	2

**DTS Reference
Point**

Section	Question	Response
Construction Permit File Number and Facility ID	File Number for Current Authorized Service Area:	
	Facility ID	703659
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-

**Site 1: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1204059
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 31' 20.5" N+
	Longitude	122° 44' 49.5" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	282.2 meters
	Support Structure Height	250.2 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	342.3 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	183 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	436 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	525.3 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	9 kW

**Site 1: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Non-Directional
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	COEL
	Model	CO-24U/8
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

**Site 2: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1031943
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 41' 29.3" N+
	Longitude	122° 21' 45.4" W-
	Structure Type	TOWER-A free standing or guyed struct
	Overall Structure Height	46.0 meters
	Support Structure Height	36.9 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	561.4 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	24 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	293 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	585.4 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.2 kW

**Site 2: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	235 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
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60	.293	150	.057	240	.049	330	.717
70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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**Site 3: Antenna
Location Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Structure Registration	Do you have an FCC Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Number?	Yes
	ASR Number	1034276
Coordinates (NAD83)	Latitude	45° 23' 36.3" N+
	Longitude	123° 03' 10.2" W-
	Structure Type	LTOWER-Lattice Tower
	Overall Structure Height	42.7 meters
	Support Structure Height	39.6 meters
	Ground Elevation (AMSL)	485.9 meters
Antenna Data	Height of Radiation Center Above Ground Level	30 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	397 meters
	Height of Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	515.9 meters
	Effective Radiated Power	0.1 kW

**Site 3: Antenna
Technical Data**

Section	Question	Response
Antenna Type	Antenna Type	Directional Custom
	Do you have an Antenna ID?	No
	Antenna ID	
Antenna Manufacturer and Model	Manufacturer:	SCA
	Model	K733147
	Electrical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	Mechanical Beam Tilt	Not Applicable
	toward azimuth	
	Polarization	Horizontal
DTV and DTS: Elevation Pattern	Does the proposed antenna propose elevation radiation patterns that vary with azimuth for reasons other than the use of mechanical beam tilt?	No
	Rotation	60 degrees
	Uploaded file for elevation antenna (or radiation) pattern data	

Directional Antenna Relative Field Values (Pre-rotated Pattern)

Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)	Degree	V _A (Authorized Value)
0	1.000	90	.099	180	.039	270	.099
10	.960	100	.075	190	.039	280	.138
20	.860	110	.058	200	.048	290	.200
30	.717	120	.049	210	.057	300	.293
40	.564	130	.051	220	.059	310	.417
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70	.200	160	.048	250	.058	340	.860
80	.138	170	.039	260	.075	350	.960

Additional Azimuths

Degree	V _A
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Certification

Section	Question	Response
General Certification Statements	The Applicant waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by authorization or otherwise, and requests an Authorization in accordance with this application (See Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.).	
	The Applicant certifies that neither the Applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to §5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. This certification does not apply to applications filed in services exempted under §1.2002(c) of the rules, 47 CFR . See §1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR §1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification §1.2002 (c). The Applicant certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith.	
Authorized Party to Sign	FAILURE TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ANY FEES PAID Upon grant of this application, the Authorization Holder may be subject to certain construction or coverage requirements. Failure to meet the construction or coverage requirements will result in automatic cancellation of the Authorization. Consult appropriate FCC regulations to determine the construction or coverage requirements that apply to the type of Authorization requested in this application. WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND /OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, §1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION AUTHORIZATION (U.S. Code, Title 47, §312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, §503).	
	I certify that this application includes all required and relevant attachments.	Yes
	I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am an authorized representative of the above-named applicant for the Authorization(s) specified above.	Gregory J. Herman <i>President</i> 01/16/2017

Attachments

File Name	Uploaded By	Attachment Type	Description
wtv exper exhibit KKEI 38.pdf	Applicant	General Information	Description of Experiment

WatchTV, Inc.
FRN 0020-4975-90
Experimental DTS Application
Channel 38

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

This application is one of four applications requesting authority for WatchTV, Inc. (WTV) to experiment with new television technologies, by implementing the new ATSC 3.0 technical standard at four Class A television stations which transmit from a common site in Portland, Oregon. The application is configured as a request for a new Distributed Transmission System (DTS) STA because that is the only way that multiple transmitter sites can be entered in LMS.

This application will use the channel occupied by KKEI-CD, Facility ID 71078, Channel 38, which is licensed to WTV. Since the experimental applicant and the licensee of KKEI-CD are the same, consent by KKEI-CD has obviously been given.

The objectives of the experiment are as follows:

1. To learn more about the propagation characteristics of ATSC 3.0 by implementing the technology in a geographic area with much more uneven terrain than exists in the Washington-Baltimore area, where Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. conducted its recent experimental operations.
2. To explore the capacity of the ATSC 3.0 platform to deliver multiple data services along with television programming in multiple formats, including Ultra-HD (4K).
3. To explore the benefits of a multi-frequency network for multiplying the data capacity of the ATSC 3.0 technology. Previous experiments have focused on single-frequency networks using only one television channel. WTV's experiment will use four channels. WTV's program will be the first experiment of which it is aware in which spectrum will be available to test spreading data across multiple TV channels while each channel is also transmitting single-channel video content.
4. To explore the benefits of distributed antenna systems by transmitting simultaneously from three transmitter sites initially, with the possibility that a request will be filed at a later date to add more sites.
5. To explore the robustness and capabilities of a multi-frequency system to deliver video and other content to mobile receivers.

WTV is not only using its own resources in this project but also is also being supported by an established manufacturer of broadcast transmitters for the U.S. market. The KKEI-CD broadcast transmitter is aging and needs replacement in any event. WTV has been able to acquire a software-defined transmitter that can transmit in both the ATSC 1.0 and ATSC 3.0 formats, which makes it usable not only for the experiment but also for conventional ATSC 1.0 operation until such time as the Commission authorizes ATSC 3.0 on a permanent basis.

WTV will welcome interested industry parties, including manufacturers, broadcasters, content purveyors, software developers, and others, to observe and to join in the testing process. WTV has obtained a limited number of receivers, which will be made available to observers and participants. These receivers are too expensive to provide to members of the general public at this time; so no receivers will be sold, leased, or given by WTV to members of the general public. However, as the development of ATSC 3.0 progresses, less expensive receivers may become available in the marketplace to anyone who wants to

acquire them. Nothing will prevent anyone who obtains an ATSC 3.0 receiver on his or her own from receiving WTV's signals.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., which has been a leading advocate for experimentation with new technologies, has expressed to WTV its support for WTV's experimental project and has offered to assist where it can be helpful.

While this application is being filed as a request for a new experimental DTS license rather than experimental authority for licensed stations because LMS will not allow an experimental DTS application to be filed under an existing Class A Television Facility ID number, the experiment will take place using only main site facilities and frequencies that are already licensed to WTV for broadcast use. In addition to using KKEI-CD's Channel 38, separate applications are being filed to use the facilities and channels of three other stations licensed to WTV, all at Portland, Oregon:

KORS-CD, Facility ID 71069, Channel 16, 482-488 MHz

KOXI-CD, Facility ID 71074, Channel 20, 506-512 MHz

KORK-CD, Facility ID 71079, Channel 35, 596-602 MHz

All spurious emissions on all channels will be confined within the limits applicable to ATSC 1.0 transmissions. Because ATSC 3.0 is an OFDM-based system, the potential for interference to other stations transmitting ATSC 1.0 facilities will be less than the potential from the existing licensed ATSC 1.0 facilities of the four stations. The emission mask at all three transmitter sites will be stringent.

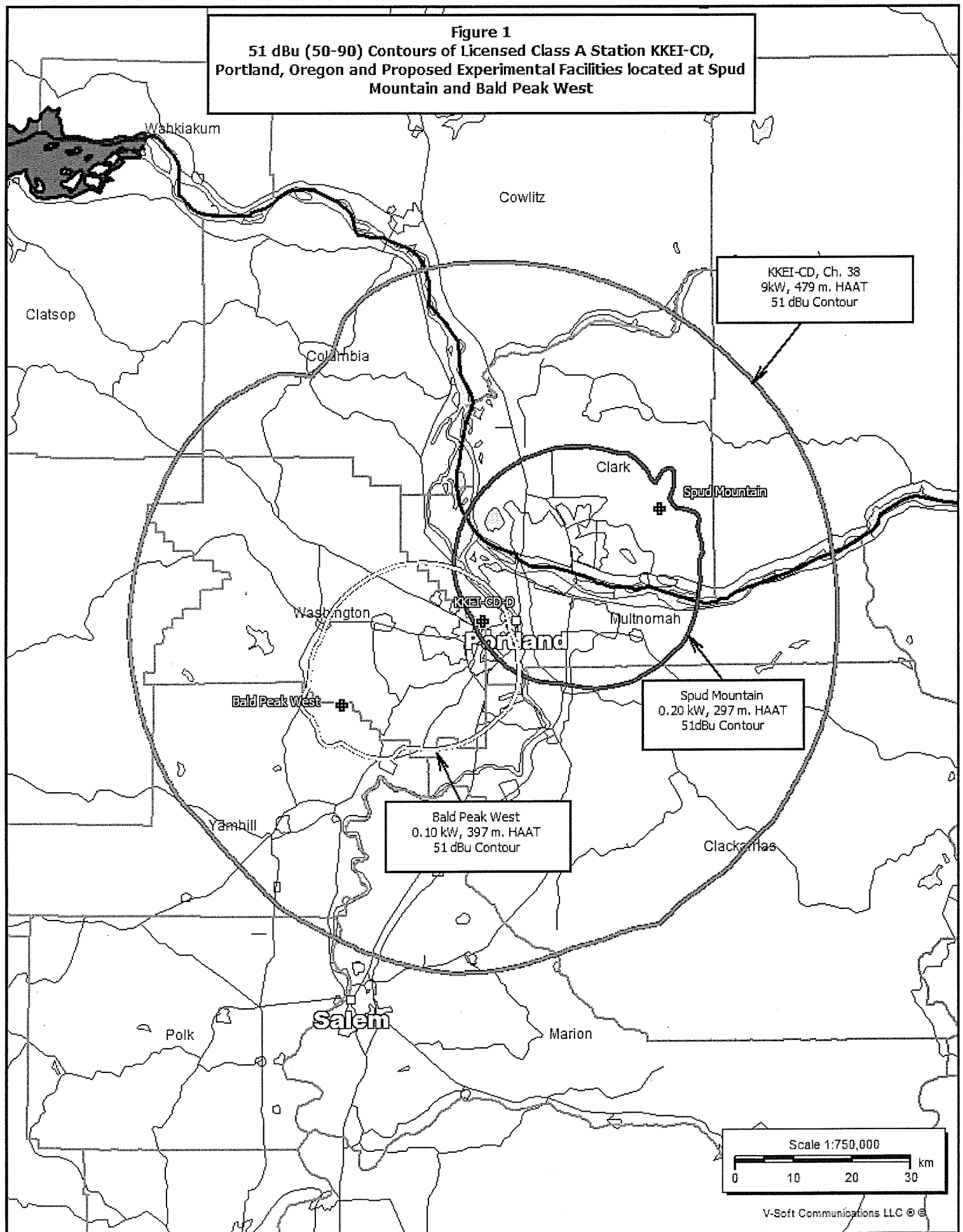
KKEI-CD and the other three stations will all continue to transmit from their present shared licensed transmitter site ("Skyline"), which is Site #1 in the application. Distributed transmitting locations will be established at two other locations, one at 30303 NE Spud Mountain Rd., Camas, WA 98607 ("Spud Mountain"), which is Site #2, and the other at 24424 Bald Peak Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123 ("Bald Peak West"), which is Site #3 in the application.

