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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Arthur Emerson
President and CEO
KLRN Television
P.O. Box 9
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Dear Mr. Emerson,

RE: Evaluation of KLRN Television Compliance with Selected Diversity Requirements Included in the Television Community Service Grants General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria, Report No. ECT2304-2307

The evaluation referenced above concluded that KLRN-TV (KLRN) was generally compliant with CPB requirements to provide a Diversity Statement but did not fully report on two aspects of the requirements as stated in the General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria (General Provisions). These General Provisions govern the 2023 community service grant awarded to KLRN by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

The specific findings and CPB's determinations for KLRN follow.

I. Diversity Statement

The Communications Act requires CPB to support diverse non-commercial, educational content for unserved and underserved audiences. CPB's goal, therefore, is to support stations in providing a wide variety of educational, informational, and cultural content that addresses the following elements of diversity: gender, age, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, national origin, and economic status. Towards this end, the General Provisions for the applicable years, requires grantees to annually review their diversity goals and any revisions thereto with their governing board or licensee, and maintain on its website or at its central office a diversity statement that reflects on the elements of diversity that are important to its public media work, the extent to which staff and governance reflect such diversity, the progress made to increase its diversity in the last two to three years, and diversity plans for the coming year¹.

The evaluation found that KLRN had not fully reported the progress it made to increase its diversity in the last two to three years and had not reported on the grantee's diversity plans for the coming year. Consequently, the audit report recommended that CPB require KLRN to update its Diversity Statement to meet the requirements. In its April 11, 2023 correspondence to the Office of Inspector General², KLRN

¹ General Provisions, Section 5, Diversity Statement.

² Exhibit D of the audit report.

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explained that it will update its Diversity Statement and created an annual plan for maintaining compliance with the provision. Consequently, the Office of Inspector General stated in its report that it considered its recommendation resolved but open pending CPB's management's decision accepting the station's corrective actions to ensure future compliance. We accept KLRN's April 11, 2023 correspondence describing actions it will take to ensure future compliance. No further documentation is required.

Action: No further action is required of KLRN.

II. CSG Non-compliance Policy

CPB adopted the CSG Non-compliance Policy to encourage grantees to comply with the applicable provisions governing their CSG and the Communications Act. Stations are subject to a penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply with a category in the General Provisions. Considering the prompt action KLRN took to correct the issues, and because CPB is currently reviewing the Diversity Statement requirements, we will not assess a penalty.

Action: No further action is required of KLRN.

If you wish CPB to consider additional information relating to this matter, please provide the same in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter. Otherwise, CPB will consider these determinations final, and no further action is required of KLRN.

Kind regards,

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