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Ms. Susan Kimmel
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Re: Notice of Informal Complaint – Ronald Sutcliffe
Case Number: 14-C00621289-1 (Sutcliffe)(ACC Licensee, Inc.
(WJLA-TV))

Dear Ms. Kimmel and Ms. Kennedy:

On behalf of ACC Licensee, LLC (the “Licensee”), licensee of WJLA-TV, Washington, DC, Facility ID 1051 (the “Station”), this letter responds to the above-referenced Notice of Informal Complaint issued November 26, 2014 (“Complaint”).

While addressed to ACC Licensee, LLC, the licensee of WJLA-TV, the Complaint relates to a program broadcast on NewsChannel8, a non-broadcast program service. See Complaint at Sections 2 and 5. ACC Licensee, LLC, does not own NewsChannel8. NewsChannel8 is controlled by Sinclair Television of Capital District, Inc. The Complaint does **not** relate to any program broadcast over WJLA-TV.

The subject programming was a live state gubernatorial debate carried on the regional cable television service which is branded as NewsChannel8. The NewsChannel8 Maryland Gubernatorial Debate programming was not simulcast or repeated on WJLA-TV.

Under the Commission’s Rules, video programming distributors, which include television stations and multichannel video programming distributors

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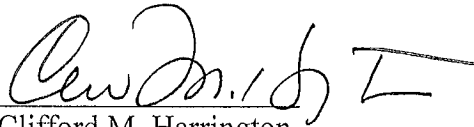
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("MVPD"), are required to close caption all nonexempt video.¹ NewsChannel8 is neither a television station nor an MVPD.

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to the Commission's current rules, NewsChannel8 was not obligated to close caption the live broadcast of the October 13, 2014 Maryland Gubernatorial Debate program.²

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely yours,



Clifford M. Harrington
Christine A. Reilly

Its Attorneys

Enclosure

cc: Ronald Sutcliffe
WJLA-TV

¹ The Commission defines an MVPD as "an entity engaged in the business of making available for purchase, by subscribers or customers, multiple channels of video programming. Such entities include, but are not limited to, a cable operator, a BRS/EBS provider, a direct broadcast satellite service, a television receive-only satellite program distributor, and a satellite master antenna television system operator, as well as buying groups or agents of all such entities." 47 C.F.R. § 76.1000(e).

² As noted above, NewsChannel8 was not required to close caption the Maryland Gubernatorial Debate telecast. However, after locating and engaging an available captioner, captions were provided in the last 20 minutes of the program.