This application proposes to continue use of the licensed antenna now used by KKEI-CD at Skyline. The facilities at DTS Site #2 and Site #3 have been designed to ensure that the 51 dBu contour of the station from both DTS sites will be confined well within the predicted 51 dBu contour of the station from its licensed facilities at Site #1. A map showing the service contours of KKEI-CD as an experimental facility from each of the three sites is included with this exhibit. Thus there will be no expansion of the 51 dBu service area and no need for a waiver of the current freeze on Class A service area expansion that is in effect pending announcement of a new channel plan after conclusion of the Incentive Auction.

KKEI-CD is a Class A station, which has local and children's programming obligations. WTV is the licensee of a fifth station in Portland – KOXO-CD, Facility ID 71080, operating on Channel 41. KOXO-CD will continue to transmit in the ATSC 1.0 format. The local and children's programming from both KOXO-CD and KKEI-CD will be broadcast by KOXO-CD/Channel 41, so that the programming required of Class A stations will continue to be provided to members of the public who use ATSC 1.0 receivers.

Prompt processing and grant of this application is requested, as the experimental transmitters are available to Watch TV now, so the experiment can commence promptly upon receipt of authorization from the Commission.

Figure 1
51 dBu (50-90) Contours of Licensed Class A Station KKEI-CD, Portland, Oregon and Proposed Experimental Facilities located at Spud Mountain and Bald Peak West



Sima Chowdhury

From: Jill Hecklinger <JHecklinger@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 4:48 PM
To: Martha Heller; Lyle Elder
Cc: Rebecca Hanson; Laurie Bell; Lucy Rutishauser
Subject: Sinclair FCC Settlement
Attachments: FCC Form 159 SBGI REVISED.pdf

The wire from Sinclair for the FCC Settlement amount of \$9,495,000 was just released. Below is the Fed Reference number and attached is the completed Form 159 which was emailed to ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov. Please let us know if there are any issues.

Fed/SWIFT Confirmation Number:

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November 6, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
Submitted via Webform

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of certain correspondence involving the following FCC Commissioners and staff between January 20, 2017 and May 7, 2017:

Chairman Ajit Pai
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Chief of Staff Matthew Berry
Senior Counsel Nicholas Degani
Policy Advisor Nathan Leamer
Confidential Assistant Lori Alexiou

Specifically, we request access to copies of all digital correspondence sent by, sent to or carbon-copying ("CC") any of these individuals during this time period which includes the word "Sinclair."

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (b) (6)

Fee Waiver Request

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is not "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public's business.

The proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting Group and Tribune Media has received widespread news coverage over the past weeks and months and there is substantial public interest in the FCC's role as it pertains to the merger. Specifically, there has been noted public

interest in how the FCC has gone about its decision-making in regard to rule changes and other policy decisions which directly impact the proposed merger.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Allied Progress does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in Allied Progress's financial interest. Allied Progress's mission is to give voice to hard-working Americans by standing up to Wall Street and other powerful special interests and holding their allies in Congress and the White House accountable. Allied Progress will use the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Allied Progress will also make materials it gathers available on its public website.

Accordingly, Allied Progress qualifies for a fee waiver.

Request for Expedited Processing

On July 6, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission announced the pleading cycle had begun concerning Sinclair Broadcast Group's efforts to acquire Tribune Media. As part of this process, there is a 180-day timeline for a final decision to be made on the merger's approval. It is crucial that the public have access to the information sought in this request to determine the FCC's objectivity as they consider the merger. As 109 days have already passed within the 180-day period – and given the length of time it has taken the FCC to process previous FOIA requests – we request expedited processing so the public may have time to process this information for use in informing their elected representatives as to their opinions on the merger.

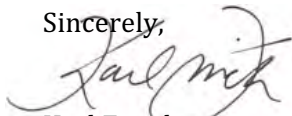
Allied Progress certifies these facts are true and correct and requests expedited processing for this request.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Additionally, if any documents are withheld based on the Agency's interpretation of any exemption, Allied Progress requests that you provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Specifically, this *Vaughn* index should describe withheld documents with enough specificity to determine whether the material is exempt under the act and must describe each document or portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress

¹ <https://www.fcc.gov/transaction/sinclair-tribune>



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

January 18, 2018

Mr. Karl Frisch
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Washington, D.C. 20006
Via email to karl@alliedprogress.org

Re: FOIA Control No. 2018-000092

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on November 7, 2017, (*FOIA Request 2017-092*)¹ seeking “[digital] correspondence involving the following FCC Commissioners and staff [that includes the word ‘Sinclair’] between January 20, 2017, and May 7, 2017: Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, Chief of Staff Matthew Berry, Senior Counsel Nicholas Degani, Policy Advisor Nathan Leamer, [and] Confidential Assistant Lori Alexiou.” We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.²

We searched the records of the offices of Chairman Pai, Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly, Matthew Berry, Nicholas Degani, Nathan Leamer, and Lori Alexiou for responsive documents. We have previously released many of the documents responsive to the instant request in connection with our responses to your FOIA requests filed in FOIA Control Numbers 2017-000684, -686, -689, and -693.³ Because we recently released those documents to you, we do not release them to you again here.

We, however, located an additional 639 pages of documents responsive to the portion of your request that was not part of our responses to your requests filed in FOIA Control Numbers 2017-000684, -686, -689, and -693. Of this additional material, we are withholding in full 592 pages of the responsive documents and are releasing 47 pages of the responsive documents which we redact in part for the reasons discussed below.

¹ See *FOIA Request 2018-092* (submitted and perfected Nov. 7, 2017).

² See letter from Ryan Yates to Karl Frisch (Nov. 15, 2017).

³ See letters (and attachments) from Elizabeth Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FCC, to Karl Frisch (Sept. 26, 2017 and Dec. 21, 2017).

We are withholding documents in full and redacting material from the released documents under FOIA Exemption 5, which applies to “inter-agency and intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]”⁴ Exemption 5 encompasses the deliberative process privilege, which is intended to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.”⁵ To fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege encompassed by Exemption 5, records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative, “[reflecting] the give-and-take of the consultative process.”⁶ The material withheld here in full under Exemption 5 consists of: (1) draft documents concerning a FOIA request and internal emails discussing those draft documents; (2) an email exchange between the Chairman and his staff regarding a meeting request from a member of the public;⁷ and (3) an internal draft “questions and answer” memo. The material we redact from the released documents under Exemption 5 consists of email exchanges among the Chairman’s staff and the Chairman. Disclosure of this internal material would “discourage candid discussion within the agency and thereby undermine the agency’s ability to perform its functions.”⁸ We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the documents we withhold and the material we redact would harm the Commission’s deliberative processes, which Exemption 5 is intended to protect. Release of this material would chill deliberations within the Commission and impede the candid exchange of ideas.

We withhold in full copyrighted material (attached to an email that we release⁹) pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4, which protects from disclosure “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.”¹⁰

We also withhold in full an email exchange between Commission staff and a member of the public relating to a pending enforcement action under Exemption 7(A) of the FOIA, which authorizes the withholding of “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes [the production of which] could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.”¹¹ Release of this material could reasonably be expected to cause harm to the underlying pending enforcement proceedings.

⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

⁵ *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

⁶ *Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. DOJ*, 823 F.2d 574, 585 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

⁷ Although we do not release the *internal* email exchange, we do release the portion of this email exchange between Commission staff and the member of the public requesting the meeting.

⁸ *Formaldehyde Inst. v. Dep’t of Health and Human Servs.*, 889 F.2d 1118, 1122 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (quoting *Dudman Commc’ns Corp. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 815 F.2d 1565, 1568 (D.C. Cir. 1987)); *see also Coastal States Gas Corp. v. Dep’t of Energy*, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (“In deciding whether a document should be protected by the privilege we look to whether the document is . . . generated before the adoption of an agency policy and whether . . . it reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process. The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents[.]”).

⁹ *See* email from Lori Alexiou to Ajit Pai and Matthew Berry (Apr. 25, 2017).

¹⁰ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

¹¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A); *see also NLRB v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 U.S. 214 (1978).

The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record” must be released after appropriate application of the Act’s exemptions.¹² The statutory standard requires the release of any portion of a record that is nonexempt and that is “reasonably segregable” from the exempt portion. However, when nonexempt information is “inextricably intertwined” with exempt information, reasonable segregation is not possible.¹³ We have reviewed the material withheld and redacted to determine if any segregable parts may be released, and determined there is none.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”¹⁴ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. Because we are emailing you the responsive documents, you will not be charged any fees associated with reproducing records.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.¹⁵ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.¹⁶

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.¹⁷ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action.”

