



Request Details

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Requester : Cecilia Kang	Perfected Date : 02/24/2017
Organization : New York Times	Last Assigned Date : 02/24/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$25.00
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State/Province : DC	
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Submission Details

Case File

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Review

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to No the Public :	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 02/24/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date:
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Yes Requested :	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff related to media regulation. I would like any emails, letters, documents and phone logs of communications between officials at the firm and outside law firms representing Sinclair and F.C.C. Chairman and his staff, including but not limited to Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff. In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The New York Times and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use. If you estimate that there will be fees associated with this request that exceed \$1,000, please inform me. If you have questions about handling this request, you may telephone me on my mobile phone at (b) (6) or by email at Cecilia.kang@nytimes.com. Sincerely, Cecilia Kang

Description Available to the No Public :

Has Description Been Yes Modified?


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Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff related to media regulation. I would like any emails, letters, documents and phone logs of communications between officials at the firm and outside law firms representing Sinclair and F.C.C. Chairman and his staff, including but not limited to Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff. In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The New York Times and this request is

Additional Information

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the No
Public :

Attached File	Type	Size (MB)	Remove
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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 16, 2017

Ms. Cecilia Kang
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Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000390

Dear Ms. Kang:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on February 24, 2017, seeking "internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff [from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017.]"¹ We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.²

We searched the records of the office of Chairman Pai and we located 21 pages of documents responsive to your request which we release here in full.³

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media."⁴ As an "educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission's rules.⁵ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA

¹ See FOIAonline (*FOIA Request 2017-000390* (submitted Feb. 23, 2017, and perfected Feb. 24, 2017)); see also emails between Joanne Wall and Cecilia Kang (Feb. 24, 2017). The emails and a related oral exchange the same day clarified the timeframe and the scope for the FOIA request and deleted the request for "emails, letters, documents and phone logs of communications between officials at the firm and outside law firms representing Sinclair and F.C.C. Chairman and his staff, including but not limited to Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff."

² See email from Ryan Yates, Attorney Advisor, FCC, to Ms. Kang (Feb. 24, 2017).

³ Due to a technical glitch, a number of sentences are only partially displayed on pages 16 and 17 of the attachment, but those sentences can be found in full on pages 18 and 19 of the attachment.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁶

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁷ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action."

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,
Performance Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lyle
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Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer

Attachment

Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:58 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Thanks! We are reviewing and will get back to you soon.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgtn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Mathew,

I haven't heard from Lori and wanted to make sure you had these details as well. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Crazy times, huh?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:56 PM
To: 'Lori Alexiou' <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Lori,

Exciting times, to say the least! I am sure the Commissioner will be in increasing demand in the coming weeks, making me feel lucky to have locked this in before the election! By way of reminder:

WHAT: The Commissioner will address our annual fly-in of all our General Managers (around 100), plus some senior execs. Topic should focus on the important role that GMs play in their market, localism, etc., plus whatever he wants to discuss. Session will be off the record.

WHERE: Four Seasons, Baltimore.

WHEN: His "session" is set from 12:45 to 1:15, but it can be shorter, e.g., if he wants to speak for 15 minutes and take questions for 10, that would be fine. Lunch starts at noon, so if he and Matthew would like to come early and have lunch with a few of us, that would be great!

MEETING AFTERWARD: Would he have time to meet with our CEO, David Smith, for a few minutes after his session?

TRAVEL LOGISTICS: There is an Amtrak train leaving Union Station at 11:10, which arrives in Baltimore at 11:51 (84 NE Regional), or an Acela that leaves at 11:00 and arrives at 11:32. I will be there to get them and bring them to the Four Seasons. If he can meet with David Smith afterwards, we could get them on the 2:19 Acela, which arrives back in Union Station at 2:53.

Can we confirm all of this on Monday? I am free all afternoon to chat.

Rebecca

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From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Thanks Rebecca and thanks for your patience on this.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Terrific, Matthew. Thanks so much for confirming. Lori, I will be in touch later this week with details.

Rebecca

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From: Matthew Berry [<mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Rebecca,

Commissioner Pai is able to make it. Please coordinate with Lori in terms of the specific schedule.

Thanks,
Matthew

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

Rebecca

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From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Re: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Thanks for sending, Rebecca! And thanks to the team for covering this in such depth -- many sad stories here that need to be told.

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's office!

You may have heard that Congress passed sweeping legislation last month addressing painkiller abuse and the heroin addiction that often follows.

Since 2013, Sinclair has produced hundreds of local news stories and 11 town halls about the devastating impact of opioid misuse in our communities, how it got to this point, and what local leaders are doing about it. Many of these stories are archived on our stations' websites in our digital series "*Hooked on Heroin*". Attached is a list of links to around 70 of our more recent stories from stations across the country.

WJLA, our ABC affiliate here in DC, recently ran a six-part investigative series on the "*Heroin Highway*", following the path of suppliers and addicts along Interstates 70 and 81 through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. Here is the first installment. <http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-highway-part-1-baltimore-lets-start-at-the-beginning>

This is just one way that Sinclair Broadcast Group informs and empowers our local communities on issues that impact us at home and on a national level.

Rebecca

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Birmingham, AL - WBMA

- "What Alabama doctors are doing to curb the opioid abuse epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/news/local/what-alabama-doctors-are-doing-to-curb-the-opioid-abuse-epidemic>
- "Hoover not immune to heroin epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/station/talk-of-alabama/hoover-not-immune-to-heroin-epidemic>
- "ABC 33/40 Town Hall – Battling Heroin"
<http://abc3340.com/news/videos/abc-3340-town-hall-battling-heroin>

Mobile, AL-Pensacola, FL - WPMI

- "Heroin drug abuse on the rise"
<http://local15tv.com/news/local/heroin-drug-abuse-on-the-rise>

Bakersfield, CA - KBAK

- "Heroin abuse resources in Kern County"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-kern-county>
- "Heroin-related deaths in U.S. nearly quadruple"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/health/heroin-related-deaths-in-us-nearly-quadruple>

Fresno-Visalia, CA - KMPH

- "Heroin abuse resources in Fresno County"
<http://kmp-hkfre.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-fresno-county>

Washington, DC - WJLA

- "Town Hall in Va. Raises awareness to heroin drug abuse"
<http://wjla.com/news/local/town-hall-in-va-raises-awareness-to-heroin-drug-abuse>
- "Former Congressmen Gingrich and Kennedy working to curb opioid addiction"
<http://wjla.com/news/nation-world/former-congressmen-gingrich-and-kennedy-working-to-curb-opioid-addiction>
- "Heroin Highway"
<http://wjla.com/news/news-talk/heroin-highway>
- "Warning signs of heroin addiction"
<http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/warning-signs-of-heroin-addiction>

West Palm Beach-Fort Pierce, FL - WPEC

- "Delray Police Chief Eyes New Position To Tackle City's Heroin Problem"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/delray-police-chief-eyes-new-position-to-tackle-citys-heroin-problem>

- "Police addressing increased heroin problems"
<http://cbs12.com/news/local/police-addressing-increased-heroin-problems>
- "Heroin Help: Local Resources"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-12-2016>

Albany, GA - WFXL

- "The dangers of flakka, heroin"
<http://wfxl.com/news/local/the-dangers-of-flakka-heroin>

Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Dubuque, IA - KGAN

- "Iowa gets \$4 million in drug addiction funds in Obama plan"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/iowa-gets-4-million-in-drug-addiction-funds-in-obama-plan-07-05-2016>
- "Iowa Heroin Deaths Rise"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/iowa-heroin-deaths-rise>
- "Fight to end heroin abuse continues during town hall"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/fight-to-end-heroin-abuse-continues-during-town-hall>
- "U.S. Attorney for Iowa's Northern District Kevin Techau talks about fighting heroin in IA"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/iowa-in-focus/us-attorney-for-iowas-northern-district-kevin-techau-talks-about-fighting-heroin-in-ia>

Sioux City, IA - KMEG

- "Heroin overdoses are becoming prevalent, but how about in Siouxland?"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-overdoes-are-becoming-prevalent-but-how-about-in-siouxland>
- "Heroin help: Local resources"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-23-2016>
- "EMTs use Narcan to fight heroin epidemic"
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/local/emts-use-narcan-to-fight-heroin-epidemic>

Champaign-Springfield-Decatur, IL - WICS

- "Kincaid Police: 'We're Going After Drug Dealers'"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/kincaid-police-were-going-after-drug-dealers>
- "New Drug Treatment Center Opens in Macoupin County"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/new-drug-treatment-center-opens-in-macoupin-county>
- "Springfield Police See 'Explosion' in Heroin Use"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/springfield-police-see-explosion-in-heroin-use>

- “Fighting Heroin Use in Logan County”
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/fighting-heroin-use-in-logan-county>

Baltimore, MD - WBFF

- “Heroin crisis: From addict to advocate”
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/heroin-crisis-from-addict-to-advocate>
- “Public health, law enforcement officials discuss heroin epidemic at Towson University”
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/public-health-law-enforcement-officials-discuss-heroin-epidemic-at-towson-university>

Flint-Saginaw-Bay City, MI - WEYI

- “Father using son’s death from heroin overdose as inspiration to save others”
<http://nbc25news.com/news/local/father-using-sons-death-from-heroin-overdose-as-inspiration-to-save-others>

Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI - WWMT

- “Program could provide millions to fight opioid abuse”
<http://wwmt.com/news/state/program-could-provide-millions-to-fight-heroin-abuse>

Columbia-Jefferson City, MO - KRCG

- “Jessica and the heroin epidemic: something to talk about”
<http://krcgtv.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-something-to-talk-about>

St. Louis, MO - KDNL

- “St. Louis Heroin Epidemic: The Toll It Takes On Families”
<http://abcstlouis.com/st-louis-heroin-epidemic-the-toll-it-takes-on-families>

Las Vegas, NV - KSNV

- “Heroin overdose deaths on the rise in Clark County”
<http://news3lv.com/news/local/heroin-overdose-deaths-on-rise-in-clark-county>

Albany-Schneectady-Troy, NY - WRGB

- “Dozens trained to use overdose reversal drug Naloxone”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/dozens-trained-to-use-overdose-reversal-drug-naloxone>
- “Governor signs package of heroin bills to stop epidemic”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/new-york-sets-7-day-limit-on-initial-opioid-prescriptions>
- “NY Gov. Cuomo, lawmakers agree on plan to combat heroin”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/ny-gov-cuomo-lawmakers-agree-on-plan-to-combat-heroin-06-14-2016>

- “Local mom pushes for bill to charge drug dealers as murderers”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/saratoga-springs-man-indicted-for-distributing-heroin>

Cincinnati, OH - WKRC

- “DEA produces video warning police about dangers of Fentanyl”
<http://local12.com/news/local/dea-produces-video-warning-police-about-dangers-of-fentanyl>
- “NKY Hates Heroin holds annual 5k race”
<http://local12.com/news/local/nky-hates-heroin-holds-annual-5k-race>
- “Out of jail, off drugs: Hamilton County copies successful detox program”
<http://local12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/thursday-at-6-out-of-jail-off-drugs>
- “New addiction recovery center opens in West Chester”
<http://local12.com/news/local/new-addiction-recovery-center-opens-in-west-chester>
- “Report: NKY top of list for drug overdoses”
<http://local12.com/news/local/report-nky-top-of-list-for-drug-overdoses>

Columbus, OH - WSYX

- “Dublin: First district in Ohio to have naloxone in its schools”
<http://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/dublin-to-have-naloxone-in-all-20-of-its-schools>

Dayton, OH - WKEF/WRGT

- “Agencies combine to fight back against heroin addiction”
<http://abc22now.com/news/local/agencies-combine-to-fight-back-against-heroin-addiction>

Toledo, OH - WNWO

- “Lucas Co. Sheriff to speak with White House officials about local heroin epidemic”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/lucas-county-sheriff-to-speak-in-dc-about-local-heroin-epidemic>
- “Your Voice, Your Future Roundtable: Heroin – The Ohio Epidemic”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/your-voice-your-future-roundtable-heroin-the-ohio-epidemic>
- “25 arrested, indicted after 7-month drug investigation in Hancock County”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/25-arrested-indicted-after-7-month-drug-investigation-in-hancock-county>
- “Hundreds attend Rep. Latta’s forum on opiate abuse in Findlay”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/hundreds-attend-rep-lattas-forum-on-opiate-abuse-in-findlay>
- “Powerful new synthetic drug creeps into Northwest Ohio”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/powerful-new-synthetic-drug-creeps-into-northwest-ohio>

Eugene, OR - KMTR

- "Heroin use a growing epidemic on Oregon's South Coast"
<http://nbc16.com/news/local/heroin-use-a-growing-epidemic-on-oregons-south-coast>

Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA - WHP

- "Dauphin Co. leaders outline efforts to combat heroin epidemic"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/dauphin-co-leaders-outline-efforts-to-combat-heroin-epidemic>
- "Heroin epidemic made worse by mixing in painkiller, coroner says"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-made-worse-by-mixing-in-painkiller-coroner-says>

Charleston, SC - WCIV

- "Heroin-related deaths surge across U.S., Lowcountry"
<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/heroin-related-deaths-surge-across-us-lowcountry>

Columbia, SC - WACH

- "Lexington County Coroner attributes 12 deaths with mixing heroin"
<http://wach.com/news/local/lexington-county-coroner-attributes-12-deaths-with-mixing-heroin>

Greenville-Spartanburg, SC-Ashville, NC-Anderson, SC - WLOS

- "Heroin epidemic hits home for mountain family"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-hits-home-for-mountain-family>
- "Town Hall: Heroin epidemic in WNC"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/town-hall-heroin-epidemic-in-western-north-carolina>

Chattanooga, TN - WTVC

- "Recovering heroin addict shares his story"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/recovering-heroin-addict-shares-his-story>
- "More Parents Drug Testing Kids to Fight Heroin Addiction"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/local/more-parents-drug-testing-kids-to-fight-heroin-addiction>
- "Local addiction fighters respond to Obama's plans to combat drug use with \$1.1 billion"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/local-addiction-fighters-respond-to-obamas-plans-to-combat-drug-use-with-11-billion>

Nashville, TN - WZTV

- "Prescription pills crackdown sparks heroin abuse spike in Tennessee"
<http://fox17.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/prescription-pills-crackdown-sparks-heroin-abuse-spike-in-tennessee>

Amarillo, TX - KVII

- "Drug agencies report more heroin coming through Amarillo"
<http://abc7amarillo.com/news/local/drug-agencies-report-more-heroin-coming-through-amarillo>

Austin, TX - KEYE

- "Heroin help: Resources in Austin"
<http://keyetv.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-help-resources-in-austin>

El Paso, TX - KFOX

- "Heroin abuse increases nationwide and in the Borderland"
<http://kfoxtv.com/archive/heroin-abuse-increases-nationwide-and-in-the-borderland>
- "Local recovery center local addiction numbers continue to grow"
<http://kfoxtv.com/news/local/local-recovery-center-local-heroin-addiction-numbers-continue-to-grow>

San Antonio, TX - WOAI

- "Inside heroin addiction"
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/inside-heroin-addiction>
- "Heroin addiction, deaths on the rise"
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/heroin-addiction-deaths-on-the-rise>

Seattle, WA - KOMO

- "SPD creating safety guidelines to protect officers, police dogs from drugs"
<http://komonews.com/news/local/spd-creating-safety-guidelines-to-protect-officers-police-dogs-from-drugs>

Green Bay-Appleton, WI - WLUK

- "Local group continues the battle against heroin and other illicit drugs"
<http://fox11online.com/news/local/fox-cities/local-group-continues-the-battle-against-heroin-and-other-illicit-drugs>

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Subject: Fw: Demo in Las Vegas

Room number for the 1:30 demo at Wynn is below

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori -

The demo will be taking place in the Wynn Tower Suite 2301 (next to room 2317).

