

## **FCC Renewal of License Application**

**Station WBBM-TV; FCC Facility ID Number 9617; Chicago, Illinois**

### **FCC Violations During the Preceding License Term Exhibit**

- On September 9, 2019 the Commission issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (“NAL”) finding that the 15 broadcast television stations owned and operated by subsidiaries of ViacomCBS Inc. that are affiliated with the CBS Television Network, including WBBM-TV, violated Section 11.45 of the Commission’s rules by broadcasting simulated EAS Tones during an April 12, 2018 episode of Young Sheldon. File No. EB-IHD-18-00027139. The forfeiture amount associated with the NAL was paid on October 10, 2019.

### **Online Public Inspection File Exhibit**

- Although the Records Concerning Commercial Limits in Childrens Programs documentation was timely prepared and retained at the station, due to an apparent misunderstanding by the former employee responsible for preparing and uploading that information, the records for the fourth quarter of 2014 through the second quarter of 2016, the first and fourth quarters of 2017, and the first two quarters of 2018 were uploaded to the station’s online file late. Neither the individual responsible for preparing and uploading this information nor the individual responsible for overall compliance are currently employed by WBBM-TV and the station has undertaken efforts to ensure this issue is resolved.

The Records Concerning Commercial Limits in Childrens Programs documentation for the first and second quarter of 2019 and the Issues/Programs list for the first quarter of 2018 were uploaded based on the responsible employee’s understanding that the upload deadline was the tenth *business* day following the relevant calendar quarter.

While the station believes it was substantially compliant with regard to the political file requirements, certain information regarding political advertising was not uploaded within one business day. In many instances this was due to the FCC’s online political file system not being available for uploads and to challenges from the COVID pandemic in 2020. The employees responsible for maintaining the station’s political file receive periodic training and reminders regarding the documentation that is required to be included in the station’s online political file. The station has procedures in place that are designed to ensure that the requisite information is uploaded in a timely manner going forward.

### **Core Programming Processing Guidelines Exhibit**

- The station complied with the Core Programming criteria and Core Programming Processing Guidelines, as required by the Commission’s rules that were in effect at the time each Core Program was aired and per the annual letters filed by the CBS Television Network seeking informal approval of its preemption plans as provided in the Commission’s Second Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order, In the Matter of Children’s Television Obligations and Digital Television Broadcasters, MM Docket No. 00-167, 21 FCC Rcd 11065, 11076 (2006).