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director, Performance
Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554

¹² 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (sentence immediately following exemptions).

¹³ *Mead Data Center Inc. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 260 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

¹⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

¹⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

¹⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

¹⁷ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Lyle", followed by a small monogram "JML".

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
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Attachments

cc: FOIA Officer

Joanne Wall

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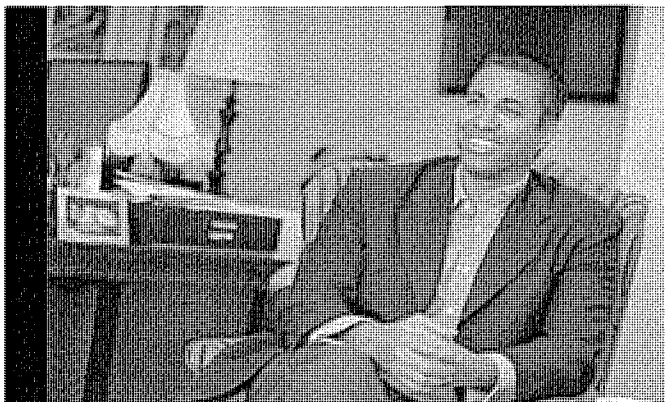
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Q. Mr. Chairman, we know the Commission has a very full plate these days. Where does Next Gen TV rank in importance for the FCC's current agenda?

Enabling innovation in the communications marketplace is a top priority for me. And for far too long, federal regulators assumed that innovation only occurred outside the broadcast industry. That's never been true for me. That's why I made it a priority to tee up ~~the~~ proposal to allow broadcasters to further develop and adopt the Next Gen TV standard. If it's successful, I hope this experiment will help change the conventional mindset.

Q. Under your leadership, the rulemaking for voluntary implementation of Next Gen TV using the ATSC 3.0 Standard appears to be on a fast track. How's the process going, and what's your expected timetable for completion?

That's right. I had called on the agency to move forward with the Next Gen TV standard last year, so I was pleased that we kicked off the Next Gen TV proceeding in my first full month as Chairman. We expect to hear from the public over the next two months, and Commission staff will thoroughly review the record over the summer. We hope to authorize the new standard by the end of the year.

Q. What aspects of Next Gen TV do you – both as a regulator and as a consumer – consider most compelling?

There's a lot of excitement surrounding this new technology. And that's understandable. Improvement in picture quality with 4K transmissions; immersive audio and video; the ability for broadcasters to provide advanced emergency alerts that are more tailored to a viewer's particular location — all of these factors ~~will~~ be great news for broadcasters and viewers alike. Harnessing the benefits of Next Gen TV ~~will~~ help broadcasters better compete in the digital age and, in turn, provide added value for consumers. We expect and want the United States to lead the world in technological innovation.

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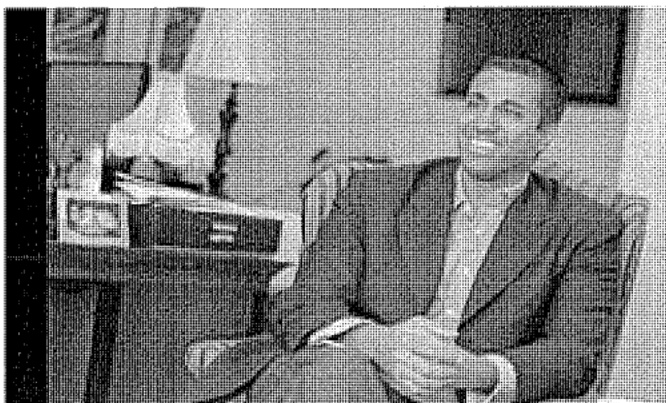
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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Alison Nemeth
Cc: Morning Washburn
Subject: RE: Humble request for The Chairman - ATSC Newsetter

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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Matthew Berry ; Nicholas Degani ; Lori Alexiou ; Alison Nemeth
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Best,
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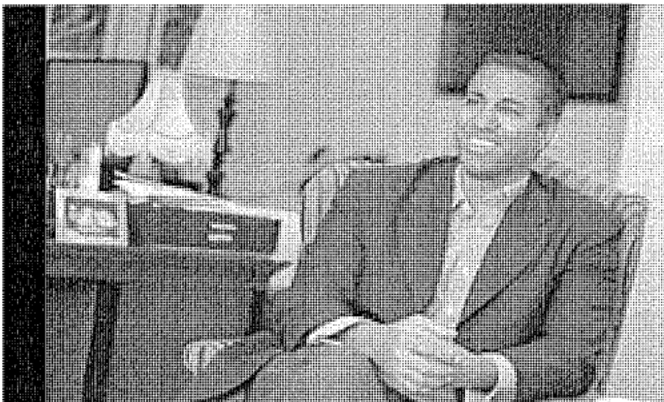
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:18 AM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Humble request for The Chairman - ATSC Newsetter

Checking in, Lori. Are we on track for The Chairman's Q&A by the end of the week before we all leave for the NAB Show?

I don't want my weird photo request to be an impediment in any way. Found some nice pix like these (if you'd prefer not to shoot the 4-5 quick smartphone "interview photos we originally requested)...





Up to you/him of course. Thanks again for all your help!

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From: JOHN TAYLOR/LGEUS Public Relations Team(john.taylor@lge.com)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:38 PM
To: 'Lori Alexiou'
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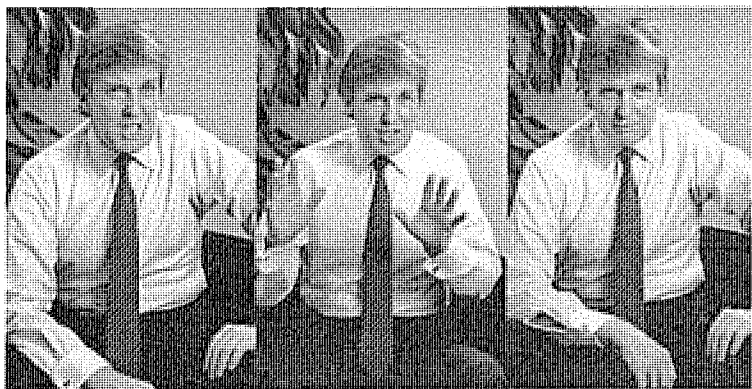
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Subject: Re: Humble request for The Chairman. - ATSC Newsetter
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From: Alison Nemeth
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:37:31 PM
To: Nicholas Degani; Lori Alexiou; Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry; Nathan Leamer
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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:03 AM
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Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:01:07 AM
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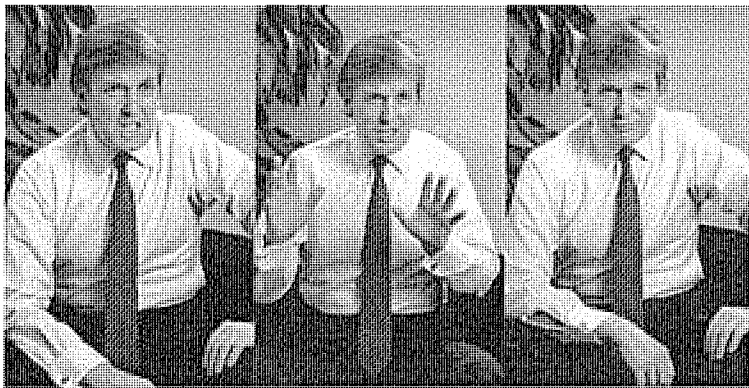
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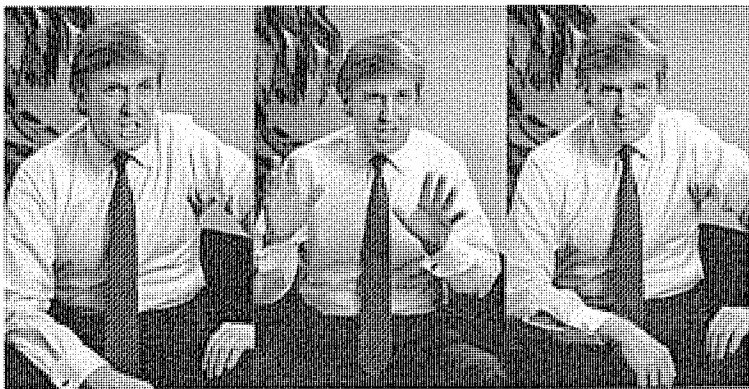
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From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Sandler, Adam J.
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hi Adam,

We would prefer that you not tape this meeting on Monday. I'm sorry it does not work out.

Thank you.
Lori

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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:42 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hi Lori,

Can the association record the session with the Chairman to use for its website and to share with its TV and radio station members? The meeting will still be closed to the press. Thanks for your consideration!

Best,
Adam

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Lori

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Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 4:19 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Cc: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>; Walker, Stephanie <Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>; Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>; Mary Beth Sewald <marybeth@nevadabroadcasters.org>

Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Good afternoon Lori,

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My best,

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Thanks again.

Lori

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 4:29 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Cc: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>; Walker, Stephanie

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Lori,

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Would the Chairman like to meet at the convention center? Somewhere nearby?

Thank you,

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Adding Chairman Pai's Confidential Assistant, Lori Alexiou, on our end for scheduling purposes.

Thanks, all!

Tim

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:34 PM
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Hey Mary Beth and Adam I'm connecting you with Timothy Strachan from the FCC who is helping me with trying to line up the Chairman's schedule to meet with the NV broadcasters while he's in Las Vegas. See below!

Thanks!

Stephanie

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Walker, Stephanie <Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Thanks, Stephanie!

This is great information and I'm sure the closer to the meeting we'll be talking more about specifics, but this is a great start. Please include Mary Beth before I connect Lori Alexiou, Chairman Psi's Confidential Assistant, for scheduling.