From: Catherine Farley
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Lori Alexiou; Rebecca Hanson
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori --

Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry are confirmed for 1:30pm on Monday, April 18th. The demo will be taking place at a suite within the Wynn Tower. I won't know the suite number until Saturday. Once I find out I will let you know. Thank you.

Catherine Farley
Office: (703) 236-9238
Cell: (571) 329-3912
cfarley@sbgstv.com
1100 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, VA 22209



From: Lori Alexiou [mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>

Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Catherine,

I am still holding 1:00 pm on Monday, April 18th for this demo for Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry. Would you please send me the details?

Thank you.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

No worries at all, Lori. We can catch the Commissioner up at the Show. I am copying Catherine Farley of my office who will be managing all the demos, and she will confirm this slot with you shortly. But please hold it for now.

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:54 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Subject: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for understanding about today's meeting. I sorry it was so last minute. Matthew asked me to contact you to schedule a time for the demo at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas on April 18th. Please let me know if around 1 or 2 pm in the afternoon works on your end. If not, please let me know your availability and we will work something out.

Thanks again.

Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Commissioner Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

Joanne Wall

From: Alana J. LaFlore <ajLaFlore@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Hello,

I'm writing about the speech Commission Pai gave back in April about contraband cell phones. His remarks are mentioned in this article. <http://money.cnn.com/2016/04/07/technology/prison-cell-phones/>
Have steps been taken to move forward to such a block? What is the current status?

Thank you for your help. I'm on a hard deadline of Wednesday night (11/09).

Alana LaFlore

Multimedia Journalist

NewsChannel 9 – WTVN – Chattanooga

Sinclair Broadcast Group

Mobile: 423-421-7718 **Email:** ajlaflore@newschannel9.com

Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: WJLA Reporting Improves Fredericksburg 911 Policy

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's Office.

I have followed with interest your commitment to direct 911 calling, and, while not exactly on topic, I thought you might be interested in this 911 story. It is a good example of local broadcast investigative news changing local policies that can ultimately end up saving lives.

<http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/fredericksburg-dispatch-changes-policy-following-abc-7-investigation>

Just imagine how much more we could do if the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule were gone. We appreciate your efforts, though!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Sinclair Announces First Diversity Scholarship Winners!
Attachments: Sinclair Scholarship Press Release.pdf

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's office!

I thought you might be interested in meeting the inaugural class of Sinclair's broadcast diversity scholars. We launched a \$500,000 scholarship fund back in February to invest in future broadcast talent. We are very excited about this program and look forward to see it grow over the coming years. Here they are!

<https://vimeo.com/174374177>

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy, Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (o), 202-256-2116 (c)

Today Sinclair Broadcast Group announced its 2016 scholarship recipients. The \$500,000 Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 to reward students aspiring to careers in broadcast journalism. Sinclair staff across the country chose nine exceptional applicants, all of whom share Sinclair's desire to make a positive difference in their communities. These students are extremely talented and include first generation college students, volunteers for local charities, interns at local radio and TV broadcast stations, writers and producers for college newspapers and presidents of associations.

The Fund complements Sinclair's existing widespread internship program as well as Sinclair's long-standing relationships with numerous colleges, including historically black colleges and universities in markets where Sinclair has stations. This Fund is another way for Sinclair to invest in the future of broadcast television, by ensuring that students dedicated to careers in broadcasting can complete their educations.

Congratulations to the inaugural class of Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund recipients!

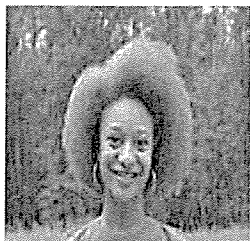


Elijah Baker is from Southfield, Michigan.

Elijah attends the Wayne State University and majors in Broadcast Journalism. He volunteers at the Wo inner-city youth. He is a member of his school's Journalism Institute for Media Diversity and writes we his school's newspaper.

Maria Rodriguez is from Delano, California.

Maria attends California State University, Bakersfield, and double majors in Spanish and Commu Journalism. She is a member of the Bakersfield Women's Business Conference R.O.S.E. mentee progr multimedia reporter at her school's newspaper, The Runner.



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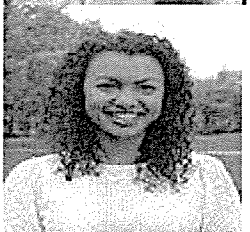
Charlie Kadado is from Macomb, Michigan.

Charlie attends the Wayne State University and majors in Broadcast Journalism. He works as a re government-owned station. There he covers local crime, courts and schools for a weekly news program.



Barbara Estrada is from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Barbara attends the University of Southern California and is majoring in broadcast journalism. She producer and assignment desk editor for USC's Annenberg TV. She is also the president and founder of Hispanic Journalists chapter.



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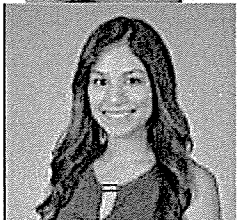
Zahra Haider is from Houston, Texas.

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Jasmine Arenas is from Compton, California.

Jasmine attends California State University, Fullerton, and is majoring in Communications. She is the pr Tourism club at her school. She is a reporter, producer and content manager for her school's online mag



Judith Saldivar is from Hanford, California.

Judith attends California State University, Fresno, and is majoring in Mass Communication and Journa local Radio and Television Digital News Association club. She also interns at a local radio broadcast sta



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SINCLAIR BROADCAST DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS \$43,000

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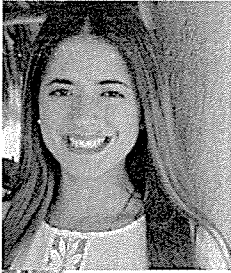
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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Cc: Amanda Ota
Subject: Thank you both so much!

Ajit and Matthew,

Thank you again for being the stars of our show at this year's Sinclair GM Summit. All of our stations truly appreciate your support and your *belief* in what they do.

I mentioned to Ajit the movie I am currently obsessed with and provide the link here. *Zero Days*: Award-winning doc about the Stuxnet virus and the dawn of global cyberwarfare. It is a must see for every American! <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/>

I realize you will be busy in the coming weeks with respect to the transition, but since the FCC voting agenda seems to have come to a screeching halt, we would love to come in at some point after Thanksgiving to walk you through all that we are doing in the area of drones and cyber security.

Just let me know!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:48 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Phone Rules?

From: Tom Gdisis [mailto:tgdisis@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: Phone Rules?

Hi, Ajit, you spoke at our KAB convention last week in Wichita. I'm with KSAS-TV & KMTW-TV. I had a request. Look into the rules that we need to have a toll-free number for our viewers in each city we have a transmitter. Consumers can now reach us via email and website without charge. Most phone services do not charge long distance when dialing within the state.

Thanks

Tom "Gateway" Gdisis
My TV Wichita Station Manager (KMTW) 36.1
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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

April 14, 2017

Ms. Cecilia Kang
New York Times
1627 I Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006
cecilia.kang@nytimes.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000390

Dear Ms. Kang:

This supplements our initial response¹ to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on February 24, 2017, seeking "internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff [from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017.]"²

As part of the *Initial Response*, we searched the records of the office of Chairman Pai and we located 21 pages of documents responsive to your request which we released to you in full.

On March 16, 2017, before releasing the *Initial Response*, we clarified with you that you were seeking *any* records (and not simply records regarding media regulation) between Sinclair and the Chairman or his staff from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017. Because our search had been limited to records regarding media regulation, we agreed to release the documents that we had already located responsive to the initial search with the *Initial Response* and to conduct a supplemental search for *any* records between Sinclair and the Chairman or his staff from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017. We accordingly searched the office of the Chairman for *any* documents between Sinclair and the Chairman or his staff during the relevant timeframe and we located an additional two pages of documents which we release to you in full today.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial

¹ See letter from Elizabeth Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FCC, to Cecilia Kang (Mar. 16, 2017) (*Initial Response*).

² See FOIAonline (*FOIA Request 2017-000390* (submitted Feb. 23, 2017, and perfected Feb. 24, 2017)); see also emails between Joanne Wall and Ms. Kang (Feb. 24, 2017). The emails and a related oral exchange the same day clarified the timeframe and the scope for the FOIA request and deleted the request for "emails, letters, documents and phone logs of communications between officials at the firm and outside law firms representing Sinclair and F.C.C. Chairman and his staff, including but not limited to Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff."

scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”³ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.⁴ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁵

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁶ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action.”

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

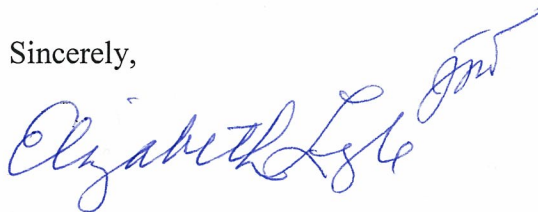
⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer

Attachments

Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Smith, Gordon
Cc: Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: Link to movie "Zero Days"

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Fun fact: When Obama pardoned Chelsea Manning, he also pardoned James Cartwright, former vice chairman of the US Joint Chiefs, for his association with leaks of classified info about the Stuxnet program to the New York Times, which first broke the story.

Rebecca Hanson

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From: Smith, Gordon [mailto:gsmith@nab.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Cc: Ajit Pai (Ajit.Pai@FCC.gov)
Subject: Re: Link to movie "Zero Days"
Thank you, Rebecca. I am already looking forward to watching it.

Gordon H. Smith
President/CEO

On Feb 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

As I mentioned at lunch today, I think every American should see this movie, to understand how vulnerable we are to cyberattacks.

Ajit, you should consider this research on cyber issues!

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

See it this weekend! It is available on Amazon.

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Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000406	Submitted Date : 02/28/2017
 Requester : Cecilia Kang	Perfected Date : 02/28/2017
Organization : New York Times	Last Assigned Date : 02/28/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Email Address : cecilia.kang@nytimes.com	Request Track : Expedited
Phone Number : (b) (6)	Due Date : 04/11/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6) (Office of General Counsel)
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City : Washington	
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Submission Details

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Review

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to No the Public :	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 02/28/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date:
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : Yes
Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable	0.461(g)(1)(i) - need to search offices separate from office processing request.
Expedited Processing Yes Requested :	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	Litigation : No

Request Description

Short Description : N/A

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the White House, including senior adviser Jared Kushner, and the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioner Michael O'Reilly. The request pertains to the period of January 1, 2016 to the present. The subjects include, but are not limited to media matters, including the names CNN and Sinclair. In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The New York Times and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use. If you estimate that there will be fees associated with this request that exceed \$1,000, please inform me. If you have questions about handling this request, you may telephone me on my mobile phone at (b) (6) or by email at Cecilia.kang@nytimes.com. Sincerely, Cecilia Kang

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Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Pai, Kushner and Sinclair

Attached Supporting Files

No supporting files have been added.



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 7, 2017

Cecilia Kang
New York Times
1627 I St NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006
Via e-mail to Cecilia.kang@nytimes.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-406

Ms. Kang:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for “internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the White House, including senior adviser Jared Kushner, and the offices of Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioner Michael [O’Rielly]. The request pertains to the period of January 1, 2016 to the present.” Your request has been assigned FOIA Control No. 2017-406.

The Office of the Chairman and the office of Commissioner O’Rielly searched for responsive records. We have located four pages of responsive agency records. Some records have been redacted under FOIA Exemption 6.¹ Exemption 6 protects “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” Balancing the public’s right to disclosure against the individual’s right to privacy, we have determined that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The redactions consist of the names and contact information of White House personnel who handled the records.

We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the privacy interest of the persons mentioned in these records, which Exemption 6 is intended to protect.

We are required by both the FOIA and the Commission’s own rules to charge requesters certain fees associated with the costs of searching for, reviewing, and duplicating the sought after information.² To calculate the appropriate fee, requesters are classified as: (1) commercial use requesters; (2) educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media; or (3) all other requesters.³

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¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

² See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A), 47 C.F.R. § 0.470.

