

Adverse Finding

South Carolina Educational Television Commission (“SCETV”) reports the following with respect to an adverse finding made against a former SCETV commissioner.

SCETV is the state of South Carolina’s public educational broadcasting network and the licensee of eight noncommercial educational radio stations and eleven noncommercial educational television stations. SCETV is governed by a nine-member Commission. Eight of those members are appointed by the Governor of South Carolina, and the ninth is the State Superintendent of Education who serves in an ex-officio capacity.

On November 1, 2018, one of the SCETV Commissioners, Nicole H. Holland, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina to one count of Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343 and 18 U.S.C. § 2, and one count of Mail Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2, Case Number 3:18-cr-00863-CMC. These matters did not involve SCETV operations or broadcast stations, nor did they involve Ms. Holland’s role as a member of the SCETV Commission.

Ms. Holland is no longer an SCETV Commissioner. By Executive Order No. 2018-41, dated September 21, 2018, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster suspended Ms. Holland from her office as a member of the SCETV Commission following her indictment in the above-referenced case. By Executive Order No. 2018-58, dated November 19, 2018, Governor McMaster formally removed Ms. Holland from her office as a member of the SCETV Commission following her guilty plea and declared the position vacant.

SCETV does not believe that this matter has any significant bearing on its FCC licensee character qualifications or its stewardship of its broadcast stations. The matters to which Ms. Holland pleaded guilty were in no way connected to her involvement with SCETV or to SCETV’s broadcast station operations. Moreover, as noted above, Ms. Holland is no longer a member of the SCETV Commission nor associated with SCETV or its broadcast stations.