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Tim

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:55 AM
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Cc: Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>
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Tim –

The Nevada group would want to discuss the auction repack (specifically the impact on translators), media ownership, pirate radio and the Chairman's outlook on the media landscape generally. The NV Broadcasters president, Mary Beth Sewald, would put together TV and radio general managers from all over the state so it would be a good sized group. It might be valuable, if you think it would be okay, for me to copy Mary Beth on the emails for the purposes of scheduling since this would be a meeting likely without Congressman Amodei. Last time, Mary Beth secured a room location near to the convention for convenience to the former Chairman and I'm sure she'd likely be willing to do the same this time.

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Thank you and take care,

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To: Lori Alexiou
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Importance: High

Adding Chairman Pai's Confidential Assistant, Lori Alexiou, on our end for scheduling purposes.

Thanks, all!

Tim

From: Walker, Stephanie [<mailto:Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
Cc: Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>; Mary Beth Sewald <marybeth@nevadabroadcasters.org>; Sandler, Adam J. (adam.sandler@the1934group.com) <adam.sandler@the1934group.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hey Mary Beth and Adam I'm connecting you with Timothy Strachan from the FCC who is helping me with trying to line up the Chairman's schedule to meet with the NV broadcasters while he's in Las Vegas. See below!

Thanks!

Stephanie

Stephanie Walker

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mark Amodei

202-225-6155

332 Cannon House Office Building

From: Timothy Strachan [<mailto:Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Walker, Stephanie <Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Thanks, Stephanie!

This is great information and I'm sure the closer to the meeting we'll be talking more about specifics, but this is a great start. Please include Mary Beth before I connect Lori Alexiou, Chairman Psi's Confidential Assistant, for scheduling.

Thanks,

Tim

From: Walker, Stephanie [<mailto:Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
Cc: Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Tim –

The Nevada group would want to discuss the auction repack (specifically the impact on translators), media ownership, pirate radio and the Chairman's outlook on the media landscape generally. The NV Broadcasters president, Mary Beth Sewald, would put together TV and radio general managers from all over the state so it would be a good sized group. It might be valuable, if you think it would be okay, for me to copy Mary Beth on the emails for the purposes of scheduling since this would be a meeting likely without Congressman Amodei. Last time, Mary Beth secured a room location near to the convention for convenience to the former Chairman and I'm sure she'd likely be willing to do the same this time.

Thanks!

Stephanie

Stephanie Walker

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mark Amodei

202-225-6155

332 Cannon House Office Building

From: Timothy Strachan [<mailto:Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Walker, Stephanie <Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hello Stephanie,

Jill Pender brought to my attention you requested a meeting between Chairman Pai and the Nevada broadcasters during the week of the NAB show in Las Vegas. The Chairman has asked that I reach out to you for specifics of the meeting, in particular the issues the Nevada broadcasters would like to discuss, and connect his scheduler to Rep. Amodei's scheduler so they can try to find time that works on both ends.

Please, send me info on the specifics of the meeting and include Rachel Provost so I can connect her to Chairman Pai's scheduler. If you have any questions or just want to talk, please reach me on my direct.

Thank you and take care,

Tim

Timothy B. Strachan

Acting Director

Office of Legislative Affairs

Federal Communications Commission

(D) 202.418.2242

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Ajit Pai (Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov); Alison Nemeth
Subject: FW: Meredith Meeting tomorrow @ 11:00 a.m.
Attachments: Meredith - FCC Meetings (April 2017).pptx

FYI for tomorrow's meeting. They will bring copies as well.

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Foxwell, Tammi A [mailto:tfoxwell@cooley.com] **On Behalf Of** Basile, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Alison Nemeth ; Lori Alexiou ; Deanne Erwin
Subject: Meredith Meeting tomorrow @ 11:00 a.m.

Good afternoon! Cooley partners Robert McDowell and Michael Basile, together with certain executives from our client Meredith Corporation, are scheduled to meet with Chairman Pai and Alison Nemeth tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. The topics they plan to cover are summarized in the attached slide deck, which we are providing in advance as a courtesy. They will bring copies to the meeting, so there is no need for a video display. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

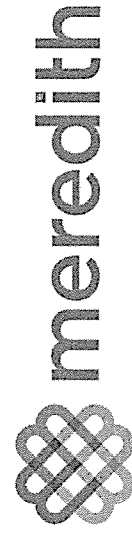
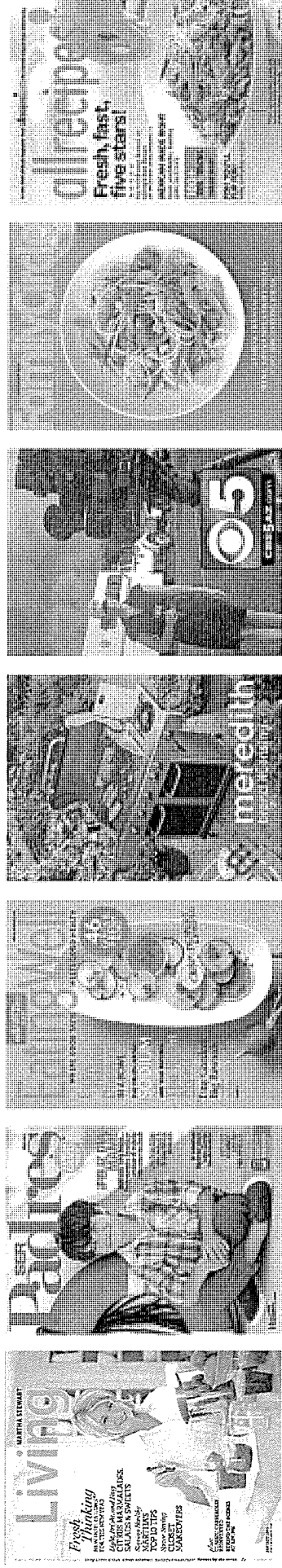
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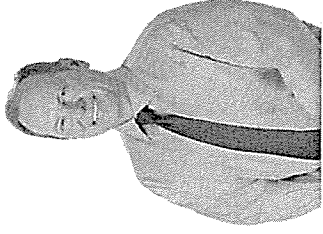
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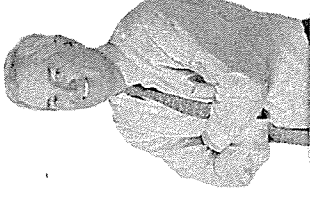
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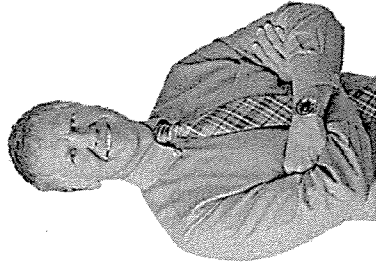
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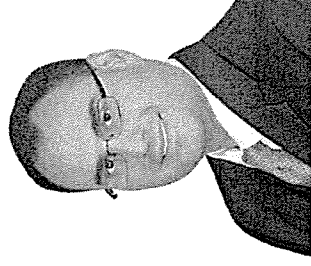
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Local Media Group President



John Zieser
Chief Development Officer & General Counsel



Joshua Pila
Local Media Group General Counsel



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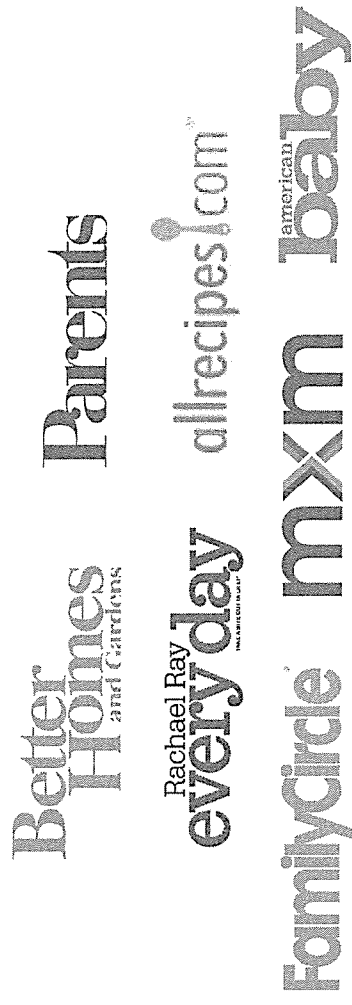
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- Broadcast Ownership Rules
 - UHF Discount and National Cap
 - Local TV Cap
- NextGen Television
- Regulatory Underbrush