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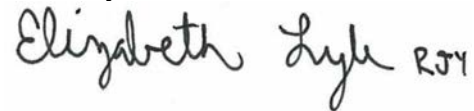
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Lyle R54". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures
cc: FCC FOIA Office

From: [Ajit Pai](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Appointee Information Sheet
Date: Friday, February 17, 2017 10:00:00 AM
Attachments: [Pai Appointee Information Sheet.pdf](#)

Hello (b) (6)

Thank you very much for getting in touch! As requested, attached is the form, which I've filled out. If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best,
Ajit

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 7:34 PM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: Appointee Information Sheet

Chairman Pai,

Please fill out the attached form and return to me at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions feel welcome to reach out to me or (b) (6)

Thanks,

(b) (6)
Deputy Associate Director
White House Presidential Personnel Office

From: [Lori Alexiou](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:58:00 AM

Thanks (b) (6)

Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Lori,

(b) (6) will call Chairman Pai at 1:30. Thank you for your help in setting this up.

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:53 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Yes, 1:30 works for us. Would you like us to call? If you would rather call, my direct number is 202-418-2001 and Chairman Pai's direct is (b) (6).

Please let me know what works best for you.

Thank you.
Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Lori,

(b) is free for most of this afternoon. Could we aim for 1:30?

Thank you,

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:27 AM

To: (b) (6)

Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Hi (b) (6)

Please let me know when you would like to schedule this call and I will make it happen on our end!

Thanks so much.

Lori

Lori Alexiou
Confidential Assistant
Office of Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554
202-418-2001

-----Original Message-----

From: Ajit Pai

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:24 AM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Hello (b) (6)

Thank you for your message! I'd be very happy to chat with (b) as soon as possible. If it's not too much trouble, I've cc'ed my confidential assistant, Lori Alexiou, to find a mutually convenient time.

Best,

Ajit

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:20 AM

To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>

Subject: FCC/White House PPO Brief

Chairman Pai,

I am emailing you from the White House Office of Presidential Personnel. The FCC is one of the organizations in (b) (6) portfolio and he is hoping to find some time this week or next to discuss appointments and the

general state of the FCC going forward. If you could give me a list of times and a number for him to call that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

White House Office of Presidential Personnel

Office: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission
ATTN: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
445-12th Street, SW, Room 1-A836
Washington, DC 20554

April 18, 2017

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records: All communications between executives of and lobbyists from Sinclair Broadcast Group (including Rebecca Hanson, Doron Gorsheim, David Dennison Smith, Christopher S. Ripley, Barry M. Faber, David Gibber, John Solomon, and David B. Amy) and the FCC's leadership (including Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, Matthew Berry, Nick Degani, Nathan Leamer, Alison Nemeth, and Brendan Carr), between November 9, 2016 and today.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the possibility of the FCC altering or waiving media ownership limits. That is of current interest to the public as numerous media reports (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-03-08/new-tv-rules-under-gop-led-fcc-could-lead-to-m-a-free-for-all>, <https://www.bna.com/trumps-fcc-expected-n57982082852>) have indicated this is likely with the new FCC majority and that Sinclair is seeking such a change.

This information is being sought on behalf of ThinkProgress.org (an online news service) for dissemination to the general public and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. I am a reporter with ThinkProgress, an online news site with a national audience seeking these documents entirely for news-gathering purposes.

I would like to receive the information in the following format: electronic.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it has a huge interest in who owns media outlets, how those limits are set, and the relationship between corporations and the people making those determinations. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information because the FCC is expected to act in the immediate future in response to Sinclair's requests and without transparency, the public will not know who has been lobbying its leadership on this issue and how. News reports indicate action could come "as soon as April."

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Josh Israel

On April 18, 2017:

Thank you for contacting the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requester Service Center at the Federal Communications Commission. On December 14, 2016, the Commission adopted an Order amending its rules implementing the FOIA. One of the changes made was that the FCC would no longer accept FOIA requests via facsimile or email. Therefore we are not accepting requests through this email address (FOIA@fcc.gov) and this address will no longer be monitored for incoming requests.

In order to submit this request, please resend it via one of the following two options:

1. You may submit your request electronically through FOIAonline. By accepting submissions in this manner, the FCC seeks to make the processing of FOIA requests more efficient and provide requesters with a means of tracking the status of their request. FOIAonline is easy to use. You can submit a single request as a guest, or sign up as a registered user for additional capabilities. You can access FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/>, choose "Make a FOIA Request" and, using the drop down menu, select Federal Communications Commission.
2. You may send your request via surface mail. If you choose this option you must: (a) write the words "Freedom of Information Act Request" at the top of your letter and on the outside of the mailing envelope, (b) date your request, (c) give us your daytime telephone number and/or daytime e-mail contact address so that our staff can get in touch with you during normal business hours if they have questions, and (d) provide as much information as possible regarding each document you are seeking. You should also specify the maximum search fee that you are prepared to pay for this request. Send your letter to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A836
Washington, D.C. 20554

Our apologies for any inconvenience. Should you encounter problems with submitting your request, feel free to contact us at (202) 418-0440.

Sincerely,

Federal Communications Commission
Freedom of Information Act Requester Service Center

On April 18, 2017:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on March 21, 2017. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

On March 21, 2017:

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records: All communications between executives of and lobbyists from Sinclair Broadcast Group (including Rebecca Hanson, Doron Gorsheim, David Dennison Smith, Christopher S. Ripley, Barry M. Faber, David Gibber, John Solomon, and David B. Amy) and the FCC's leadership (including Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, Matthew Berry, Nick Degani, Nathan Leamer, Alison Nemeth, and Brendan Carr), between November 9, 2016 and today.

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I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Josh Israel

Filed via MuckRock.com

E-mail (Preferred): (b) (6) @requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock

DEPT MR 35235

411A Highland Ave

Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

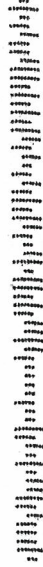
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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 24, 2017

Mr. Josh Israel
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Somerville, MA 02144-2516
(b) (6) @requests.muckrock.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000561

Dear Mr. Israel:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on April 28, 2017 (*FOIA Request*), seeking “[a]ll communications between executives of and lobbyists from Sinclair Broadcast Group (including Rebecca Hanson, Doron Gorsheim, David Dennison Smith, Christopher S. Ripley, Barry M. Faber, David Gibber, John Solomon, and David B. Amy) and the FCC’s leadership (including Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, Matthew Berry, Nick Degani, Nathan Leamer, Alison Nemeth, and Brendan Carr), between November 9, 2016 and [April 18, 2017].¹ The due date for responding to your FOIA request is June 1, 2017.² We are responding by that due date.

We searched the records of the offices of Chairman Pai, Commissioner O’Rielly, and Brendan Carr and we located 23 pages of documents responsive to your request which we release here in full.³

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”⁴ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

¹ See *FOIA Request* (submitted and perfected Apr. 28, 2017).

² See emails from Joanne Wall to Mr. Israel (May 5 and 9, 2017) (clarifying that the *FOIA Request* is limited to the individuals specifically identified in the *FOIA Request*); see also 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(e)(2)(i)(A) (“the time for processing a request for inspection of records will be tolled [w]hile the custodian of records seeks reasonable clarification of the request”).

³ Due to a technical glitch, a number of sentences are only partially displayed on pages 16 and 17 of the attachment, but those sentences can be found in full on pages 18 and 19 of the attachment.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission's rules.⁵ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁶

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁷ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action."

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an application for review to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

FOIA Public Liaison
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director,
Performance Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through the Commission's FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

Mr. Josh Israel

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FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Lyle". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized monogram or set of initials, possibly "JL".

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer

Attachment

Joanne Wall

From: Matthew Berry
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:58 PM
To: 'Rebecca Hanson'
Subject: RE: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Thanks! We are reviewing and will get back to you soon.

From: Rebecca Hanson [mailto:rjhanson@sbgtn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Mathew,

I haven't heard from Lori and wanted to make sure you had these details as well. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Crazy times, huh?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 3:56 PM
To: 'Lori Alexiou' <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Details for Sinclair GM Lunch on Wednesday the 16th

Hello Lori,

Exciting times, to say the least! I am sure the Commissioner will be in increasing demand in the coming weeks, making me feel lucky to have locked this in before the election! By way of reminder:

WHAT: The Commissioner will address our annual fly-in of all our General Managers (around 100), plus some senior execs. Topic should focus on the important role that GMs play in their market, localism, etc., plus whatever he wants to discuss. Session will be off the record.

WHERE: Four Seasons, Baltimore.

WHEN: His "session" is set from 12:45 to 1:15, but it can be shorter, e.g., if he wants to speak for 15 minutes and take questions for 10, that would be fine. Lunch starts at noon, so if he and Matthew would like to come early and have lunch with a few of us, that would be great!

MEETING AFTERWARD: Would he have time to meet with our CEO, David Smith, for a few minutes after his session?

TRAVEL LOGISTICS: There is an Amtrak train leaving Union Station at 11:10, which arrives in Baltimore at 11:51 (84 NE Regional), or an Acela that leaves at 11:00 and arrives at 11:32. I will be there to get them and bring them to the Four Seasons. If he can meet with David Smith afterwards, we could get them on the 2:19 Acela, which arrives back in Union Station at 2:53.

Can we confirm all of this on Monday? I am free all afternoon to chat.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Thanks Rebecca and thanks for your patience on this.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Terrific, Matthew. Thanks so much for confirming. Lori, I will be in touch later this week with details.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Matthew Berry [<mailto:Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Cc: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Rebecca,

Commissioner Pai is able to make it. Please coordinate with Lori in terms of the specific schedule.

Thanks,
Matthew

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgstv.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Matthew Berry <Matthew.Berry@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello again, Matthew. Just following up on this inquiry. Any thoughts?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Good morning, Lori. I was just following up on the request below. Has Commissioner Pai made a decision yet?

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
202-256-2116 (cell)

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Subject: Invitation for Commissioner Pai

Hello Lori,

I would like to invite Commissioner Pai to address our annual General Manager Summit this year, which is our second meeting for which all of our 80 TV station General Managers from across the country fly into Baltimore for a variety of meetings and speakers.

Would the Commissioner be available to address this group at lunchtime on **Wednesday, November 16th**? We will be at the Four Seasons in downtown Baltimore, which is easily accessible from the train station. The topic would be the importance of the roles that GMs play in their communities

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy

Sinclair Broadcast Group

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Re: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Thanks for sending, Rebecca! And thanks to the team for covering this in such depth -- many sad stories here that need to be told.

From: Rebecca Hanson
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Sinclair Broadcast Group Covers Heroin Abuse

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's office!

You may have heard that Congress passed sweeping legislation last month addressing painkiller abuse and the heroin addiction that often follows.

Since 2013, Sinclair has produced hundreds of local news stories and 11 town halls about the devastating impact of opioid misuse in our communities, how it got to this point, and what local leaders are doing about it. Many of these stories are archived on our stations' websites in our digital series "*Hooked on Heroin*". Attached is a list of links to around 70 of our more recent stories from stations across the country.

WJLA, our ABC affiliate here in DC, recently ran a six-part investigative series on the "*Heroin Highway*", following the path of suppliers and addicts along Interstates 70 and 81 through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. Here is the first installment. <http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-highway-part-1-baltimore-lets-start-at-the-beginning>

This is just one way that Sinclair Broadcast Group informs and empowers our local communities on issues that impact us at home and on a national level.

Rebecca

Rebecca Hanson
Senior Vice President, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group
703-236-9236 (office)
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Birmingham, AL - WBMA

- "What Alabama doctors are doing to curb the opioid abuse epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/news/local/what-alabama-doctors-are-doing-to-curb-the-opioid-abuse-epidemic>
- "Hoover not immune to heroin epidemic"
<http://abc3340.com/station/talk-of-alabama/hoover-not-immune-to-heroin-epidemic>
- "ABC 33/40 Town Hall – Battling Heroin"
<http://abc3340.com/news/videos/abc-3340-town-hall-battling-heroin>

Mobile, AL-Pensacola, FL - WPMI

- "Heroin drug abuse on the rise"
<http://local15tv.com/news/local/heroin-drug-abuse-on-the-rise>

Bakersfield, CA - KBAK

- "Heroin abuse resources in Kern County"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-kern-county>
- "Heroin-related deaths in U.S. nearly quadruple"
<http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/health/heroin-related-deaths-in-us-nearly-quadruple>

Fresno-Visalia, CA - KMPH

- "Heroin abuse resources in Fresno County"
<http://kmp-hkfre.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-abuse-resources-in-fresno-county>

Washington, DC - WJLA

- "Town Hall in Va. Raises awareness to heroin drug abuse"
<http://wjla.com/news/local/town-hall-in-va-raises-awareness-to-heroin-drug-abuse>
- "Former Congressmen Gingrich and Kennedy working to curb opioid addiction"
<http://wjla.com/news/nation-world/former-congressmen-gingrich-and-kennedy-working-to-curb-opioid-addiction>
- "Heroin Highway"
<http://wjla.com/news/news-talk/heroin-highway>
- "Warning signs of heroin addiction"
<http://wjla.com/features/hooked-on-heroin/warning-signs-of-heroin-addiction>

West Palm Beach-Fort Pierce, FL - WPEC

- "Delray Police Chief Eyes New Position To Tackle City's Heroin Problem"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/delray-police-chief-eyes-new-position-to-tackle-citys-heroin-problem>

- "Police addressing increased heroin problems"
<http://cbs12.com/news/local/police-addressing-increased-heroin-problems>
- "Heroin Help: Local Resources"
<http://cbs12.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-12-2016>

Albany, GA - WFXL

- "The dangers of flakka, heroin"
<http://wfxl.com/news/local/the-dangers-of-flakka-heroin>

Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Dubuque, IA - KGAN

- "Iowa gets \$4 million in drug addiction funds in Obama plan"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/iowa-gets-4-million-in-drug-addiction-funds-in-obama-plan-07-05-2016>
- "Iowa Heroin Deaths Rise"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/iowa-heroin-deaths-rise>
- "Fight to end heroin abuse continues during town hall"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/fight-to-end-heroin-abuse-continues-during-town-hall>
- "U.S. Attorney for Iowa's Northern District Kevin Techau talks about fighting heroin in IA"
<http://cbs2iowa.com/news/iowa-in-focus/us-attorney-for-iowas-northern-district-kevin-techau-talks-about-fighting-heroin-in-ia>

