

Alpha Media Licensee, LLC – Brookings, SD 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 and entered into a consent decree with the Commission on July 22. In Alpha’s Brookings, SD cluster, there were no instances in which political advertising information was uploaded late to the online file after July 22.

Moreover, our review of the online public file revealed a late upload of KDBX’s Q1 2019 issues/programs list. Specifically, KDBX uploaded the Q1 2019 issues/programs list approximately three months late due to an administrative oversight.

Additionally, all stations in the Brookings, SD cluster uploaded their 2019 EEO Public File Report late due to an administrative oversight. Specifically, each of the stations in the cluster uploaded their 2019 EEO Public File Report approximately 17 days late.

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