Meredith at a Glance

National Media

Revenue: \$1.1B

EBITDA: \$200M



Local Media

Revenue: \$550M

EBITDA: \$200M



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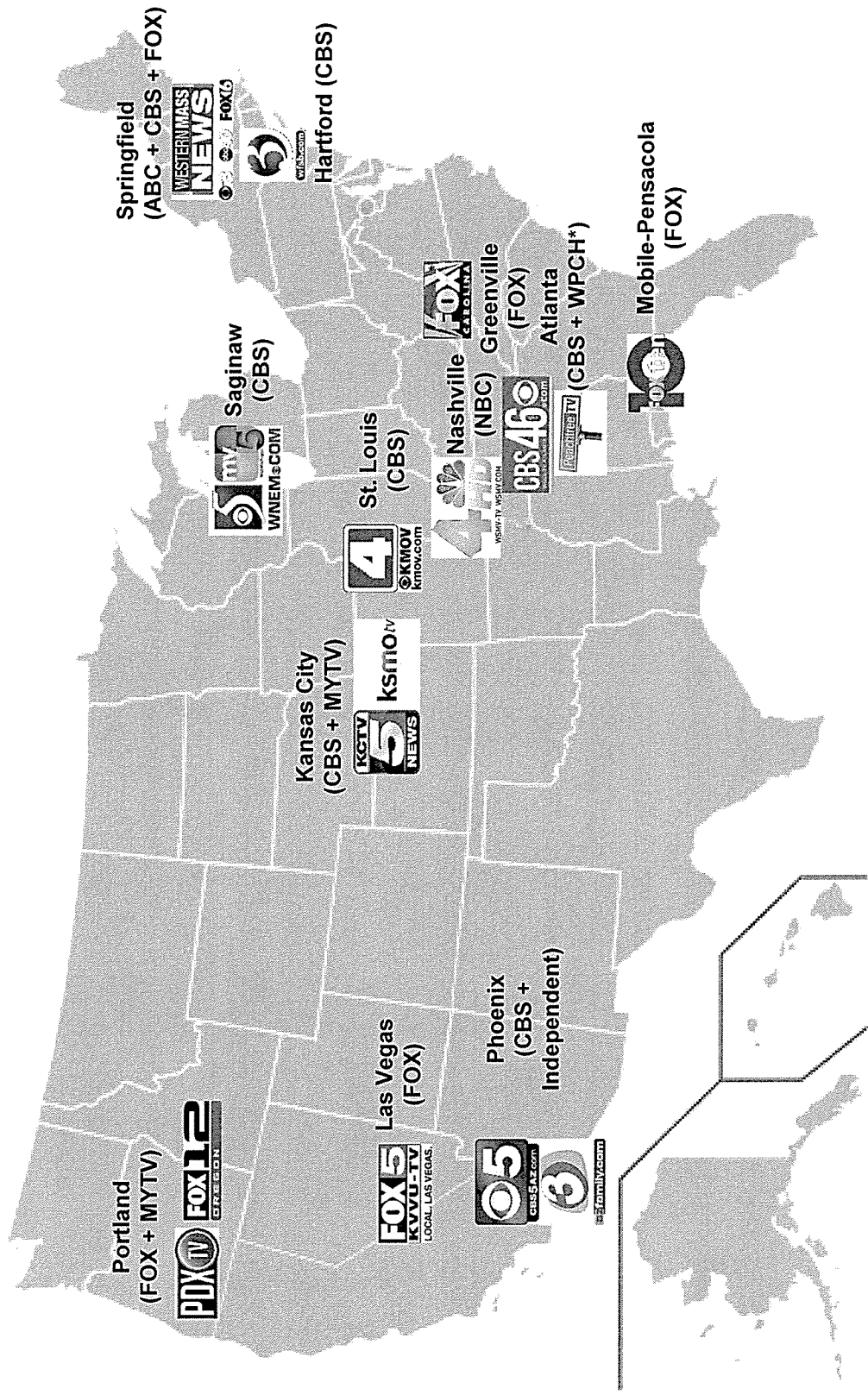
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 - Meredith's stations produce more than 700 hours of local news and entertainment content each week, and operate leading local digital destinations.

Meredith's Local Media Group



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+ national media brands

+ local media brands

+ marketing solutions



Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Ajit Pai (Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov); Matthew Berry (Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov); Nicholas Degani (Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov)
Subject: FW: Calls from Sinclair

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Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
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445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Calls from Sinclair

Hello Lori.

I just learned that David Smith's assistant, Vicky Evans, has been reaching out to you. I now know what this is about and have told Vicky that I will work with you to schedule it.

I realize you are busy in preparing for the next open meeting, and then the NAB Show after that, so I would be happy to follow up in early May, if that would be more convenient for you.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Subject: Fw: ok to decline? You will be in LA during this time
Attachments: Barclays_US_Media_Cable_and_Satellite_The_Future_of_Media_The_Age_of_Aggregators.pdf; Barclays_US_Cable_and_Media_Future_of_Sports_Aggregator_of_Platforms.pdf

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: kannan.venkateshwar@barclayscapital.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject:

Hi Lori – Hope you are well. Just by way of a brief introduction, I lead the Media, Cable and Satellite equity research practice at Barclays, a global investment bank, based out of New York. I wanted to seek your help for an appointment with Chairman Pai, if possible, on May 25th if possible. As a part of our research effort, I try and meet regulatory bodies like the DOJ, FCC and the FTC to make sure we are thinking about the industries under my coverage with the right context. Therefore, the agenda for the meeting is just a general discussion about the regulatory constructs for media, cable and internet. I am scheduled for a set of meetings at the FTC on May 25th and was hoping to have some time with Chairman Pai as a part of that visit if possible. I am attaching a couple of reports to provide some perspective on our work.

Look forward to hearing from you,
Warm Regards

Kannan

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Joanne Wall

Subject: Stop by: CBS Affiliates Board Meeting
Location: Chopin 3 Conference Room, Encore

Start: Mon 4/24/2017 7:00 PM
End: Mon 4/24/2017 7:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Ajit Pai
Required Attendees: Alison Nemeth

John Feore: jfeore@cooley.com

Board of Directors CBS Television Network Affiliates Association

Chris Cornelius
Vice President-Business Development
Morgan Murphy Media LLC

Barry Faber
Executive VP/General Counsel
Sinclair Broadcast Group

Paul McTear
Raycom Media

Michael Fiorile
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Dispatch Broadcast Group

Kevin Latek
Executive Vice President,
Chief Legal and Development Officer
Gray Television

Debbie Turner
Vice President, TV Operations
E. W. Scripps Company

Peter Diaz
Executive Vice President
TEGNA Media

Ed Munson
Vice President & General Manager
KPHO-TV
Meredith

Larry Wert
President, Broadcast Division
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Perry Sook
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Cooley, LLP



November 6, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
Submitted via Webform

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of certain correspondence involving the following FCC Commissioners and staff between May 7, 2017 and the date this request is processed:

Chairman Ajit Pai
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Chief of Staff Matthew Berry
Senior Counsel Nicholas Degani
Policy Advisor Nathan Leamer
Confidential Assistant Lori Alexiou

Specifically, we request access to copies of all digital correspondence sent by, sent to or carbon-copying ("CC") any of these individuals which includes any of the following search terms or phrases:

- Sinclair AND "public interest"
- merger AND "public interest"
- Tribune AND "public interest"
- Waiver AND "public interest"

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (b) (6)

Fee Waiver Request

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is not "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the

operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public's business.

The proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting Group and Tribune Media has received widespread news coverage over the past weeks and months and there is substantial public interest in the FCC's role as it pertains to the merger. Specifically, there has been noted public interest in how the FCC has gone about its decision-making in regard to rule changes and other policy decisions which directly impact the proposed merger.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Allied Progress does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in Allied Progress's financial interest. Allied Progress's mission is to give voice to hard-working Americans by standing up to Wall Street and other powerful special interests and holding their allies in Congress and the White House accountable. Allied Progress will use the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Allied Progress will also make materials it gathers available on its public website.

Accordingly, Allied Progress qualifies for a fee waiver.

Request for Expedited Processing

On July 6, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission announced the pleading cycle had begun concerning Sinclair Broadcast Group's efforts to acquire Tribune Media. As part of this process, there is a 180-day timeline for a final decision to be made on the merger's approval. It is crucial that the public have access to the information sought in this request to determine the FCC's objectivity as they consider the merger. As 109 days have already passed within the 180-day period – and given the length of time it has taken the FCC to process previous FOIA requests – we request expedited processing so the public may have time to process this information for use in informing their elected representatives as to their opinions on the merger.

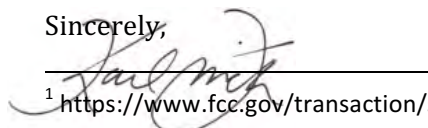
Allied Progress certifies these facts are true and correct and requests expedited processing for this request.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Additionally, if any documents are withheld based on the Agency's interpretation of any exemption, Allied Progress requests that you provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Specifically, this *Vaughn* index should describe withheld documents with enough specificity to determine whether the material is exempt under the act and must describe each document or portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



¹ <https://www.fcc.gov/transaction/sinclair-tribune>

Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress



July 14, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A836
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of all records concerning FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's meetings with representatives of Sinclair Broadcast Group at the company's November 2016 summit in Baltimore, MD and in January 2017 in Arlington, VA. See the attached article for further context regarding these meetings.

This should include copies of any meeting minutes, any notes created during these meetings, any audio or video recordings of these meetings, and any other record that reasonably describes the contents or substance of these meetings, including any emails referencing these meetings and involving Chairman Pai from November 2016 or January 2017.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (b) (6)

Fee Waiver Request

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There is substantial public interest in the activities of Chairman Pai and the FCC as evidenced by recent reporting regarding Chairman Pai's calendars and the over 2 million individuals who have commented on recent FCC activities.²

¹ Margaret Harding McGill, "A peek at Pai's calendar shows post-election agenda," *Politico*, 07/13/17

² Terry Collins, "Net neutrality supporters send the FCC 2 million comments," *CNET.com*, 07/13/17

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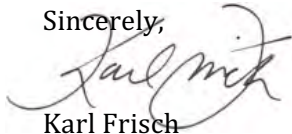
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Frisch', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress

A peek at Pai's calendar shows post-election agenda [Back](#)

By Margaret Harding McGill | 03/10/2017 01:54 PM EDT

[All](#) Pai held a flurry of meetings with congressional Republicans and television broadcasters in the weeks before he took charge of the FCC, records obtained by POLITICO show — offering a flavor of his priorities and agenda as he sought the agency's top slot.

On some issues, Pai has sought to portray himself as detached from Congress, [telling](#) reporters in February there's been "no coordination" with the Hill on a rollback of the FCC's broadband privacy rules, for example. But his appointment calendar from Election Day to Jan. 25 shows Pai kept in close contact with top GOP lawmakers, who are poised to play a key role in supporting and assisting with his deregulation agenda. He met with no congressional Democrats during that time frame, according to his schedule.

Pai also carved out a notable amount of time for broadcasters, an interest group that was frequently at odds with the previous FCC chairman, Democrat Tom Wheeler. He met twice with Sinclair Broadcast Group, one of the nation's largest TV station owners, and huddled with the chief executives of T-Mobile and DISH as well as leading industry trade groups.

POLITICO obtained a copy of Pai's calendar through a Freedom of Information Act request.

An FCC spokesman said Pai's outreach to Republican lawmakers was aimed at preparing for the transition from the Obama to Trump administration. His office sought to downplay the meetings with broadcasters, describing them as part of a broader effort to hear from different parts of the telecom world.

"He met more frequently with members of the wireless industry, but he feels it's important to stay in touch with all sectors of the communications industry," the spokesman said.