Sioux City, IA - KMEG

- "Heroin overdoses are becoming prevalent, but how about in Siouxlend?"
<http://siouxlendnews.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-overdoes-are-becoming-prevelant-but-how-about-in-siouxlend>
- "Heroin help: Local resources"
<http://siouxlendnews.com/news/hooded-on-heroin/heroin-help-local-resources-05-23-2016>
- "EMTs use Narcan to fight heroin epidemic"
<http://siouxlendnews.com/news/local/emts-use-narcan-to-fight-heroin-epidemic>

Champaign-Springfield-Decatur, IL - WICS

- "Kincaid Police: 'We're Going After Drug Dealers'"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/kincaid-police-were-going-after-drug-dealers>
- "New Drug Treatment Center Opens in Macoupin County"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/new-drug-treatment-center-opens-in-macoupin-county>
- "Springfield Police See 'Explosion' in Heroin Use"
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/springfield-police-see-explosion-in-heroin-use>

- “Fighting Heroin Use in Logan County”
<http://newschannel20.com/news/local/fighting-heroin-use-in-logan-county>

Baltimore, MD - WBFF

- “Heroin crisis: From addict to advocate”
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/heroin-crisis-from-addict-to-advocate>
- “Public health, law enforcement officials discuss heroin epidemic at Towson University”
<http://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/public-health-law-enforcement-officials-discuss-heroin-epidemic-at-towson-university>

Flint-Saginaw-Bay City, MI - WEYI

- “Father using son’s death from heroin overdose as inspiration to save others”
<http://nbc25news.com/news/local/father-using-sons-death-from-heroin-overdose-as-inspiration-to-save-others>

Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI - WWMT

- “Program could provide millions to fight opioid abuse”
<http://wwmt.com/news/state/program-could-provide-millions-to-fight-heroin-abuse>

Columbia-Jefferson City, MO - KRCG

- “Jessica and the heroin epidemic: something to talk about”
<http://krcgtv.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-something-to-talk-about>

St. Louis, MO - KDNL

- “St. Louis Heroin Epidemic: The Toll It Takes On Families”
<http://abcstlouis.com/st-louis-heroin-epidemic-the-toll-it-takes-on-families>

Las Vegas, NV - KSNV

- “Heroin overdose deaths on the rise in Clark County”
<http://news3lv.com/news/local/heroin-overdose-deaths-on-rise-in-clark-county>

Albany-Schneectady-Troy, NY - WRGB

- “Dozens trained to use overdose reversal drug Naloxone”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/dozens-trained-to-use-overdose-reversal-drug-naloxone>
- “Governor signs package of heroin bills to stop epidemic”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/new-york-sets-7-day-limit-on-initial-opioid-prescriptions>
- “NY Gov. Cuomo, lawmakers agree on plan to combat heroin”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/ny-gov-cuomo-lawmakers-agree-on-plan-to-combat-heroin-06-14-2016>

- “Local mom pushes for bill to charge drug dealers as murderers”
<http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/saratoga-springs-man-indicted-for-distributing-heroin>

Cincinnati, OH - WKRC

- “DEA produces video warning police about dangers of Fentanyl”
<http://local12.com/news/local/dea-produces-video-warning-police-about-dangers-of-fentanyl>
- “NKY Hates Heroin holds annual 5k race”
<http://local12.com/news/local/nky-hates-heroin-holds-annual-5k-race>
- “Out of jail, off drugs: Hamilton County copies successful detox program”
<http://local12.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/thursday-at-6-out-of-jail-off-drugs>
- “New addiction recovery center opens in West Chester”
<http://local12.com/news/local/new-addiction-recovery-center-opens-in-west-chester>
- “Report: NKY top of list for drug overdoses”
<http://local12.com/news/local/report-nky-top-of-list-for-drug-overdoses>

Columbus, OH - WSYX

- “Dublin: First district in Ohio to have naloxone in its schools”
<http://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/dublin-to-have-naloxone-in-all-20-of-its-schools>

Dayton, OH - WKEF/WRGT

- “Agencies combine to fight back against heroin addiction”
<http://abc22now.com/news/local/agencies-combine-to-fight-back-against-heroin-addiction>

Toledo, OH - WNWO

- “Lucas Co. Sheriff to speak with White House officials about local heroin epidemic”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/lucas-county-sheriff-to-speak-in-dc-about-local-heroin-epidemic>
- “Your Voice, Your Future Roundtable: Heroin – The Ohio Epidemic”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/your-voice-your-future-roundtable-heroin-the-ohio-epidemic>
- “25 arrested, indicted after 7-month drug investigation in Hancock County”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/25-arrested-indicted-after-7-month-drug-investigation-in-hancock-county>
- “Hundreds attend Rep. Latta’s forum on opiate abuse in Findlay”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/hundreds-attend-rep-lattas-forum-on-opiate-abuse-in-findlay>
- “Powerful new synthetic drug creeps into Northwest Ohio”
<http://nbc24.com/news/local/powerful-new-synthetic-drug-creeps-into-northwest-ohio>

Eugene, OR - KMTR

- "Heroin use a growing epidemic on Oregon's South Coast"
<http://nbc16.com/news/local/heroin-use-a-growing-epidemic-on-oregons-south-coast>

Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA - WHP

- "Dauphin Co. leaders outline efforts to combat heroin epidemic"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/dauphin-co-leaders-outline-efforts-to-combat-heroin-epidemic>
- "Heroin epidemic made worse by mixing in painkiller, coroner says"
<http://local21news.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-made-worse-by-mixing-in-painkiller-coroner-says>

Charleston, SC - WCIV

- "Heroin-related deaths surge across U.S., Lowcountry"
<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/heroin-related-deaths-surge-across-us-lowcountry>

Columbia, SC - WACH

- "Lexington County Coroner attributes 12 deaths with mixing heroin"
<http://wach.com/news/local/lexington-county-coroner-attributes-12-deaths-with-mixing-heroin>

Greenville-Spartanburg, SC-Ashville, NC-Anderson, SC - WLOS

- "Heroin epidemic hits home for mountain family"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/heroin-epidemic-hits-home-for-mountain-family>
- "Town Hall: Heroin epidemic in WNC"
<http://wlos.com/news/local/town-hall-heroin-epidemic-in-western-north-carolina>

Chattanooga, TN - WTVC

- "Recovering heroin addict shares his story"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/recovering-heroin-addict-shares-his-story>
- "More Parents Drug Testing Kids to Fight Heroin Addiction"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/local/more-parents-drug-testing-kids-to-fight-heroin-addiction>
- "Local addiction fighters respond to Obama's plans to combat drug use with \$1.1 billion"
<http://newschannel9.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/local-addiction-fighters-respond-to-obamas-plans-to-combat-drug-use-with-11-billion>

Nashville, TN - WZTV

- "Prescription pills crackdown sparks heroin abuse spike in Tennessee"
<http://fox17.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/prescription-pills-crackdown-sparks-heroin-abuse-spike-in-tennessee>

Amarillo, TX - KVII

- “Drug agencies report more heroin coming through Amarillo”
<http://abc7amarillo.com/news/local/drug-agencies-report-more-heroin-coming-through-amarillo>

Austin, TX - KEYE

- “Heroin help: Resources in Austin”
<http://keyetv.com/news/hooked-on-heroin/heroin-help-resources-in-austin>

El Paso, TX - KFOX

- “Heroin abuse increases nationwide and in the Borderland”
<http://kfoxtv.com/archive/heroin-abuse-increases-nationwide-and-in-the-borderland>
- “Local recovery center local addiction numbers continue to grow”
<http://kfoxtv.com/news/local/local-recovery-center-local-heroin-addiction-numbers-continue-to-grow>

San Antonio, TX - WOAI

- “Inside heroin addiction”
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/inside-heroin-addiction>
- “Heroin addiction, deaths on the rise”
<http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/heroin-addiction-deaths-on-the-rise>

Seattle, WA - KOMO

- “SPD creating safety guidelines to protect officers, police dogs from drugs”
<http://komonews.com/news/local/spd-creating-safety-guidelines-to-protect-officers-police-dogs-from-drugs>

Green Bay-Appleton, WI - WLUK

- “Local group continues the battle against heroin and other illicit drugs”
<http://fox11online.com/news/local/fox-cities/local-group-continues-the-battle-against-heroin-and-other-illicit-drugs>

Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Subject: Fw: Demo in Las Vegas

Room number for the 1:30 demo at Wynn is below

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori -

The demo will be taking place in the Wynn Tower Suite 2301 (next to room 2317).

From: Catherine Farley
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:20 AM
To: Lori Alexiou; Rebecca Hanson
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Lori --

Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry are confirmed for 1:30pm on Monday, April 18th. The demo will be taking place at a suite within the Wynn Tower. I won't know the suite number until Saturday. Once I find out I will let you know. Thank you.

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From: Lori Alexiou [mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>

Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Catherine,

I am still holding 1:00 pm on Monday, April 18th for this demo for Commissioner Pai and Matthew Berry. Would you please send me the details?

Thank you.

Lori

From: Rebecca Hanson [<mailto:rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>
Cc: Catherine Farley <cfarley@sbgvtv.com>
Subject: RE: Demo in Las Vegas

No worries at all, Lori. We can catch the Commissioner up at the Show. I am copying Catherine Farley of my office who will be managing all the demos, and she will confirm this slot with you shortly. But please hold it for now.

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From: Lori Alexiou [<mailto:Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:54 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Subject: Demo in Las Vegas

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for understanding about today's meeting. I sorry it was so last minute. Matthew asked me to contact you to schedule a time for the demo at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas on April 18th. Please let me know if around 1 or 2 pm in the afternoon works on your end. If not, please let me know your availability and we will work something out.

Thanks again.

Lori

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Joanne Wall

From: Alana J. LaFlore <ajLaFlore@sbgtn.com>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: Blocking Contraband Cell Phones

Hello,

I'm writing about the speech Commission Pai gave back in April about contraband cell phones. His remarks are mentioned in this article. <http://money.cnn.com/2016/04/07/technology/prison-cell-phones/>
Have steps been taken to move forward to such a block? What is the current status?

Thank you for your help. I'm on a hard deadline of Wednesday night (11/09).

Alana LaFlore

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NewsChannel 9 – WTVN – Chattanooga

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: WJLA Reporting Improves Fredericksburg 911 Policy

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's Office.

I have followed with interest your commitment to direct 911 calling, and, while not exactly on topic, I thought you might be interested in this 911 story. It is a good example of local broadcast investigative news changing local policies that can ultimately end up saving lives.

<http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/fredericksburg-dispatch-changes-policy-following-abc-7-investigation>

Just imagine how much more we could do if the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule were gone. We appreciate your efforts, though!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Ajit Pai; Lori Alexiou; Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: Sinclair Announces First Diversity Scholarship Winners!
Attachments: Sinclair Scholarship Press Release.pdf

Good Afternoon, Commissioner Pai's office!

I thought you might be interested in meeting the inaugural class of Sinclair's broadcast diversity scholars. We launched a \$500,000 scholarship fund back in February to invest in future broadcast talent. We are very excited about this program and look forward to see it grow over the coming years. Here they are!

<https://vimeo.com/174374177>

Rebecca

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Today Sinclair Broadcast Group announced its 2016 scholarship recipients. The \$500,000 Sinclair Broadcast Diversity Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 to reward students aspiring to careers in broadcast journalism. Sinclair staff across the country chose nine exceptional applicants, all of whom share Sinclair's desire to make a positive difference in their communities. These students are extremely talented and include first generation college students, volunteers for local charities, interns at local radio and TV broadcast stations, writers and producers for college newspapers and presidents of associations.

The Fund complements Sinclair's existing widespread internship program as well as Sinclair's long-standing relationships with numerous colleges, including historically black colleges and universities in markets where Sinclair has stations. This Fund is another way for Sinclair to invest in the future of broadcast television, by ensuring that students dedicated to careers in broadcasting can complete their educations.

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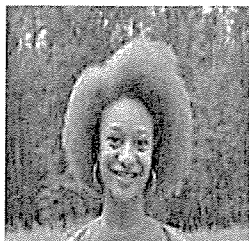


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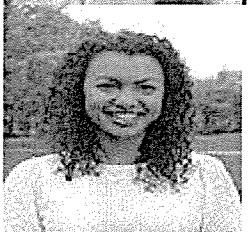
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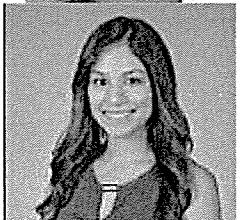
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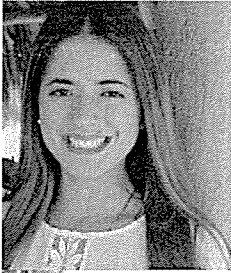
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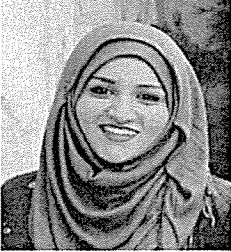
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Joanne Wall

From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Ajit Pai; Matthew Berry
Cc: Amanda Ota
Subject: Thank you both so much!

Ajit and Matthew,

Thank you again for being the stars of our show at this year's Sinclair GM Summit. All of our stations truly appreciate your support and your *belief* in what they do.

I mentioned to Ajit the movie I am currently obsessed with and provide the link here. *Zero Days*: Award-winning doc about the Stuxnet virus and the dawn of global cyberwarfare. It is a must see for every American! <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/>

I realize you will be busy in the coming weeks with respect to the transition, but since the FCC voting agenda seems to have come to a screeching halt, we would love to come in at some point after Thanksgiving to walk you through all that we are doing in the area of drones and cyber security.

Just let me know!

Rebecca

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Joanne Wall

From: Ajit Pai
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:48 AM
To: Matthew Berry
Subject: FW: Phone Rules?

From: Tom Gdisis [mailto:tgdisis@sbgstv.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Ajit Pai <Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov>
Subject: Phone Rules?

Hi, Ajit, you spoke at our KAB convention last week in Wichita. I'm with KSAS-TV & KMTW-TV. I had a request. Look into the rules that we need to have a toll-free number for our viewers in each city we have a transmitter. Consumers can now reach us via email and website without charge. Most phone services do not charge long distance when dialing within the state.

