

Alpha Media Licensee, LLC – Aurora/Joliet Online Public File

In preparation for filing its license renewal applications, Alpha Media Licensee, LLC (“Alpha”) has conducted audits of the online public inspection files at its radio stations. Having become aware of deficiencies with respect to the timely upload of political advertising information in certain markets, and as the Commission is aware, Alpha, with commitment at the highest corporate levels, redoubled the company’s efforts to train staff consistently and to implement company-wide operating procedures so as to ensure that requisite information is timely uploaded to the online public file in compliance with the Commission’s rules. Alpha submitted documentation of these efforts to the Commission in April 2020. In Alpha’s Aurora and Joliet, IL cluster, there were no instances in which political advertising information was uploaded late to the online file after March 2020.

Moreover, our review of the online public file revealed a late upload of the issues/programs lists for Q4 2018 for stations in the Aurora and Joliet, IL cluster. Alpha has not been able to determine the cause of this one-time delay. WJOL and WCCQ-FM uploaded the Q4 2018 issues/programs list approximately 18 days late. WSSR-FM uploaded its list approximately 20 days late (Alpha acquired WSSR-FM and WERV-FM in February 2016 from Digits Media).

Alpha will continue to monitor online public file compliance closely going forward.