A week after Donald Trump's victory, Pai's first scheduled visit to Capitol Hill was for a meeting with Rep. [Marsha Blackburn](#) (R-Tenn.), an early Trump backer who worked on the presidential transition. Blackburn was later named chairman of the House Energy and Commerce telecom subcommittee, which oversees the FCC. A Blackburn aide said the two discussed expanding access to rural broadband and a panel they held together on that topic in Tennessee in February.

Pai also spoke by phone with House Majority Whip [Steve Scalise](#) (R-La.) in December. A Scalise aide said the congressman called Pai to check on his reconfirmation status and offer help in that process. Pai also met with Ted McCann, an aide to Speaker [Paul Ryan](#), and sat down with House Energy and Commerce Chairman [Greg Walden](#) (R-Ore.) to discuss the year ahead, according to the calendar. He spoke by phone with Sen. [Roger Wicker](#) (R-Miss.), chairman of the Senate Commerce communications subcommittee, while driving to an event at the Free State Foundation, a free market telecom policy think tank.

Other congressional hobnobbing included a Nov. 30 call with Sen. [Ron Johnson](#) (R-Wis.), December Hill meetings with Rep. [Kevin Cramer](#) (R-N.D.) and Sen. [Roy Blunt](#) (R-Mo.), and a call that same month with Sen. [Bill Cassidy](#) (R-La.), the records show.

Pai's outreach to Republicans may have helped him cement GOP support for his elevation to FCC chairman. But it also allowed him to reinforce ties with lawmakers who can provide political cover as he moves to dismantle Wheeler's legacy. Some Republicans, for example, want to use the Congressional Review Act to undo the agency's broadband privacy rules, while other GOP lawmakers want to pass their own set of net neutrality rules based on a lighter regulatory regime.

The calendar doesn't reveal all of Pai's interactions. A notable absence is his meeting with Trump in New York on Jan. 16, a week before he was named chairman, and it's not clear if Pai kept every appointment.

One trend that stands out in Pai's schedule is his frequent interactions with Sinclair and other broadcasters. The week after the election, Pai traveled to Baltimore for the Sinclair General Manager Summit and a "brief meeting" with then-CEO David Smith in November. He again met with Smith and newly named Sinclair CEO Chris Ripley in Arlington in January.

Sinclair became embroiled in [controversy](#) after POLITICO reported that Trump son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner told business executives the campaign had struck a deal with the broadcast group for better media coverage. Sinclair disputed the characterization, saying it was an arrangement for extended sit-down interviews that was offered to both candidates.

Pai was a guest speaker for the Sinclair summit in November, a company spokesperson said. The FCC spokesman said Sinclair invited Pai to speak well before the election. At the Arlington meeting in January, the Sinclair representatives and the owner of another broadcast TV company discussed with Pai the lack of minority broadcast owners and the prospects for relaxing a recent joint sales agreement rule, according to an [official disclosure](#).

In the post-election period, Pai also lunched with National Association of Broadcasters President Gordon Smith, a former Republican senator, on Nov. 28, and met with a representative from the New Jersey Broadcasters Association on Jan. 24, his first full day as FCC chairman.

Broadcasters view Pai as an ally—unlike Wheeler, who had a fraught relationship with the sector over media ownership regulations, rules surrounding the spectrum auction and other policies. As chairman, Pai has moved quickly to [advance](#) broadcasters' ability to offer a new transmission standard with higher-quality video for consumers over the air. That's of particular interest to Sinclair, which has [invested](#) more than \$30 million in the development of the next-generation TV technology, but the FCC spokesman said Pai did not discuss the new standard with the company in the two meetings.

"For the last couple years at least, the FCC has paid little attention and not really shown itself to be involved in a lot of broadcast issues," said Paul Rotella, president of the New Jersey Broadcasters Association, who met with Pai in January. "It's nice to see an FCC chairman and an FCC looking at these issues. It's really heartening to see."

The FCC requires public disclosures, known as ex partes, for meetings or written communications involving the merits or outcome of pending proceedings at the commission. But general meetings don't require such disclosure.

The appointments show Pai regularly touched base with industry reps, including lunches with Michael Powell, a former FCC chairman who heads the cable industry group NCTA, and Jonathan Spalter, president of USTelecom. He also met with T-Mobile CEO John Legere in November and DISH CEO Charlie Ergen in January at his FCC office, the records show. The organizations didn't file public disclosures of those meetings, but are not required to if they did not discuss pending proceedings.

Pai met too with a potential future member of his Republican majority at the FCC. He hosted Indiana state Sen. Brandt Hersherman, a rumored candidate for the agency's remaining GOP slot, on the same day as the agency's November open meeting, according to the calendar.

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 11, 2017

Mr. Karl Frisch
Allied Progress
1220 L Street, NW
Suite 100/364
Washington, D.C. 20006
Via email to karl@alliedprogress.org

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000817

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on July 17, 2017 (*FOIA Request*), seeking "all records concerning FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's meetings with representatives of Sinclair Broadcast Group at the company's November 2016 summit in Baltimore, MD and in January 2017 in Arlington, VA."¹ The due date for responding to your FOIA request is August 14, 2017.

We searched the records of the office of Chairman Pai and located responsive documents which we release here in full.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media."² As an "educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. Because we are emailing you the responsive documents, you will not be charged any fees associated with reproducing records.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission's rules.³ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁴

¹ See *FOIA Request* (submitted July 14, 2017, and perfected July 17, 2017).

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁵ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action.”

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,
Performance Evaluation and Records Management
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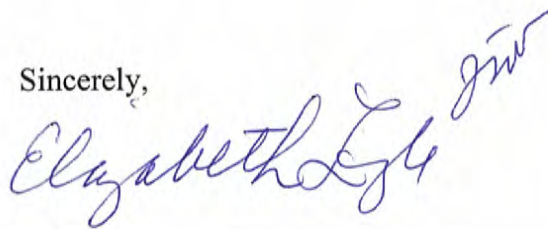
If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission’s FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

Attachments

cc: FOIA Officer

Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:58 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Thanks! We are reviewing and will get back to you soon.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgty.com]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Mathew,

I haven't heard from Lori and wanted to make sure you had these details as well. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Crazy times, huh?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:56 PM
To: 'Lori Alexiou' <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Lori,

Exciting times, to say the least! I am sure the Commissioner will be in increasing demand in the coming weeks, making me feel lucky to have locked this in before the election! By way of reminder:

WHAT: The Commissioner will address our annual fly-in of all our General Managers (around 100), plus some senior execs. Topic should focus on the important role that GMs play in their market, localism, etc., plus whatever he wants to discuss. Session will be off the record.

WHERE: Four Seasons, Baltimore.

WHEN: His "session" is set from 12:45 to 1:15, but it can be shorter, e.g., if he wants to speak for 15 minutes and take questions for 10, that would be fine. Lunch starts at noon, so if he and Matthew would like to come early and have lunch with a few of us, that would be great!

MEETING AFTERWARD: Would he have time to meet with our CEO, David Smith, for a few minutes after his session?

TRAVEL LOGISTICS: There is an Amtrak train leaving Union Station at 11:10, which arrives in Baltimore at 11:51 (84 NE Regional), or an Acela that leaves at 11:00 and arrives at 11:32. I will be there to get them and bring them to the Four Seasons. If he can meet with David Smith afterwards, we could get them on the 2:19 Acela, which arrives back in Union Station at 2:53.

Can we confirm all of this on Monday? I am free all afternoon to chat.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

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From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Thanks Rebecca and thanks for your patience on this.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Terrific, Matthew. Thanks so much for confirming. Lori, I will be in touch later this week with details.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Matthew Berry [<mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Rebecca,

Commissioner Pai is able to make it. Please coordinate with Lori in terms of the specific schedule.

Thanks,
Matthew

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Cc: Amanda Ota
Subject: Thank you both so much!

Ajit and Matthew,

Thank you again for being the stars of our show at this year's Sinclair GM Summit. All of our stations truly appreciate your support and your *belief* in what they do.

I mentioned to Ajit the movie I am currently obsessed with and provide the link here. *Zero Days*: Award-winning doc about the Stuxnet virus and the dawn of global cyberwarfare. It is a must see for every American! <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/>

I realize you will be busy in the coming weeks with respect to the transition, but since the FCC voting agenda seems to have come to a screeching halt, we would love to come in at some point after Thanksgiving to walk you through all that we are doing in the area of drones and cyber security.

Just let me know!

Rebecca

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August 28, 2017

FOIA Officer
Federal Communications Commission
Submitted via WebForm

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Allied Progress requests access to and copies of certain correspondence related to Chairman Ajit Pai's planned but cancelled attendance and speech at the "Defending the American Dream Summit" hosted by Americans for Prosperity on August 19, 2017 in Richmond, VA.

Chairman Pai's attendance at the event was publicly announced in numerous locations in advance of the event. His attendance was then cancelled within days of *The New York Times* reporting on the Chairman's relationship with the leadership of Sinclair Broadcasting Group. This FOIA request seeks to determine if the Chairman's cancellation was due to the printing of this article.

Specifically, we would like copies of all digital correspondence between and including August 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017, involving Chairman Pai, or his scheduler, concerning this event or including any of the following keywords:

"Americans for Prosperity"

"AFP"

Koch

Kang

Lipton

Ember

"New York Times"

"NYT"

Additionally, we request access to and copies of any digital correspondence involving Chairman Pai, his scheduler, and anyone using an e-mail address ending in @americansforprosperity.org or @kochind.com during this same time-period.

"Digital correspondence" should include e-mails sent to, sent by or carbon-copying ("CC") these individuals which fit any of these criteria during this time-period as well as any direct responses to these e-mails.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at karl@alliedprogress.org. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (b) (6).

Fee Waiver Request

Allied Progress requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding" of government operations and is not "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations of the federal government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public's business.

This request is primarily and fundamentally for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Allied Progress does not have a commercial purpose and the release of the information requested is not in Allied Progress's financial interest. Allied Progress's mission is to give voice to hard-working Americans by standing up to Wall Street and other powerful special interests and holding their allies in Congress and the White House accountable. Allied Progress will use the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Allied Progress will also make materials it gathers available on its public website.