Thanks

Tom "Gateway" Gdisis
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From: Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Smith, Gordon
Cc: Ajit Pai
Subject: RE: Link to movie "Zero Days"

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Fun fact: When Obama pardoned Chelsea Manning, he also pardoned James Cartwright, former vice chairman of the US Joint Chiefs, for his association with leaks of classified info about the Stuxnet program to the New York Times, which first broke the story.

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From: Smith, Gordon [mailto:gsmith@nab.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:32 PM
To: Rebecca Hanson
Cc: Ajit Pai (Ajit.Pai@FCC.gov)
Subject: Re: Link to movie "Zero Days"
Thank you, Rebecca. I am already looking forward to watching it.

Gordon H. Smith
President/CEO

On Feb 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Rebecca Hanson <rjhanson@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

As I mentioned at lunch today, I think every American should see this movie, to understand how vulnerable we are to cyberattacks.

Ajit, you should consider this research on cyber issues!

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5446858/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

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Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Any communications between officials at the company Sinclair and Ajit Pai

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between officials at the company Sinclair and F.C.C. official Ajit Pai and his staff, including Matthew Berry, Nathan Leamer and Alison Nemeth from January 1, 2014 to the present.

Description Available to the Public : No

Has Description Been Modified? Yes

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I am requesting access to internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between officials at the company Sinclair and F.C.C. official Ajit Pai and his staff, including Matthew Berry, Nathan Leamer and Alison Nemeth from January 1, 2014 to the present.

Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : Sinclair Pai

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 8, 2017

Ms. Cecilia Kang
New York Times
1627 I Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006
cecilia.kang@nytimes.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000660

Dear Ms. Kang:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on May 30, 2017 (*FOIA Request*), seeking “internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between officials at the company Sinclair and F.C.C. official Ajit Pai and his staff, including Matthew Berry, Nathan Leamer and Alison Nemeth from January 1, 2014 to the present.”¹ We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.²

We searched the records of the office of Chairman Pai and we located no documents responsive to your request apart from the 23 pages of documents that we earlier provided to you in full in response to your substantially identical request in FOIA Control Number 2017-000390 (*FOIA Request 2017-390*).³ Your instant request is identical to *FOIA Request 2017-390* except that the latter request was limited to the time period from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017. Because we released in full the 23 pages of documents in response to *FOIA Request 2017-390*, we do not release them again here.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”⁴ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records

¹ See *FOIA Request 2017-660t* (submitted May 22, 2017, and perfected May 30, 2017).

² See letter from Ryan Yates to Cecilia Kang (May 23, 2017).

³ See letter from Elizabeth Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel (OGC), FCC, to Ms. Kang (Mar. 16, 2017) (*Initial Response*) (releasing 21 pages of documents in response to Ms. Kang’s request for “internal documents, briefing memos, emails and other communications between the company Sinclair Broadcast and F.C.C. Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff [from January 1, 2016, through February 24, 2017]”); see also letter from Ms. Lyle, Assistant General Counsel, OGC, FCC, to Ms. Kang (Apr. 14, 2017) (*Supplemental Response*) (releasing an additional two pages of documents in response to *FOIA Request 2017-390*).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission's rules.⁵ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁶

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁷ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as "Review of Freedom of Information Action."

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

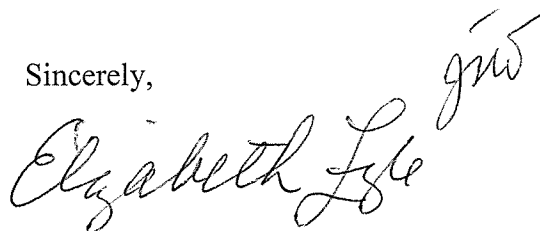
⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

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Sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Lyle". To the right of the signature, there are initials "gms" written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer



Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000673	Submitted Date : 05/24/2017
 Requester : Mr. Andrew J. Jones	Perfected Date : 05/24/2017
Organization : The Young Turks Media	Last Assigned Date : 05/31/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Email Address : andrewjones@tytnetwork.com	Request Track : Expedited
Phone Number : (b) (6)	Due Date : 06/22/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6) (Office of General Counsel)
Address : (b) (6)	Last Assigned By : (b) (6) (Office of General Counsel)
City :	
State/Province :	
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Assigned Tasks

Comments (0)

Review

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 05/24/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date :
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Requested : Yes	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Any email conversation of Chairman Pai with Sinclair Media Group's David Smith and CEO Christopher Ripley

Hello, I am writing to you today to request any email conversation of Chairman Pai with Sinclair Media Group's David Smith and CEO Christopher Ripley, between the period when Mr.Pai became chairman of the FCC (January 2017) to May 23, 2017. Thank you and have a good day.

Description Available to the Public : No

Has Description Been Modified? Yes

241/2000


Hello, I am writing to you today to request any email conversation of Chairman Pai with Sinclair Media Group's and CEO , between the period when Mr.Pai became chairman of the FCC (January 2017) to May 23, 2017. Thank you and have a good day.

Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Ajit Pai

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 8, 2017

Mr. Andrew J. Jones
The Young Turks Media

(b) (6)

andrewjones@tytnetwork.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000673

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on May 24, 2017 (*FOIA Request*), seeking "any email conversation of Chairman Pai with Sinclair Media Group's David Smith and CEO Christopher Ripley, between the period when Mr. Pai became chairman of the FCC (January 2017) to May 23, 2017."¹ We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.²

We searched the records of the office of Chairman Pai and we located no documents responsive to your request.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission's rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), "educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media."³ As an "educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission's rules.⁴ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁵

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this

¹ See *FOIA Request* (submitted and perfected May 24, 2017).

² See letter from Joanne Wall to Andrew Jones (June 1, 2017).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Lyle". To the right of the signature, there is a small handwritten mark that appears to be "gno".

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 C.F.R. § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).



Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000707	Submitted Date : 06/05/2017
Requester : Cecilia Kang	Perfected Date : 06/06/2017
Organization : New York Times	Last Assigned Date : 06/06/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$1,000.00
Email Address : cecilia.kang@nytimes.com	Request Track : Expedited
Phone Number : (b) (6)	Due Date : 07/05/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6) Office of General Counsel
Address : 1627 I Street NW, Suite 700	Last Assigned By : (b) (6) Office of General Counsel
City : Washington	
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Zip Code/Postal Code : 20006	

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Comments (0)

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Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 06/06/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date :
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: Withdrawn by Requester	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Requested : Yes	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Communications between FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff with officials of Sinclair

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to emails and other communications and any internal documents or briefing memos related to those communications between FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff Matthew Berry, Alison Nemeth, Nicholas Degani, and Nathan Leamer with officials of Sinclair and attorneys at Wiley Rein representing Sinclair. I am looking at the period of November 1, 2016 to the present. In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The New York Times and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use. If you estimate that there will be fees associated with this request that exceed \$1,000, please inform me. If you have questions about handling this request, you may telephone me on my mobile phone at (b) (6) or by email at Cecilia.kang@nytimes.com. Sincerely,

Description Available to the Public : No

Has Description Been Modified? Yes


804/2000

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to emails and other communications and any internal documents or briefing memos related to those communications between FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and his staff Matthew Berry, Alison Nemeth, Nicholas Degani, and Nathan Leamer with officials of Sinclair and attorneys at Wiley Rein representing Sinclair. I am looking at the period of November 1, 2016 to the present. In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with The New York Times and this request is made as part of news

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Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000729	Submitted Date : 06/08/2017
 Requester : Cecilia Kang	Perfected Date : 06/09/2017
Organization : New York Times	Last Assigned Date : 06/13/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Email Address : cecilia.kang@nytimes.com	Request Track : Expedited
Phone Number : (b) (6)	Due Date : 07/10/2017
Fax Number : N/A	Assigned To : (b) (6) (Office of General Counsel)
Address : 1627 I Street NW, Suite 700	Last Assigned By : (b) (6) (Office of General Counsel)
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Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 06/09/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date :
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Requested : Yes	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Access to the personal email accounts for F.C.C. Chairman

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to the personal email accounts for F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to the present. I would like to correspondence (Please include attachments) relate to the following search terms: "Sinclair" or "UHF Discount" or "Main Studio" or "Media Ownership" or "ATSC 3.0" or "JSA" or "Joint Sales Agreement."

Description Available to the Public : No

Has Description Been Modified? Yes

352/2000


I am requesting access to the personal email accounts for F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to the present. I would like to correspondence (Please include attachments) relate to the following search terms: "Sinclair" or "UHF Discount" or "Main Studio" or "Media Ownership" "ATSC 3.0" or "JSA" or "Joint Sales Agreement."

Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Ajit Pai

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 18, 2017

Cecilia Kang
New York Times
1627 I St NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006
Via e-mail to cecilia.kang@nytimes.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000729

Dear Ms. Kang:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on May 24, 2017 (*FOIA Request 2017-000729*), seeking “access to the personal email accounts for F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to [June 9, 2017.]”¹ From those personal email accounts, you request the “correspondence ([p]lease include attachments) [that] relate to the following search terms: ‘Sinclair’ or ‘UHF Discount’ or ‘Main Studio’ or ‘Media Ownership’ or ‘ATSC 3.0’ or ‘JSA’ or ‘Joint Sales Agreement.’”² We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.³

The Office of the Chairman searched the Chairman’s work email account for responsive records forwarded from the Chairman’s personal accounts.⁴ The search produced no responsive documents to your request.

Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific

¹ *FOIA Request 2017-000729* (submitted June 8, 2017, and perfected June 9, 2017).

² *Id.*

³ See letter from Joanne Wall to Cecilia Kang (June 13, 2017).

⁴ The search conducted of Chairman’s work email account is an appropriate one in these circumstances, as FOIA law makes clear. See, e.g., *Competitive Enterprise Institute v. Office of Science and Technology Policy*, Civ. Action No. 14-765, 2017 WL 978971 (D.D.C. Mar. 13, 2017) (finding that the head of OSTP is entitled to a presumption that he complied with OSTP’s policy to forward work-related correspondence on non-official email accounts); *Wright v. Admin. for Children & Families*, No. 15-218, 2016 WL 5922293, at *8–9 (D.D.C. Oct. 11, 2016) (finding “the plaintiff’s purely speculative contentions” did “not overcome the presumption that agency records are unlikely to exist on the agency employees’ personal accounts”).

organizations, or representatives of the news media.”⁵ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.⁶ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.⁷

If you consider this to be a denial of your FOIA request, you may seek review by filing an application for review with the Office of General Counsel. An application for review must be *received* by the Commission within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.⁸ You may file an application for review by mailing the application to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554, or you may file your application for review electronically by e-mailing it to FOIA-Appeal@fcc.gov. Please caption the envelope (or subject line, if via e-mail) and the application itself as “Review of Freedom of Information Action.”

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

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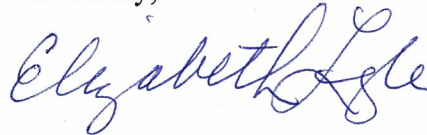
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Lyle". To the right of the signature, there is a small, stylized handwritten mark that appears to be "jms".

Elizabeth Lyle
Assistant General Counsel
Office of General Counsel

cc: FOIA Officer



Request Details

Tracking Number : FCC-2017-000730	Submitted Date : 06/08/2017
Requester : Cecilia Kang	Perfected Date : 06/09/2017
Organization : New York Times	Last Assigned Date : 06/13/2017
Requester Has Account : Yes	Fee Limit : \$25.00
Email Address : cecilia.kang@nytimes.com	Request Track : Expedited
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Requester Info Available to No the Public :	Request Perfected : Yes
Request Track : Expedited	Perfected Date : 06/09/2017
Fee Category : Media/Educational	Acknowledgement Sent Date:
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable	Litigation : No
Expedited Processing Yes	
Requested :	
Expedited Processing Status : Grant	

Request Description

Short Description : Access to email for Lori Alexiou, assistant to F.C.C. Chairman

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C subsection 552, I am requesting access to email for Lori Alexiou, assistant to F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to the present. I would like correspondence relate to the following search terms: "Sinclair" or "UHF Discount" or "Main Studio" or "Media Ownership" or "ATSC" or "JSA" or "Joint Sales Agreement." (Please include attachments).

Description Available to the No Public :

Has Description Been Yes Modified?

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I am requesting access to email for Lori Alexiou, assistant to F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to the present. I would like correspondence relate to the following search terms: "Sinclair" or "UHF Discount" or "Main Studio" or "Media Ownership" or "ATSC" or "JSA" or "Joint Sales Agreement."

Additional Information

Key Words or Phrases : ^Lori Alexiou

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 21, 2017

Ms. Cecilia Kang
New York Times
1627 I Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006
cecilia.kang@nytimes.com

Re: FOIA Control No. 2017-000730

Dear Ms. Kang:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request filed on June 9, 2017 (*FOIA Request*), seeking the “emails [and associated attachments] for Lori Alexiou, assistant to F.C.C. Chairman and former Commissioner Ajit Pai from May 1, 2012 to [June 9, 2017, that include] . . . the following search terms: ‘Sinclair’ or ‘UHF Discount’ or ‘Main Studio’ or ‘Media Ownership’ or ‘ATSC’ or ‘JSA’ or ‘Joint Sales Agreement.’”¹ We granted your request for expedited processing of your FOIA request.² Although the due date for responding to your request was July 24, 2017, we agreed to extend the due date to respond.³

We searched the records of the office of Ms. Alexiou and we located 708 pages of documents responsive to your request. We are withholding in full 592 pages of the responsive documents and are releasing 116 pages of the responsive documents which we redact in part for the reasons discussed below.

We are withholding documents in full and redacting material from the released documents under FOIA Exemption 5, which applies to “inter-agency and intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency[.]”⁴ Exemption 5 encompasses the deliberative process privilege, which is intended to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.”⁵ To fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege encompassed by Exemption 5, records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative, “[reflecting] the give-and-take of the consultative process.”⁶ The material withheld here in full under

¹ See *FOIA Request 2017-730* (submitted June 8, 2017, and perfected June 9, 2017).

² See letter from Joanne Wall to Cecilia Kang (June 13, 2017).

