

FCC Violations

On January 7, 2020, the University of Arkansas (“University”) and the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau (“Bureau”) entered into a Consent Decree¹ which terminated the Bureau’s investigation (File No. EB-IHD-17-00024914) into possible violations of Section 399B of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”) and Section 73.503(d) of the Commission’s rules² by the following two broadcast stations licensed to the University: KBPU(FM), De Queen, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 92030) (“KBPU”), and KTYC(FM), Nashville, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 175551) (“KTYC”). While the Bureau’s investigation specifically pertained to possible violations of Section 399B of the Act and Section 73.503(d) of the Commission’s rules by KBPU and KTYC, the Consent Decree required *all* stations licensed to the University³ to comply with specific operating policies and procedures – as well as reporting obligations – to ensure compliance with Section 399B of the Act and Section 73.503(d) of the Commission’s rules for the duration of the Consent Decree. Moreover, the Consent Decree also required the University to pay a civil penalty of \$76,000.00.

¹ *Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas*, Order and Consent Decree, File No. EB-IHD-17-00024914, Acct. No. 201932080015, DA 20-12 (rel. Jan. 7, 2020) (“Consent Decree”).

² 47 U.S.C. § 399B; 47 C.F.R. § 73.503(d).

³ The University is currently the licensee of the following broadcast stations:
KBPU(FM), De Queen, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 92030)
KLRE-FM, Little Rock, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 37788)
KTYC(FM), Nashville, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 175551)
KUAF(FM), Fayetteville, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 4307)
KUAP(FM), Pine Bluff, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 6113)
KUAR(FM), Little Rock, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 4296)
KXUA(FM), Fayetteville, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 86662)
KRMN(FM), Mena, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 173306)
K203BO, Mena, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 4239)
K205AA, Fayetteville, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 4235)
K233AD, Monticello, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 37790)
K234AB, Forrest City, Arkansas (Facility ID No. 37791)