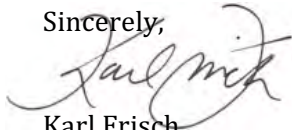
Accordingly, Allied Progress qualifies for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Additionally, if any documents are withheld based on the Agency's interpretation of any exemption, Allied Progress requests that you provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Specifically, this *Vaughn* index should describe withheld documents with enough specificity to determine whether the material is exempt under the act and must describe each document or portion withheld.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karl Frisch', is written over the typed name.

Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

October 11, 2017

Karl Frisch
Executive Director
Allied Progress
1220 L Street, N.W., Suite 100/364
Washington, DC 20005-4018
Sent via email to karl@alliedprogress.org

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-931

Dear Mr. Frisch:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, assigned FOIA Control No. 2017-931, seeking:

“access to and copies of certain correspondence related to Chairman Ajit Pai’s planned but cancelled attendance and speech at the ‘Defending the American Dream Summit’ hosted by Americans for Prosperity on August 19, 2017 in Richmond, VA.... Specifically, we would like copies of all digital correspondence between and including August 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017, involving Chairman Pai, or his scheduler, concerning this event or including any of the following keywords:

‘Americans for Prosperity’
‘AFP’
Koch
Kang
Lipton
Ember
‘New York Times’
‘NYT’

Additionally, we request access to and copies of any digital correspondence involving Chairman Pai, his scheduler, and anyone using an e-mail address ending in @americansforprosperity.org or @kochind.com during this same time-period. ‘Digital correspondence’ should include e-mails sent to, sent by or carbon-copying (‘CC’) these individuals which fit any of these criteria during this time-period as well as any direct responses to these e-mails.”¹

Your request was assigned to the Office of General Counsel.

In response to your request, searches were conducted of the Chairman’s files and the files of his staff. Forty-eight pages of responsive documents were located. From these documents, we redacted email exchanges between staff at the FCC pursuant to the deliberative process privilege under FOIA Exemption 5. FOIA Exemption 5 applies to “inter-agency and intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in

¹ See FOIA Request 2017-931 (filed August 28, 2017).

litigation with the agency.”² Exemption 5 encompasses the deliberative process privilege, which is intended to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.”³ To fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege encompassed by Exemption 5, records must be both pre-decisional, *i.e.*, “generated before the adoption of an agency policy [*i.e.*, a decision],” and deliberative, *i.e.*, “[reflecting] the give-and-take of the consultative process.”⁴ The email exchanges here are predecisional because they pertain to decisions concerning agency business, including official travel plans and speaking events, and they are deliberative because they reflect staff discussions and evaluations as to content.

In addition, we redacted personal information pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects from disclosure information that “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”⁵ Consistent with the requirements of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, we have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the privacy interests involved, which the exemption is intended to protect.⁶

The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record” must be released after appropriate application of the Act’s exemptions.⁷ The statutory standard requires the release of any portion of a record that is nonexempt and that is “reasonably segregable” from the exempt portion. However, when nonexempt information is “inextricably intertwined” with exempt information, reasonable segregation is not possible.⁸ We have reviewed the records withheld and redacted to determine if any segregable parts may be released, and determined there is none.

You are considered a representative of the news media for purposes of calculating fees for processing your FOIA request.⁹ Therefore, you are not charged for search and review time, and only charged for copying more than 100 pages of records.¹⁰ Because we are providing you with fewer than 100 pages of records and in electronic form, no fees will be assessed for processing your request, and your request for a waiver of fees is moot.

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.¹¹ You may file an

² See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

³ *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Exemption 6); *see also Moore v. Bush*, 601 F. Supp. 2d 6, 14 (D.D.C. 2009) and *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, 26 FCC Rcd 13812, 13816, n.13 (2011) (personal email addresses and telephone numbers redacted pursuant to Exemption 6)).

⁶ See FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. 114-185 § 2(1)(D); 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A); *see also U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, FOIA Post, President Obama's FOIA Memorandum and Attorney General Holder's FOIA Guidelines Creating a “New Era of Open Government,”* (2009), available at < <https://www.justice.gov/oip/blog/foia-post-2009-creating-new-era-open-government>> (recognizing that records protected by the exemptions covering national security, commercial and financial information, personal privacy, and information protected by statute, are generally not subject to discretionary releases).

⁷ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (sentence immediately following exemptions).

⁸ *Mead Data Center Inc. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 260 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

⁹ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(7).

¹⁰ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(a)(2).

¹¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

application for review by mailing the application to Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action."

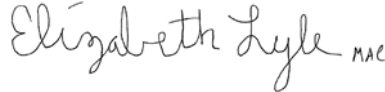
If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director, Performance
Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Lyle" followed by the initials "MAC".

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

cc:
FOIA Officer

Andrea Kearney

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Erin McGrath; Susan Fisenne
Subject: FW: Speaking confirmation and details
Attachments: Pai Confirmation .docx

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Chairman Ajit V. Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202.418.2001

From: Nicole Sutter [mailto:NSutter@afphq.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Speaking confirmation and details

Hello Lori!

Please see attached and distribute as necessary. If you could provide me with a contact number for anyone traveling with him that would be great. Anything else you need my cell is below and on the attached speaking confirmation.

Thank you again for facilitating all of this!

Nicole Sutter, CMP, CEM, CMM | Director of Events | Americans for Prosperity – HQ
m: 571-429-2656 | 703-224-3173 | e: nsutter@afphq.org

1310 N. Courthouse Rd., Ste. 700, Arlington, VA 22201

From: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 3:32 PM
To: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>
Subject: FW: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Hi Nicole,

I just heard back from our ethics department and this announcement will work.

Thank you.

Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Ethics Approvals
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>
Cc: Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Hi Lori,

We find no issues with the announcement.

Thanks for checking with us.

Rich Williams
Program Analyst, Ethics
FCC / Office of General Counsel
202-418-0461
8-A463

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Ethics Approvals <Ethics.Approvals@fcc.gov>
Cc: Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Would you let me now if this announcement works?

Thanks.

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Nicole Sutter [<mailto:NSutter@afphq.org>]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:30 AM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: Re: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Perfect, thank you so much! With your approval the following will go out on Monday.....

AFP Adds FCC Chairman as Keynote for Richmond-Based Summit

Hundreds of grassroots volunteers will gather for annual grassroots event in Richmond.

RICHMOND – Americans for Prosperity announced today that Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai will address hundreds of the group's grassroots volunteers at its signature annual event, the Defending the American Dream Summit®, being held for the first time in Richmond on August 19.

The 11th annual Summit is the organization's centerpiece grassroots event. Each summer, hundreds of volunteers who fight for limited government across the country come together at the Summit to: celebrate recent policy victories; sharpen their grassroots advocacy skills; attend hands-on breakout sessions; network with their peers; and hear from prominent thought leaders across the conservative movement.

Pai recently earned praise from Americans for Prosperity after initiating a process to reconsider and roll back Obama-era internet regulations known as 'net neutrality' rules. He recently sat down with AFP to talk about telecommunications issues via Facebook Live. View the video [here](#).

The chairman will take the main stage at the convention-style event alongside the previously announced Virginia House Speaker-Designee Kirk Cox.

Americans for Prosperity President Tim Phillips released the following statement:

"Chairman Pai has long been a leader in identifying these overly burdensome regulations in his industry, and helping ensure those sometimes-complex issues resonate with the public. We're grateful he'll be joining us once again, this time in his new capacity as chairman."

Commissioner Pai also had this to say:

"XXXXXXXXXX"

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Americans for Prosperity's Defending the American Dream Summit

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2017

WHERE: Richmond Marriott 500 E Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

For more information, or for coverage planning, reach Chris Neefus at CNeefus@afphq.org or (703) 517-4504.

Nicole Sutter, CMP, CEM, CMM | Director of Events | Americans for Prosperity – HQ

m: 571-429-2656 | 703-224-3173 | e: nsutter@afphq.org

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From: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Date: Friday, June 23, 2017 at 10:14 AM

To: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>

Subject: FW: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Hi Nicole,

Below is the quote:

"I'm excited to be joining Americans for Prosperity for their American Dream Summit in Richmond, Virginia. This will be an excellent chance to share with attendees what we are doing at the FCC to restore Internet freedom, as well as roll back regulatory barriers that are frustrating innovation and reducing economic opportunity for our fellow citizens."

Thank you.

Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

From: Nicole Sutter [<mailto:NSutter@afphq.org>]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 4:57 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Hi Lori!

Please see attached invitation for Commissioner Pai to speak to our crowd of activists from our main stage General Session. This year's event is Saturday, August 19th in Richmond, VA.

We would love to have him back again!

Thank you for your time!

Nicole Sutter, CMP, CEM, CMM | Director of Events | Americans for Prosperity – HQ

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Ajit Pai Speaker Information

AFP On-Site Point of Contact: Nicole Sutter (571-429-2656)

AFP Secondary Contact: Kacie Shallow (b) (6)

Speaker On-Site Point of Contact: please advise

Event Venue: Richmond Marriott

500 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA

804-643-3400

(General Session – Grand Ballroom EF)

Personal Schedule

Saturday, August 19th

1:15pm General Session begins

1:20pm arrival no later to backstage green room to be mic'd. It will be open all day for you to use.

1:36pm-1:51pm – Main Stage speaking time

Speaking time is 15 minutes. There will be a count down clock and teleprompter. If you would like remarks uploaded please forward in MS Word document to Nicole Sutter, Director of Events at nsutter@afphq.org.

Onstage Introduction by: AFP Leadership, TBD

Event Theme & Messaging

Event Twitter Hashtag: #DREAM17

The American Dream is brought to life by the creators, rebels, thinkers, innovators, and entrepreneurs who want something more – the freedom and liberty to pursue happiness and fulfillment as they discover it for themselves and their families. Born in a melting pot of ideas, ethnicities, and visions of happiness the American Dream is unique because, through economic freedom, an infinite number of aspirations can become reality. Those aspirations in turn improve human wellbeing in the form of new medicine, plentiful, cheap, and delicious food, fast and affordable long-distance transportation, access to music, culture, and the arts, comfortable housing, more efficient and safe working conditions, fascinating entertainment, and so much more. Only through economic freedom can the dreams of America’s founders remain true and only through economic freedom can new dreams grow.