³ See email from Ms. Wall to Ms. Kang (July 7, 2017) (because of the need to consult with multiple offices within the Commission, we extended the date for responding to the FOIA request, *citing* 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(g)(1)(i)); see also emails between Ms. Wall and Ms. Kang (July 24 and 26, 2017) (agreeing to additional time beyond the July 24, 2017, due date to respond to the FOIA request).

⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

⁵ *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

⁶ *Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. DOJ*, 823 F.2d 574, 585 (D.C. Cir. 1987).

Exemption 5 consists of: (1) draft documents concerning a FOIA request and internal emails discussing those draft documents; (2) an email exchange between the Chairman and his staff regarding a meeting request from a member of the public;⁷ and (3) an internal draft “questions and answer” memo. The material we redact from the released documents under Exemption 5 consists of email exchanges among the Chairman’s staff and the Chairman. Disclosure of this internal material would “discourage candid discussion within the agency and thereby undermine the agency’s ability to perform its functions.”⁸ We have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure of the documents we withhold and the material we redact would harm the Commission’s deliberative processes, which Exemption 5 is intended to protect. Release of this material would chill deliberations within the Commission and impede the candid exchange of ideas.

We withhold in full copyrighted material (attached to an email that we release⁹) pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4, which protects from disclosure “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.”¹⁰

We also withhold in full an email exchange between Commission staff and a member of the public relating to a pending enforcement action under Exemption 7(A) of the FOIA, which authorizes the withholding of “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes [the production of which] could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.”¹¹ Release of this material could reasonably be expected to cause harm to the underlying pending enforcement proceedings.

We redact from the documents we release a personal appointment pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects from disclosure information that “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”¹² Consistent with the requirements of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, we have determined that it is reasonably foreseeable that disclosure would harm the privacy interests involved, which Exemption 6 is intended

⁷ Although we do not release the *internal* email exchange, we do release the portion of this email exchange between Commission staff and the member of the public requesting the meeting.

⁸ *Formaldehyde Inst. v. Dep’t of Health and Human Servs.*, 889 F.2d 1118, 1122 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (quoting *Dudman Commc’ns Corp. v. Dep’t of the Air Force*, 815 F.2d 1565, 1568 (D.C. Cir. 1987)); *see also Coastal States Gas Corp. v. Dep’t of Energy*, 617 F.2d 854, 866 (D.C. Cir. 1980) (“In deciding whether a document should be protected by the privilege we look to whether the document is . . . generated before the adoption of an agency policy and whether . . . it reflects the give-and-take of the consultative process. The exemption thus covers recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents[.]”).

⁹ See email from Lori Alexiou to Ajit Pai and Matthew Berry (Apr. 25, 2017).

¹⁰ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

¹¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A); *see also NLRB v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 U.S. 214 (1978).

¹² 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Exemption 6); *see also Moore v. Bush*, 601 F. Supp. 2d 6, 14 (D.D.C. 2009) and *Electronic Frontier Foundation*, 26 FCC Rcd 13812, 13816, n.13 (2011) (personal email addresses and telephone numbers redacted pursuant to Exemption 6)).

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Pursuant to section 0.466(a)(5)-(7) of the Commission’s rules, you have been classified for fee purposes as category (2), “educational requesters, non-commercial scientific organizations, or representatives of the news media.”¹⁶ As an “educational requester, non-commercial scientific organization, or representative of the news media, the Commission assesses charges to recover the cost of reproducing the records requested, excluding the cost of reproducing the first 100 pages. We did not reproduce any records and you will therefore not be charged any fees.

You have requested a fee waiver pursuant to section 0.470(e) of the Commission’s rules.¹⁷ As you are not required to pay any fees in relation to your FOIA request, the Office of the General Counsel, which reviews such requests, does not make a determination on your request for a fee waiver.¹⁸

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¹³ See FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. 114-185 § 2(1)(D); 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A); *see also* U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, FOIA Post, President Obama’s FOIA Memorandum and Attorney General Holder’s FOIA Guidelines Creating a “New Era of Open Government,” (2009), available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2009foiapost8.htm> (recognizing that discretionary release of records is less likely when the requirements of Exemptions 6 are met for withholding records).

¹⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (sentence immediately following exemptions).

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¹⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 0.470(e)(5).

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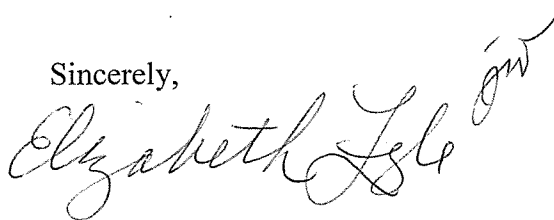
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Performance Evaluation and Records Management
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554
FOIA-Public-Liaison@fcc.gov

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Attachments

cc: FOIA Officer

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When: Monday, July 24, 2017 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Ajit's office

Danielle@newsmediaalliance.org

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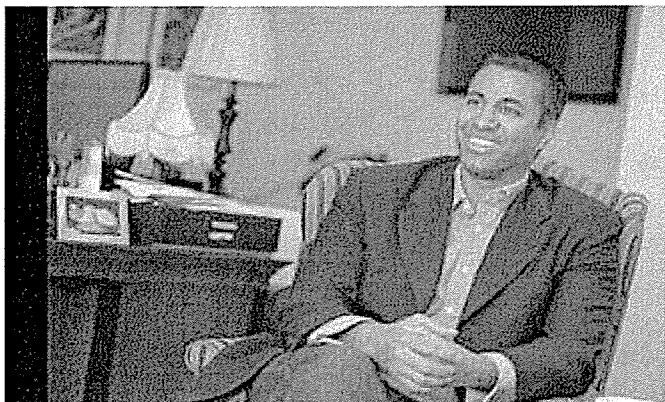
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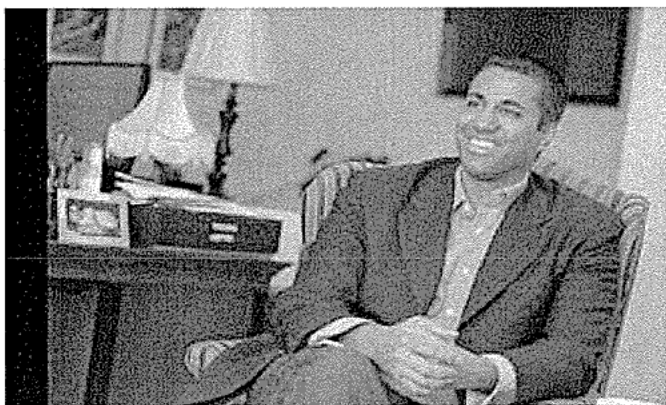
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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 8:48 AM

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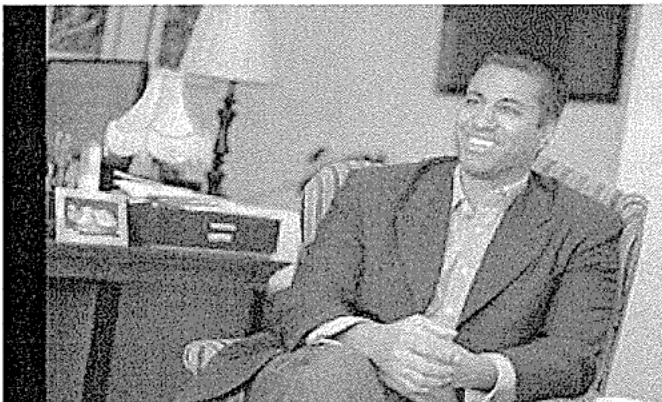
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:18 AM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Humble request for The Chairman - ATSC Newsetter

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Up to you/him of course. Thanks again for all your help!

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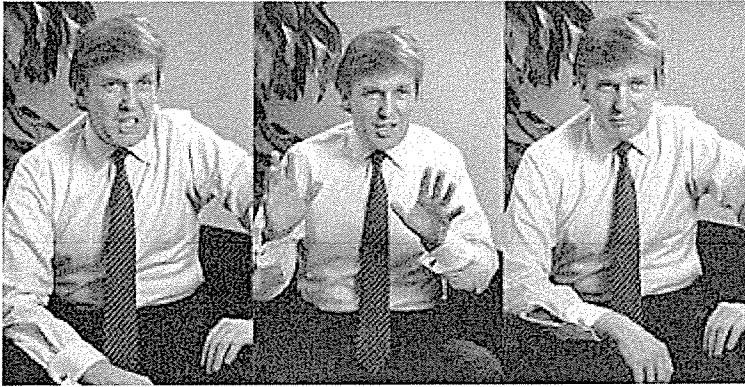
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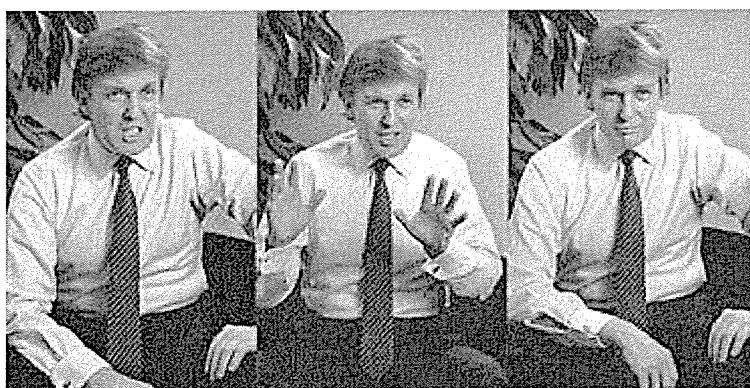
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Subject: Re: Humble request for The Chairman.- ATSC Newsetter
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From: Nicholas Degani
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:03 AM
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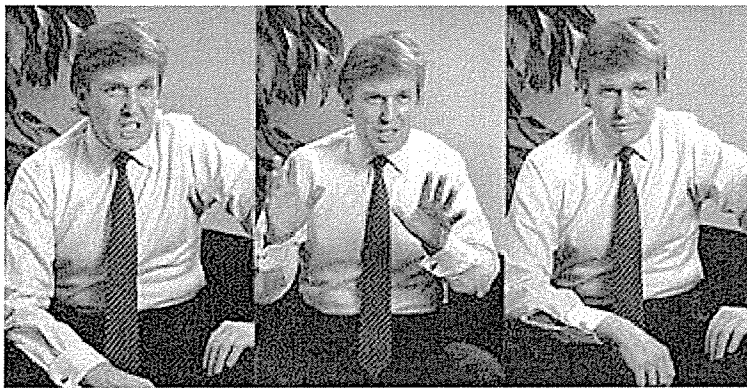
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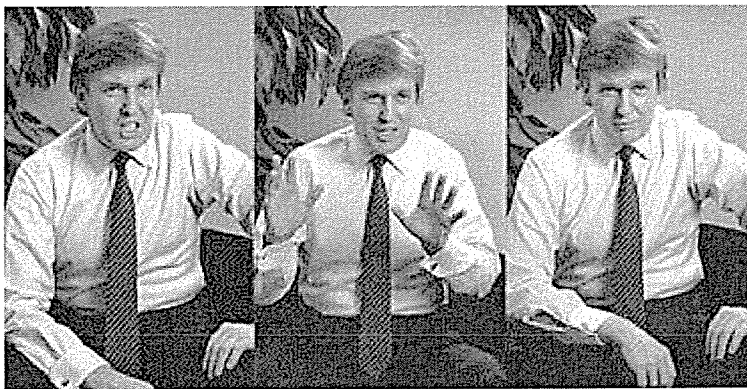
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Cc: Matthew Berry; Nicholas Degani
Subject: FW: MB Docket 13-236 - Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.'s Opposition to Petition for Stay

From: Nyman, Jessica T. [mailto:jessica.nyman@pillsburylaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Ajit Pai
Cc: Mason, Miles S.
Subject: MB Docket 13-236 - Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.'s Opposition to Petition for Stay

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Sincerely,

Jessica

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Amendment of Section 73.3555(e))	MB Docket No. 13-236
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Television Multiple Ownership Rule)	

**SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.'S OPPOSITION TO
FREE PRESS ET AL. PETITION FOR STAY PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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SUMMARY

To qualify for the extraordinary relief of a stay pending judicial review, Petitioners carry the burden of satisfying four factors: they must demonstrate that (1) they are likely to prevail on the merits; (2) they will suffer irreparable harm absent a stay; (3) other interested parties will not be harmed if the stay is granted; and (4) the public interest favors grant of the stay. Here, the Petition fails to satisfy any of these criteria. Accordingly the Commission should deny Petitioners' request for stay.

First, Petitioners are unlikely to succeed on the merits of their appeal. Courts will defer to an agency's interpretation of its governing statute where the interpretation is not arbitrary, capricious, or manifestly contrary to the statute, and courts may not set aside agency action that is rational, based on consideration of the relevant factors and within the scope of the agency's statutorily delegated authority. The Commission's determination that the UHF Discount is inextricably intertwined with the national audience reach cap is rational and fully consistent with the governing statute. The Commission was therefore reasonable to determine that failure to consider whether a *de facto* tightening of the national audience reach cap was in the public interest prior to eliminating the UHF Discount constituted material error or omission. And, given this material error or omission, the Commission's decision to reinstate the UHF Discount pending a more comprehensive rulemaking later this year was eminently rational. This logical chain of events is fully and cogently explained in the Order on Reconsideration.

The Commission can—and should—deny the Petition for Stay on this basis alone. But the Petition also fails to demonstrate any concrete, non-speculative harm that Petitioners would suffer absent a stay, and wholly ignores the very real, and adverse, impact a stay would have on not only the pending transactions referred to in the Petition, but on a number of station groups that currently would be considered over the cap if a stay was issued. Each of the Petition's

arguments in this regard rely on flawed attempts to frame the Commission’s reinstatement of the UHF Discount as adoption of a game-changing new rule and the false claim that a stay will work no harm because it will “maintain the status quo.” Considering that reinstatement of the UHF Discount marks a return to the status quo of the last 30 years (instead of the last few months), the Petition’s arguments—and its misplaced reliance on an earlier Third Circuit case granting a stay to maintain the status quo—fall flat.

