

Certification Regarding Compliance with Core Programming Processing Guidelines

The station aired an average of at least three hours per stream of regularly scheduled educational/informational (“E/I”) programming each week during the license term while such requirement was in place and has aired at least three hours of regularly scheduled E/I programming per week since September 16, 2019 (when the current Commission processing guidelines went into effect). However, some episodes of E/I programming that aired on the station’s Fox-affiliated primary stream were preempted by the network’s coverage of sporting events and not rescheduled on the “second home” during the fourth quarter of 2016 through the third quarter of 2019. As a result, these episodes do not count toward the station’s “Core Programming” hours for the quarter, and the station cannot certify with respect to such quarter that it fully satisfied the Core Programming processing guidelines that were in place at that time. We note that because the station provided notice to consumers of the rescheduled date and time for the vast majority of the preempted episodes and most of these rescheduled programs aired between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. and within seven days of the originally scheduled air date, the station would have been able to certify compliance for all but one quarter under the Commission’s current processing guidelines, which eliminated the second home requirement.

The station is committed to serving the educational and informational needs of children, as demonstrated by its broadcast and non-broadcast efforts. As noted in the station’s Children’s Television Programming Reports throughout the license term, station staff regularly visited local elementary schools to read to students and speak about careers in broadcasting. The station’s meteorologists have spoken with students about using science in weather forecasting and helped students at a local elementary school with rain shadow projects. The station has also hosted numerous educational station tours for students in the community and helped sponsor a fund raiser for the local Boys and Girls Clubs.