

Wittenberg University
Station WUSO(NCE-FM), Facility ID 65468
Springfield, Ohio
Application for Renewal of License
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STATEMENT RE ONLINE PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE

WUSO is an extracurricular student activity at Wittenberg University, organized under the school's Office of Student Involvement. Station operation is overseen by Jonathan Duraj, Senior Associate Dean of Students. During the current license term, student interest in the station has waned. Where, early in the current license term, recorded student programs were broadcast several hours of the broadcast day, today the station rebroadcasts the signal of Station WDPR(NCE-FM), licensed to Dayton Public Radio throughout the broadcast day.

The change in broadcast programming was prompted in some measure by circumstances affecting the physical facilities of the station. In April 2012, WUSO was forced off the air after suffering extensive damage caused by a water main break in Firestone Hall. The station's offices and studios are located in the basement of the residence hall. (WUSO was authorized to remain silent in BLSTA-20120508ABT.) From the time that broadcasts were resumed in February 2013, the station was, and continues to be, plagued by further water and mold issues. Broadcasts have consisted of an occasional recorded student program, and rebroadcasts of older WUSO programs. In August 2017, WUSO began rebroadcast of the signal of WDPR between 6:00 am and 2:00 pm. Since March 2019, WUSO has rebroadcast WDPR on a full-time basis.

The technical advisor to WUSO is Scott Leo, who, as the university's Director of Broadcasting, also provides play-by-play commentary for the Wittenberg Tigers football and men's basketball teams. He is also a broadcast arts instructor at Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio. Mr. Leo has overseen compliance with FCC operating requirements, including the WUSO public inspection file. During the current license term, Mr. Leo regularly compiled issues-programs lists for WUSO. Aware of the launch of the Commission's Online Public Inspection File (OPIF) effective March 1, 2018, Mr. Leo uploaded the 2018 quarterly issues-programs reports on April 10 (Q1), August 8 (Q2), November 6 (Q3), 2018, and January 30 (Q4), 2019. He also prepared and uploaded the report for the first quarter of 2019 (April 10). He had prepared and maintained for local inspection paper copies of the earlier issues-programs reports, but miscomprehended the obligation to upload the earlier reports to the OPIF. Through efforts to make the OPIF complete, it was discovered that the storage box containing the reports has been misplaced as a consequence of ongoing water and mold issues and remediation efforts on the WUSO premises. As a consequence, the OPIF lacks issues-programs lists for the second, third, and fourth quarters of 2013; all quarters for 2014-2016; and the first and second quarters of 2017.

During some of the time for which issues-programs lists are lacking, namely, the third and fourth quarters of 2017, WUSO rebroadcast the programming of WDPR on a part-time basis. Accordingly, to reflect programming aired on WUSO during this time, the issues-programs lists of WDPR for those quarters have been uploaded to the WUSO OPIF.

Additionally, since WUSO now rebroadcasts the WDPR signal full-time, the WDPR issues-programs lists for the second, third, and fourth quarters of 2019 have been uploaded to the WUSO OPIF. (The first quarter 2020 report is not due until July 10, 2020. See *Public Notice* DA 20-353, March 27, 2020.)