Further, the Petition ultimately fails to demonstrate any public interest benefit that would accompany a stay. The Petition simply asserts that the Commission’s mission is to promote competition and diversity, and fails to explain how the Order on Reconsideration undermines that objective.

Accordingly, the Petition for Stay should be denied.

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Pursuant to Section 1.45(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.45(d), Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. ("Sinclair") respectfully submits this Opposition to Free Press et al.'s Petition for Stay Pending Judicial Review.¹ The Petition requests that the Commission stay the effective date of reinstatement of the UHF Discount,² which was reinstated in the Order on Reconsideration in the above-captioned proceeding.³

The Petition must be denied. It fails to meet any of the criteria required for a stay and largely rehashes the same arguments the Commission has already rejected in the Order on Reconsideration. Petitioners also mischaracterize their request for relief as a return to the status quo, while the reality is that the Order on Reconsideration itself is a return to the status quo

¹ *Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission's Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule*, Petition for Stay Pending Judicial Review (the "Petition"), MB. Docket No. 13-236, filed by Free Press, Office of Communication, Inc. of the United Church of Christ, Prometheus Radio Project, Media Mobilization Project, Media Alliance, National Hispanic Media Coalition, and Common Cause ("Petitioners") (May 10, 2017).

² 47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(e)(2)(i) ("For purposes of making this [national audience reach] calculation, UHF television stations shall be attributed with 50 percent of the television households in their DMA market") ("UHF Discount").

³ *Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission's Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule*, Order on Reconsideration, MB Docket No. 13-236 (rel. Apr. 21, 2017) ("Order on Reconsideration").

existing prior to the Discount Elimination Order.⁴ Not only do Petitioners fail to show how they would prevail on the merits—given that the Commission was reasonable to conclude that eliminating the UHF Discount without undertaking a holistic review of the national audience reach cap constituted material error or omission—but, importantly, they fail to identify any tangible harm, irreparable or otherwise, they or anyone else would suffer absent a stay. The Petition also ignores the significant, demonstrable, and concrete harms Sinclair and others would suffer if the stay were issued. Given these failings, the Petition similarly fails to demonstrate how the public interest would be served by a stay. Accordingly, Sinclair opposes the Petition and urges the Commission to deny the request for stay.

ARGUMENT

The Commission has made clear that, “[t]o qualify for the extraordinary remedy of a stay, a petitioner must show that: (1) it is likely to prevail on the merits; (2) it will suffer irreparable harm absent the grant of preliminary relief; (3) other interested parties will not be harmed if the stay is granted; and (4) the public interest would favor grant of the stay.”⁵ Here, Petitioners have entirely failed to meet the test for this “extraordinary equitable relief,”⁶ and the Petition should, therefore, be denied.

The Petition’s attempt to rely on the Third Circuit’s grant of a stay in *Prometheus Radio Project v. F.C.C.* does nothing to help the Petitioners’ cause here.⁷ That case is wholly inapposite to the facts and circumstances of this proceeding: First, in that case the Commission

⁴ *Amendment of Section 73.3555(e) of the Commission’s Rules, National Television Multiple Ownership Rule*, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 10213 (2016) (“Discount Elimination Order”).

⁵ *In the Matter of Protecting & Promoting the Open Internet*, 30 FCC Rcd 4673 (2015) (denying petition for stay).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 2003 WL 22052896 (3d Cir. Sept. 3, 2003).

proposed extensive new ownership rules that the Third Circuit found “would significantly alter the agency’s ownership rules.” Here, in contrast, the Order on Reconsideration simply reinstates a rule that has existed for over 30 years, marking a return to the status quo. Second, the Third Circuit determined that although it was difficult to predict a likelihood of success on the merits, the potential harms to the moving parties outweighed the effect of a stay on the Commission or other interested parties. As described in detail below, not only are the Petitioners unlikely to succeed on the merits, but the clear, demonstrable, and concrete harms a stay would cause to third parties clearly outweigh any speculative harm that Petitioners allege might occur from a restoration of the status quo by reinstating the UHF Discount.

1. Petitioners Fail to Demonstrate Likelihood of Success on the Merits

Courts have made clear that they must “give[] deference to the agency’s interpretation so long as that interpretation is not arbitrary, capricious, or manifestly contrary to the statute.”⁸ Further, under the Administrative Procedure Act’s (“APA”) arbitrary and capricious standard “a reviewing court may not set aside an agency rule that is rational, based on consideration of the relevant factors and within the scope of the authority delegated to the agency by the statute.”⁹

Given the well-established standards of judicial review, there is no reason for the Commission to conclude, and the Petitioners have failed to provide any specific evidence, that the Petitioners will prevail on the merits in an appeal of the Order on Reconsideration.

Petitioners’ primary basis for claiming a likelihood of success is that the Order on Reconsideration was arbitrary and capricious because it “‘fails to advance the Commission’s own purported policy goals’ of limiting the audience reach of broadcast owners and promoting

⁸ *Chevron, U.S.A., Inc. v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 837, 842 (1984).

⁹ *Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass’n of the United States, Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983).

competition and diversity in ownership of broadcast media.”¹⁰ However, nowhere does the Petition set forth any support for this assertion, or the assertion that the elimination of the UHF Discount inherently promotes competition or diversity of ownership.

Instead, the Petition spends pages and pages recounting national ownership cap history, myopically focusing on the conversion to digital TV as negating any justification for the UHF Discount. However, in focusing principally on the technical reasons for the UHF Discount, the Petition cursorily acknowledges, but then conveniently ignores, the policy reasons behind it as well. Critically, the Petition ignores the Commission’s well-reasoned bases for the Order on Reconsideration, and falsely claims that the Commission restored the UHF Discount “without acknowledgement or explanation.”¹¹ In so doing, it dismissively states that “the Commission majority does not find any flaw in the findings of conclusions of the UHF Discount Repeal Order *other than that the earlier Commission had failed to review whether the current national cap ownership rule is sound and to fully consider whether the cap should be modified.*”¹²

The Petition thus entirely misses the mark. As the Commission points out in the Order on Reconsideration, it was precisely the Commission’s initial failure to consider the national ownership cap rule that rendered the Discount Elimination Order a textbook example of arbitrary and capricious decisionmaking demanding reconsideration.¹³ Whether the technological justification for the UHF Discount exists or doesn’t is wholly irrelevant at this stage of the

¹⁰ Petition at 4-5. We note that this purported policy goal of “limiting the audience reach of broadcast owners” is entirely made up by Petitioners and not supported by, nor in any way related to, the case they cite as support for this position.

¹¹ *Id.* at 10.

¹² *Id.* at 13-14 (internal quotations omitted, emphasis added).

¹³ *Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass’n v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983) (“A decision is arbitrary and capricious if the agency ‘has . . . entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem.’”).

proceeding. The Commission has an obligation to examine all relevant aspects of an action before it and consider important arguments raised in comments before adopting or amending its rules. The Commission cannot (and the D.C. Circuit, no doubt, will not) ignore the well-established rulemaking requirements of the APA and the Commission's obligation to act in the "public convenience, interest, or necessity."¹⁴

While, as noted above, the Petition's reliance on a Third Circuit stay granted in 2003 has no bearing here, the Petition fails to consider a far more relevant Third Circuit decision from that time period, where the court concluded that the 39% national cap and the UHF Discount were inseparably linked for purposes of review:

Congress instructed the Commission to "increase the national audience reach limitation for television stations to 39%." Since 1985 the Commission has defined "national audience reach" to mean "the total number of television households" reached by an entity's stations, except that "UHF stations shall be attributed with 50 percent of the television households" reached. We assume that when Congress uses an administratively defined term, it intended its words to have the defined meaning. Furthermore . . . we cannot entertain challenges to the Commission's decision to retain the 50% UHF discount. Any relief we granted on these claims would undermine Congress's specification of a precise 39% cap.¹⁵

Certainly relevant to Petitioner's likelihood of success on the merits is this Third Circuit language directly supporting the position the Commission took in the Order on Reconsideration. However, far more recent and equally relevant is the Third Circuit's 2016 vacatur of a different Commission rulemaking for the fundamental error of tightening the ownership limits (by attributing television joint sales agreements) without first determining whether the ownership

¹⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 303; *see also Discount Elimination Order*, Pai Dissent ("Moreover, even absent the specific legal requirement to review particular media ownership regulations every four years pursuant to section 202(h) of [the Act], 'courts have held that the Commission has an affirmative obligation to reexamine its rules over time.'").

¹⁵ *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, 373 F.3d 372, 396 (2004).

rules to be tightened remain in the public interest.¹⁶ There, the court held that “unless the Commission determines that the preexisting ownership rules are sound, it cannot logically demonstrate that expansion is in the public interest.”¹⁷

Putting two and two together, the Commission rationally interpreted the statutorily mandated cap to include the UHF Discount, and reasonably determined in the Order on Reconsideration that the Discount Elimination Order could not stand because, “[w]hen the Commission voted to get rid of the discount . . . it failed to consider whether this *de facto* tightening of the national cap was in the public interest and justified by current marketplace conditions.”¹⁸ Petitioners fail to explain how reinstatement of the UHF Discount—which was in place when Congress adopted the 39% cap—is “arbitrary, capricious, or manifestly contrary to the statute.”¹⁹ Petitioners also fail to explain how the Order on Reconsideration is irrational, not

¹⁶ *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, 824 F.3d 33, 58 (3rd Cir. 2016); *see also Discount Elimination Order*, Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (“Having apparently learned nothing from past efforts to prematurely change attribution rules for JSAs before the Quadrennial Review of media ownership rules was complete, the Commission is replicating the same flawed approach. This item stubbornly plows ahead in a similar cart-before-the-horse scheme to tinker with a calculation methodology without any consideration of the current validity [of] the overall rule it modifies.”).

¹⁷ *Prometheus Radio Project*, 824 F.3d at 58.

¹⁸ Order on Reconsideration ¶ 1; *see also id.* ¶¶ 10 (“the Commission failed to provide a reasoned basis to eliminate the discount in isolation without also fully considering whether the cap should be modified.”), 12 (“the Commission has always considered the discount together with the National Cap”), 13 (“eliminating the UHF discount on a piecemeal basis, without considering the national cap as a whole, was arbitrary and capricious.”), 14 (“Reliance on the self-imposed narrow scope of the *UHF Discount NPRM* was not a sound basis for the Commission to conclude that it could not consider the broader public interest issues posed by retaining the national cap while eliminating the UHF discount, which had the effect of substantially tightening the national cap.”), and 17 (“the Commission failed to fully consider important arguments and lacked a reasoned basis for its conclusion that action on the discount should not be combined with a broader review of the national cap.”).

¹⁹ *Chevron*, 467 U.S. at 842; *see also* Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-199, § 629, 118 Stat. 3, 99-100 (2004) (CAA); *Amendment of Section 73.3555 [formerly Sections*

based on consideration of relevant factors, or outside the scope of the authority delegated to the Commission by statute.²⁰ The findings and conclusions outlined in the Order on Reconsideration are therefore entitled to judicial deference.

Petitioners attempt to bolster their position by asserting that Commissioner O’Rielly believes the Commission “lacks the statutory authority to [modify the national cap] in the first place.”²¹ This not only ignores the critical fact that Commissioner O’Rielly also clearly stated that he believes the Commission lacks the authority to eliminate the UHF Discount,²² but highlights the fact that Petitioners have made all of these flawed arguments before, and the Commission has already fully considered and rejected them. The Commission explains this best in footnote 60 of the Order on Reconsideration:

The Institute for Public Representation (IPR), Common Cause, and the United Church of Christ Office of Communication, Inc., (UCC) Prometheus Radio Project, and Media Mobilizing Project belatedly assert that the Commission lacks authority to modify the cap and that therefore it would be arbitrary and capricious for the Commission to reinstate the discount in order to consider in a future rulemaking proceeding whether the cap and discount should be modified. . . . [W]e find that these new arguments lack merit. First, the parties fail to support their assertion that the Commission lacks authority to modify the cap, ignoring the Commission’s prior analysis and conclusion that it has such authority, which remains undisturbed. **Furthermore, if the Commission was wrong about its authority to modify the cap, then it follows that the Commission does not have authority to eliminate the discount, which was part of the cap, and the UHF Discount Order would need to be vacated for that reason.** Indeed, while the parties principally cite Commissioner O’Rielly’s dissenting statement in support of their

73.35, 73.240, and 73.636] of the Commission’s Rules Relating to Multiple Ownership of AM, FM and Television Broadcast Stations, Report and Order, 100 FCC 2d 17, 54-56 ¶¶ 108-12 (1984).

²⁰ See *Motor Vehicles Mfrs. Ass’n*, 463 U.S. at 43.

²¹ Petition at 14.

²² *Discount Elimination Order*, Dissenting Statement of Commissioner O’Rielly (“I reject the assertion that the Commission has authority to modify the National Television Ownership Rule in any way, including eliminating the UHF discount, and therefore I dissent.”).

argument, they fail to mention that Commissioner O’Rielly specifically said in his statement that the Commission lacked the authority to eliminate the UHF discount.²³

In addition to the flaws aptly identified by the Commission, Petitioners’ argument relies on the misguided assumption that the only possible alternate outcome of a future rulemaking proceeding would be to raise or eliminate the 39% cap.²⁴ This ignores myriad other possibilities that would leave the 39% cap in place—for example, a VHF discount or some other method of calculating reach that might appropriately balance elimination of the UHF Discount with other marketplace factors.

Thus, even before accounting for the deference owed to agency decisionmaking,²⁵ a reviewing court would be hard-pressed to find arbitrary and capricious the Commission’s reconsideration of a plainly arbitrary and capricious order.²⁶ Petitioners are therefore unlikely to succeed on the merits in their appeal, and the Commission should deny their request for stay.

²³ Order on Reconsideration ¶ 17 n.60 (internal citations omitted). The Commission goes on to explain, “Second, we disagree with the argument that, even if the Commission has authority to modify the cap, it would be arbitrary and capricious to reinstate the UHF discount when the Commission may decide at the conclusion of the new rulemaking proceeding not to adjust the cap. As IPR, Common Cause and UCC suggest, the full Commission may decide not to adjust the cap, but they fail to show that our rationale for considering these issues in tandem is flawed.” *Id.*

²⁴ See Petition at 14 (“The UHF Reconsideration Order is therefore arbitrary and capricious because it is predicated on an action that, if it occurs, will undoubtedly be reversed.”).

