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Re: Certification of Compliance for Children's Television Programming, Closed Captioning Programming and Quality Standards, and Commercial Advertisement Loudness Measures for Altice USA News, Inc. ("Cheddar")

Dear Ms. Molina:

You have recently requested information from us to assist you in your record keeping obligations respecting the commercial limitations imposed on children's programming by the Children's Television Act. We hereby advise you that as of the date of this letter, Cheddar's news programming was originally produced and broadcast primarily for an audience of children 12 years old and under, and therefore the FCC limits on commercial time as contained in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.225 do not apply to any of such programming.

In addition, you requested information from us to assist you in your record keeping obligations respecting the closed captioning requirements, including those set forth in 47 C.F.R. 79.1 as well as accessibility requirements imposed by the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 ("CVAA"). We hereby advise you that, as of the date of this letter, Cheddar's programming service complies with (a) the applicable closed-captioning requirements set forth in Section 79.1, including the applicable caption quality standards, and (b) accessibility requirements of the CVAA.

Further, you requested information from us to assist you in your record keeping obligations respecting the audio description requirements set forth in Section 47 C.F.R. 79.3. We hereby advise you that, as of the date of this letter, Cheddar's news programming service is not (i) a broadcast affiliate of ABC, CBS, Fox, or NBC located in one of the top 80 TV markets, or (ii) one of the top five most-watched non-broadcast networks (as most recently determined by The Nielsen Company), and therefore the FCC requirements for audio description as contained in Section 79.3 do not apply to its programming.

Finally, you have recently requested information from us to assist you in your record keeping obligations respecting the commercial advertisement loudness control requirements of Section 76.607 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. We hereby advise you that, as of the date of this letter, (i) all commercial advertisements embedded in programs carried on Cheddar programming are in compliance with the loudness control practices contained in Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) A/85: Recommended Practice: Techniques for Establishing and Maintaining Audio Loudness for Digital

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Television (“ATSC A/85 Recommended Practice”) at the point of distribution by Cheddar to authorized reception equipment of downstream multichannel video programming distributors, and (ii) compliance with the ATSC A/85 Recommended Practice is determined by Cheddar through the use of equipment and associated software that is installed, utilized and maintained in a commercially reasonable manner.

We trust that this satisfies your request.

Sincerely,



[Kevin O'Reilly \(Jan 5, 2023 16:38 EST\)](#)

Kevin O'Reilly

Chief Operating Officer

Altice News







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