

PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE

Political File

In preparation for the filing of its license renewal application and in response to industry education pertaining to maintenance of the online political file, Station KXEL determined that its process for uploading material to the political file was incorrect, which resulted in late uploads over the past two years. Specifically, the station uploaded material pertaining to political ads, whether local, state, or federal, immediately after receiving proof of payment, or all necessary forms if these were received after the proof of payment. Proof of payment was the trigger for considering an order “accepted.”

In 2018, the station received 14 candidate/issue orders, of which 7 were uploaded to the public file more than 3 days late, 4 were added 1-2 days late and 3 were filed on-time.

In 2019, the station received 11 orders, of which 7 were uploaded timely, 2 were 1-2 days late and 2 were 3 or more days late.

The Station has received more than 100 orders to date in 2020, of which 22 were added to the file more than 3 days late, 6 were 1-2 days late and the remainder were added within 24 hours of confirming the order.

Station management has implemented corrective measures and procedures, including training and frequent review of requirements with the staff responsible for uploading political material to the online file, to ensure that political material is now uploaded within one business day from a request for time. All order received after mid-August have been handled in this way.

In addition, the 4th Quarter 2018 Issues and Program report was added on February 1, 2019, which was 5 days after the Public Files site was re-opened after the shutdown.