²⁵ See, e.g., *Fort Mill Tel. Co. v. F.C.C.*, 719 F.2d 89, 91 (4th Cir. 1983) (“This court must give deference both to the agency’s decision if supported by a rational basis in the record, *American Meat Inst. v. Dept. of Agriculture*, 646 F.2d 125, 127 (4th Cir.1981), and the agency’s interpretation of its own statute and regulations. *Udall v. Tallman*, 380 U.S. 1, 16, 85 S.Ct. 792, 801, 13 L.Ed.2d 616 (1965). A court may not substitute its own reasoning for that of the agency. *SEC v. Chenery Corp.*, 332 U.S. 194, 196, 67 S.Ct. 1575, 1577, 91 L.Ed. 1995 (1947).”).

²⁶ 5 U.S.C. § 706.

2. Petitioners Fail to Identify Any Harm, Let Alone an Irreparable Harm, That They Would Suffer Absent a Stay

Petitioners argue that they will be irreparably harmed in the absence of a stay because “major station owners will immediately start buying more stations that will give them an actual audience reach well beyond 39%.”²⁷ But they fail to demonstrate how this will cause them, or anyone for that matter, to suffer any measurable, irreparable harm. Giving the Petition even the most generous reading, any argument alluding to the harm of such actions is purely speculative, and as such should not be considered by the Commission in reviewing the request for a stay.²⁸

As a preliminary matter, restoration of the UHF Discount simply marks a return to the status quo. Until the discount was eliminated last September, the Commission’s rules allowed station owners to buy stations that, without the discount, would place them over the 39% audience reach cap. Notably, despite stations launching digital UHF operations nationwide over fifteen years ago,²⁹ the sky has not fallen. The entire basis for the Petition—that allowing digital UHF stations to benefit from the UHF Discount will bring sudden and irreparable harm—has been the status quo since the first digital UHF station commenced operations in 1996.³⁰ Indeed, everything a broadcaster would be able to do upon restoration of the UHF Discount, it could have done legally for many years prior to the Commission’s adoption of the Discount Elimination Order.

²⁷ Petition at 19.

²⁸ Just as the Commission “will dismiss speculative harms raised in a petition to deny,” it should dismiss the speculative harms on which the Petition for Stay relies. *See Media General/Nexstar* ¶ 23

²⁹ See 47 C.F.R. Section 73.624(d).

³⁰ *See History of WRAL Digital*, <http://www.wral.com/history-of-wral-digital/1069461/> (last accessed May 16, 2017) (recounting that WRAL transmitted the first digital signal on July 23, 1996).

Further, several station owners *already* exceed a 39% national audience reach—and have exceeded it for years—but for application of the UHF Discount.³¹ Petitioners can point to no harm suffered as a result of these groups owning stations that (without the discount) exceed a 39% audience reach. Rarely has the Commission had such an ample opportunity to assess the impact of a proposed state of affairs as here, where that state of affairs has already existed for many years. Moreover, if there were such harms from that state of affairs, one would have thought the Petitioners would have been able to present ample evidence of them in the Petition. They do not. It therefore strains credulity to claim restoration of the UHF Discount will now suddenly cause irreparable harm.

At bottom, Petitioners' entire argument rests on pointing out a couple of pending and historical mergers and asserting, without any actual (or even anecdotal) evidence, that "consolidation will reduce competition and diminish the diversity of voices in the marketplace of ideas."³² Not only does this ignore the many public interest benefits made possible by the UHF Discount and that often accompany broadcast transactions in general,³³ but it is far too speculative and attenuated to merit the "extraordinary relief" of a stay.

³¹ See, e.g., Comments of ION Media Networks, MB Docket 13-236 (filed Dec. 16, 2013); ION's television networks, anchored by 60 local TV stations (59 of which are UHF), today reach nearly 90% of U.S. TV households."); Petition for Reconsideration of ION Media Networks and Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana, Inc., MB Docket No. 13-236, at 5 (filed Nov. 23, 2016) ("Trinity has hundreds of full-power and low-power affiliates nationwide, and the backbone of this station network is Trinity's 31 full-power owned and operated stations, which include 29 UHF stations."); Comments of Univision Communications, Inc. in Support of Petition for Reconsideration, MB Docket No. 13-236 (Jan 23, 2017) (noting that, without the UHF Discount, Univision-owned stations reach 44.8% of U.S. TV households.).

³² Petition at 19. Again, the failure to analyze the companies that exceed the cap now renders this argument moot and purely speculative.

³³ Univision Reply Comments at 3 (Jan. 23, 2017) ("The many benefits of Univision's existing UHF station combination for Hispanic viewers are clear. This platform of O&O stations has

Further, Petitioners’ attempt to draw analogies to the Third Circuit’s decision to grant a stay of the new ownership rules adopted in the Commission’s 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review is misplaced. There, the court found that the “changes adopted by the FCC . . . *would significantly alter the agency’s ownership rules* for multiple media properties, including national television networks, local broadcast affiliates, radio stations, and newspapers.” Consequently, the Third Circuit reasoned that “[g]ranting the stay pending judicial review would maintain the *status quo* in order to permit appellate review after briefing on the merits.”³⁴ Here, in contrast, the Order on Reconsideration does not adopt any change to the Commission’s ownership rules, let alone a change that would “significantly alter” the regulatory landscape. Rather, the Order on Reconsideration marks a return to the status quo—reinstating the UHF Discount that has existed since 1985—in order to negate any potential harm that may have been caused by the recent Discount Elimination Order pending a proper rulemaking. In other words, *denial* of a stay here would preserve the status quo, consistent with the Third Circuit’s holding in *Prometheus*.

enabled the Univision Network to compete with the established English-language networks, making it one of the top five networks in the United States, regardless of language. It has enabled Univision to launch Unimás, a second, over-the-air Spanish-language network. And it has allowed Univision to introduce new Spanish language local news services.”); ION Notice of Ex Parte (Jan. 11, 2017) (“ION relied on the UHF Discount to build America’s last truly independent over-the-air broadcasting network . . . other companies like Trinity and Univision have followed similar paths to building competitive and independent networks.”); *In the Matter of Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of License Subsidiaries of Media Gen., Inc., from Shareholders of Media Gen., Inc. to Nexstar Media Grp., Inc.* ¶ 29, 2017 WL 117616 (Jan. 11, 2017) (“*Media General/Nexstar*”) (“We concur with the Applicants that establishing a news bureau requires significant technical infrastructure and staff and that the costs are not trivial, especially in states where Nexstar does not operate a station in the capital market. Given these significant investments, we find that establishment of state news bureaus in these states by Nexstar would be unlikely absent the transaction.”).

³⁴ *Prometheus Radio Project v. F.C.C.*, No. 03-3388, 2003 WL 22052896, at *1 (3d Cir. Sept. 3, 2003) (emphasis added).

Even taking Petitioners' arguments at face value, Petitioners fail to explain how reinstatement of the UHF Discount as scheduled would deny them of any future remedy. Because Petitioners fail to identify and reasonably support any plausible *irreparable* harm they would suffer absent a stay, the Commission should deny their Petition.

3. A Stay Will Harm Sinclair and Other Third Parties

Petitioners do not, and cannot, offer any evidence supporting their assertion that grant of a stay will not harm parties to new transactions.³⁵ The fact that this section of the Petition consists of a mere four sentences, one of which is not even on point, is telling.³⁶ As noted earlier, Petitioners' superficial attempt to rely on the reasoning behind the Third Circuit stay is misplaced. Unlike that situation, reinstatement of the UHF Discount is the return to the status quo. And, unlike that situation, there are already pending transactions and existing broadcast groups that would be harmed by a stay.

In fact, Petitioners' baseless claim that a stay will not cause any harm, signifies a naiveté not only with respect to the business of broadcasting, but with respect to business in general. It cannot be disputed that suspending a pending transaction for months while waiting for a judicial appeal to run its course would cause significant harm. Such a delay would inherently increase financing and other costs and perhaps jeopardize funding and consummation of the transaction completely. The uncertainty caused by the delay would also harm the employees and shareholders of the companies involved, and would impact potential investments in new services.

³⁵ Petition at 20.

³⁶ Sinclair is unclear what point Petitioners are trying to make when they assert if "the UHF Discount were reinstated after judicial review, new entrants and smaller broadcasters would be able to bid on the purchase of affected TV stations." Perhaps Petitioners believe a stay would kill any currently pending transactions, creating a chance that smaller broadcasters could pick up some stations in the aftermath. This logic is speculative at best, spiteful at worst and, if anything, supports the argument that a stay would cause harm.

Also, it is a well-established principle that uncertainty in the marketplace will negatively impact values and will cause harm not only to pending transactions, but to any potential future transactions as well.

Further, there is clear evidence that a stay will harm existing companies that currently exceed 39% audience reach if the discount is not reinstated. Because the Discount Elimination Order's grandfathering relief given to station groups that exceed the cap does not apply in the event of a transfer of such stations, granting Petitioner's request would effectively freeze these companies in regulatory limbo, and any transactions these companies might consider could result in prematurely forced divestitures to comply with the 39% cap, when the UHF Discount might ultimately be restored or the cap otherwise modified. The Commission was therefore reasonable to consider the comments these companies have submitted identifying the harms of the Discount Elimination Order.³⁷ The Petitioners, on the other hand, fail to address any of these tangible harms, while trying to instead rely on their purely speculative harms.

Because the harms that would accompany the stay are obvious and numerous, the Commission should deny the Petition.

³⁷ See, e.g., Univision Reply Comments in Support of Petition for Reconsideration (Jan. 23, 2017) ("The result of the [Discount Elimination] Order, which effectively doubled Univision's audience reach with the stroke of a pen, is that Univision can no longer acquire full power stations in new markets and, should it alter its ownership structure, may actually be forced to divest television stations, with the attendant risk of a reduction in service to an historically underserved community."); Notice of Ex Parte Communication, ION Media Networks (Jan. 11, 2017) ("the decision to eliminate the UHF Discount created an investment disincentive for companies like ION, threatened to undermine the capital structures of these companies, and weakened the very competitive networks that the Commission encouraged companies like ION to create. . . . ION relied on the UHF Discount to build America's last truly independent over-the-air broadcasting network.").

4. The Public Interest Does Not Favor Grant of the Stay

As the Petition acknowledges, likelihood of success on the merits, immediate and irreparable harm to the Petitioners, and lack of harm to third parties are the most important factors of the standard for granting a stay. Petitioners have failed to satisfy any of these factors, and their Petition should accordingly be denied.

On top of this, the Petition ultimately fails to demonstrate any public interest benefit of a stay. Instead, it offers a handful of non-sequiturs without making any logical connection to reinstatement of the UHF Discount. For example, the Petition fails to explain how denial of a stay would threaten viewers' "First Amendment right to receive suitable access to social, political, esthetic, moral, and other ideas and experiences."³⁸ Petitioners also fail to explain how reinstatement of a UHF Discount that has existed since 1985 would suddenly undermine the Commission's entire regulatory framework such that its rules no longer promote competition, diversity, or "the public interest, convenience, and necessity".³⁹

In contrast, the public interest is served by the Order on Reconsideration. That is, the public benefits from the Commission's ability to remedy the errors and omissions in the Discount Elimination Order through a more fulsome rulemaking proceeding that strengthens public confidence in the administrative process and ensures that the ultimate rule adopted will take into consideration all important factors.

³⁸ Petition at 21.

³⁹ *Id.* at 22.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Sinclair respectfully urges the Commission to deny the Petition for Stay.

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Joanne Wall

From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Sandler, Adam J.
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hi Adam,

We would prefer that you not tape this meeting on Monday. I'm sorry it does not work out.

Thank you.
Lori

Lori Alexiou
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From: Sandler, Adam J. [mailto:adam.sandler@the1934group.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:42 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Hi Lori,

Can the association record the session with the Chairman to use for its website and to share with its TV and radio station members? The meeting will still be closed to the press. Thanks for your consideration!

Best,
Adam

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On Mon, Apr 10, 2017 at 9:03 AM, Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov> wrote:

Thank you Adam. We appreciate it.

Lori

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From: Sandler, Adam J. [mailto:adam.sandler@the1934group.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2017 4:19 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Cc: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>; Walker, Stephanie <Stephanie.Walker@mail.house.gov>; Provost, Rachel <Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov>; Mary Beth Sewald <marybeth@nevadabroadcasters.org>

Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Good afternoon Lori,

Sorry for the delay in responding; it took some time to arrange a room. We have reserved the Strauss room (marked by an arrow in the attached map) at Wynn Encore. Thanks so much for making this happen.

My best,

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On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 4:35 PM, Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov> wrote:

Thanks so much Adam. I will put this down for 1 pm on April 24th. Would you be able to get a conference room at the Encore? All his other meetings that afternoon will be there.

Thanks again.

Lori

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From: Sandler, Adam J. [mailto:adam.sandler@the1934group.com]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 4:29 PM

To: Lori Alexiou <Lori.Alexiou@fcc.gov>

Cc: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>; Walker, Stephanie

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Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Lori,

Monday, April 24th at 1:00pm is perfect; please put us on the calendar. We're honored to have this opportunity.

Would the Chairman like to meet at the convention center? Somewhere nearby?

Thank you,

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Thanks, all!

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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
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Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

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From: Lori Alexiou
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Sandler, Adam J.
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Thanks Adam.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Lori Alexiou
Cc: Timothy Strachan ; Walker, Stephanie ; Mary Beth Sewald
Subject: Re: Meeting Request - Chairman Pai with Nevada Broadcasters

Lori, Tim, and Stephanie,

Thank you for your hard work arranging this meeting. Unsurprisingly, the Nevada broadcasters who met with the Chairman came away extremely impressed and feeling like they finally have a champion for broadcasting in the Chairman's office. Thanks for all that you and the rest of the FCC staff do.

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