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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Myrna Johnson  
Executive Director  
Iowa Public Radio  
2111 Grand Avenue, Suite 100  
Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Ms. Johnson,

RE: Evaluation of WOI-FM, Iowa Public Radio Compliance with Selected Communications Act and Transparency Requirements (Report No. ECR2210-2211)

The evaluation referenced above concluded that WOI-FM (WOI) was compliant with seven of eight select requirements in the Communications Act of 1932, 47 U.S.C. §396, et sec. (Communications Act), and in the General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria (General Provisions) governing the 2021 community service grant (CSG) awarded it by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

The specific finding and CPB's determination for WOI follow.

The Communications Act requires that stations provide advance notice of their open governing body meetings, open governing body committee meetings, and community advisory board meetings and CPB finds stations compliant if they provide at least seven-days' advance notice by posting notice on the station's website<sup>1</sup>. The evaluation found that WOI did not provide adequate notice for two of six public meetings of its governing body committees, giving six instead of seven days' advance notice.

The report recommended that CPB require WOI identify the corrective actions and controls it will implement to address this issue. In its July response, WOI explained that it had put procedures in place and will post advance notice separate from the meeting agenda, often available weeks in advance on its website. Considering WOI's representations, we require no further documentation.

CPB adopted the CSG Non-compliance Policy to encourage grantees to comply with the applicable provisions governing their CSG and the Communications Act. Failure to comply with a category in the Communications Act subjects the station to a penalty of \$5,000. Considering the prompt action WOI took to correct the issue, its compliance representations, and the overall results of the report, we will assess a reduced penalty of \$2,500 for failure to provide advance notice of its governing body committee meetings.

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<sup>1</sup> Compliance Booklet, Section 1.E. Notice of Open Meetings details the various methods of giving notice.

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Action: WOI must provide the \$2,500 penalty to CPB for its non-compliance within 45 days of the date of this correspondence. Accordingly, please forward a check payable to CPB, to the attention of Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 401 Ninth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-2129.

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 WOI must comply with the actions set forth above. CPB reserves the right to take any other action it deems appropriate until these issues are resolved to CPB's satisfaction.

Kind regards,

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