Media

Media interviews can be scheduled through Chris Neefus (cneefus@afphq.org or at 703-517-4504).

Event Overview

The 2017 Defending the American Dream Summit will be the 11th Annual Summit. Each year grassroots leaders from our 36 state chapters across the country gather for the national Defending the American Dream Summit.

For 6 consecutive years, the Summit was held in Washington, DC. Subsequent Summits were held in Dallas, Columbus and Orlando.

Event Audience: This year’s expected attendance is 650 of our most committed grassroots activists.

GUIDANCE FOR EVENT SPEAKERS

Thank you for your participation at this event of Americans for Prosperity. As you may know, Americans for Prosperity is a nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization, and we do not endorse candidates for public office. While speaking at our events, we ask that you follow the below guidance:

- **Speakers should avoid any references to candidacy, if applicable.** If you are currently running for office, please do not mention your candidacy or the election while speaking at our event. If you are wearing any campaign material, e.g. buttons, t-shirts, etc., we ask that you remove them before speaking.
- **Speakers Should Not Promote Any Political Party.** Americans for Prosperity is a nonpartisan, non-profit tax-exempt organization that advocates for smaller government, lower taxes, and free enterprise.
- **Speakers Should Not Endorse Candidates Or Express Support or Opposition to any Candidates.** Americans for Prosperity does not endorse candidates for public office. AFP's events are focused on promoting good public policy, and our activists would like to hear your views on key issues related to our mission.
- **Speakers Should Not Call Candidates On Stage If the Candidates Have Not Been Invited To Speak.** Federal and state law dictate under what circumstances we can invite candidates to speak at public events paid for by corporate funds. Leave it to our event organizers to determine, with advice of counsel, whether to invite candidates.
- **Our Mutual Goal Is To Influence Policy.** AFP is focused on influencing policy, not elections. Good policy makes good politics.

Event Website:

www.defendingthedream.com

Event Producer:

**Americans for Prosperity
1310 North Courthouse Road
#700
Arlington, VA 22201**

Andrea Kearney

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Nicole Sutter
Subject: FW: Speaking confirmation and details

Hi Nicole,

I wanted to give you Nathan's cell phone as well: (b) (6)

Thanks.
Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Chairman Ajit V. Pai
Federal Communications Commission
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From: Nicole Sutter [<mailto:NSutter@afphq.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Speaking confirmation and details

Is it possible to get a cell number for Nathan?

Nicole Sutter, CMP, CEM, CMM | Director of Events | Americans for Prosperity – HQ
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From: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 2:07 PM
To: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>
Subject: RE: Speaking confirmation and details

Nathan Leamer will be attending with him Nicole.

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Attachments: ORielly confirmation 8.10.17.pdf

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500 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA

804 643 3400

(General Session – Grand Ballroom EF)

Personal Schedule

Saturday, August 19th

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1:20pm arrival no later to backstage green room to be mic’d. It will be open all day for you to use.

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Onstage Introduction by: Akash Chougale, Director of Policy, AFP

Event Theme & Messaging

Event Twitter Hashtag: #DREAM17

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Media

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Program Analyst, Ethics
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From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Ethics Approvals <Ethics.Approvals@fcc.gov>
Cc: Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Would you let me now if this announcement works?

Thanks.

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202-418-2001

From: Nicole Sutter [<mailto:NSutter@afphq.org>]
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“XXXXXXXXXX”

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Americans for Prosperity’s Defending the American Dream Summit

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2017

WHERE: Richmond Marriott 500 E Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

For more information, or for coverage planning, reach Chris Neefus at CNeefus@afphq.org or (703) 517-4504.

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 4:57 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

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Andrea Kearney

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Nathan Leamer
Subject: RE: Speaking confirmation and details

Sorry!

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From: Nathan Leamer
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To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Re: Speaking confirmation and details

That's fine, I'm going to have to call her boss once I know whether O'Rielly is available or not?

Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Lori Alexiou" <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 10:11:46 AM
To: "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Speaking confirmation and details

Hi Nathan,

Sorry to bother you while you are out. I gave Nicole your office direct dial. Let me know if you want me to give her your cell.

Thanks.
Lori

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Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Speaking confirmation and details

Is it possible to get a cell number for Nathan?

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From: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 2:07 PM
To: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>
Subject: RE: Speaking confirmation and details

Nathan Leamer will be attending with him Nicole.

Thank you.
Lori

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Hi there!

Wanted to see if the Commissioner will be traveling with anyone to our event. We are printing custom badges and need to place our order tomorrow.

Let me know!

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From: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 4:08 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Speaking confirmation and details

Hello Lori!

Please see attached and distribute as necessary. If you could provide me with a contact number for anyone traveling with him that would be great. Anything else you need my cell is below and on the attached speaking confirmation.

Thank you again for facilitating all of this!

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From: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 3:32 PM
To: Nicole Sutter <NSutter@afphq.org>
Subject: FW: American's for Prosperity invitation to speak at Defending the American Dream Summit 2017

Hi Nicole,

I just heard back from our ethics department and this announcement will work.

Thank you.
Lori

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From: Nathan Leamer
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:48 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

(b) (5)



Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Matthew Berry" <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 10:30:28 PM
To: "Nicholas Degani" <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>, "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>, "Lori Alexiou" <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>, "Jay Schwarz" <Jay.Schwarz@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

(b) (5)



Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:51 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nathan Leamer; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

(b) (5)



Best,
-Nick D.

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Nicholas Degani; Nathan Leamer; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

(b) (5)



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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 11:21 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nathan Leamer; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

(b) (5)

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 9:57:57 PM
To: Nicholas Degani; Nathan Leamer; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 7:04 PM
To: Nathan Leamer; Matthew Berry; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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From: Nathan Leamer
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 7:02 PM
To: Nicholas Degani; Matthew Berry; Lori Alexiou; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

(b) (5)

Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Nicholas Degani" <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:54:21 PM
To: "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>, "Matthew Berry" <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>, "Lori Alexiou" <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>, "Jay Schwarz" <Jay.Schwarz@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: (b) (6)

I heard back from Ajit. Here's the scoop:

Ajit ***will*** be able to travel to the American Southwest so long as he leaves on Tuesday, the 22nd. Jay is already on top of how to rearrange the schedule to make that work.

Ajit ***will not*** be able to attend the Americans for Prosperity speech. (b) (5)

Best,
-Nick D.

From: Nathan Leamer
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 10:14 PM
To: Nicholas Degani <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>; Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>; Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>; Jay Schwarz <Jay.Schwarz@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Nicholas Degani" <Nicholas.Degani@fcc.gov>
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:49:09 PM
To: "Matthew Berry" <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>, "Lori Alexiou" <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>, "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>, "Jay Schwarz" <Jay.Schwarz@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 9:01 PM
To: Lori Alexiou; Nicholas Degani; Nathan Leamer; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani; Nathan Leamer; Jay Schwarz
Subject: Fw: (b) (6)

FYI re Richmond event and Nevada travel

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Ajit Pai (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 2:19 PM
Cc: Lori Alexiou; Ajit Pai
Subject: Re: (b) (6)

Hi Lori, if we need to cancel or move stuff or substitute someone in for me speaking, please do so. In particular, can we have someone sub in for me at Richmond on the 19th? Also may need to cut short or cut altogether the Arizona/Nevada trip.

On Aug 8, 2017, at 10:50 AM, JANINE VANLANCKER (b) (6) wrote:

Hello Lori,

I know Ajit is out of town, (b) (6)

(b) (6) He asked that I work with you to free his schedule on those days.

Thanks,

Janine

Andrea Kearney

From: Nathan Leamer
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Kacie Shallow
Subject: Re: Connecting Nathan to Kacie

Absolutely should be this afternoon or tomorrow morning!

Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Kacie Shallow" <kshallow@afphq.org>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 1:11:43 PM
To: "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Connecting Nathan to Kacie

Absolutely- please let me know when he's able to confirm and we'll add it back.

Thanks Nathan!

Kacie Shallow | Senior Event Planner | Americans for Prosperity – HQ | M: 571-384-9739 | E: kshallow@afphq.org

From: Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 1:09 PM
To: Kacie Shallow <kshallow@afphq.org>
Subject: Re: Connecting Nathan to Kacie

One further thing, could you take down O'Rielly's name on site until I get back to you?

Nathan Leamer
Sent from iPhone

From: "Kacie Shallow" <kshallow@afphq.org>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 12:58:43 PM
To: "Chrissy Harbin" <CHarbin@afphq.org>, "Nathan Leamer" <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Connecting Nathan to Kacie

Thanks Chrissy!

Nathan- all of the information that you received from Nicole Sutter for the Chairman will stay the same for O'Reilly. If you need anything further from our team, please let know!

Kacie Shallow | Senior Event Planner | Americans for Prosperity – HQ | M: 571-384-9739 | E: kshallow@afphq.org

On 8/10/17, 12:56 PM, "Chrissy Harbin" <CHarbin@afphq.org> wrote:

Hi guys -- closing loop here. Nathan, Kacie is our events guru and she will be able to work with you on the logistics of swapping out O'Reilley for Pai. (b) (6)

Let me know what I can do to help further w DAD summit. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Andrea Kearney

From: Nathan Leamer
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Nicole Sutter
Cc: Erin McGrath
Subject: RE: Confirming Commissioner O'Rielly for Richmond

Sounds good, Erin who on your team would be a better speaker POC?

From: Nicole Sutter [mailto:NSutter@afphq.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Nathan Leamer <Nathan.Leamer@fcc.gov>
Cc: Erin McGrath <Erin.McGrath@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Confirming Commissioner O'Rielly for Richmond

Hello...very slight adjustment to our agenda. Please see attached.

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Cc: Erin McGrath <Erin.McGrath@fcc.gov>
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Kacie and Nicole,

Reaching out to confirm that Commissioner O'Rielly will participate in the Defending the American Dream summit.

I'm also adding Erin McGrath of O'Rielly's team to the conversation. Let me know if I can be of further assistance. Thanks again!

Nathan Leamer