

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 were preempted by the network’s coverage of sporting events or non-breaking news coverage and not rescheduled on the “second home” for the third and fourth quarters of 2016, first and fourth quarters of 2017, first, second, and third quarters of 2018, and the first and second quarters 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 quarters 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 quarters 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 participate in community events such as Dr. Seuss’s Read Across America Day, Toys for Tots, One Classroom at a Time, and events for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital among others. News anchors and reporters also participate as guest speakers at local fundraisers and education seminars for local non-profit organizations. The station has also hosted numerous educational station tours for students in the community.