

Alpha Media Licensee LLC Debtor in Possession – Amarillo, TX Online Public File

In preparation for filing its license renewal applications, Alpha Media Licensee LLC Debtor in Possession (“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 and entered into a consent decree with the Commission on July 22, 2020. Alpha submitted a Compliance Report pursuant to the Consent Decree in December 2020. We note that while a careful review of the political file might suggest that certain issue ads for Americans for Tax Reform were not timely uploaded to the KGNC public file, these ads were included in network programming provided by Westwood One over which Alpha had no advance notice or control. We understand that Westwood One keeps its own network political file, and KGNC immediately uploaded material pertaining to these issue ads upon receipt.

Additionally, KXGL and KVWE each uploaded their 2020 EEO Public File Report in March 2021 due to an administrative oversight. Moreover, KVWE uploaded its 2019 EEO Public File Report one day late.

Alpha’s corporate executives continue to emphasize to each market the importance of appropriately maintaining the online public inspection file, and will carefully monitor compliance going forward.