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Disability Rights Office
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attn: Ms. Cheryl J. King, Deputy Chief

Re: FCC IC No. 07-W13132509, Jenifer Simpson

Dear Ms. King:

On behalf of WUSA-TV ("WUSA"), this letter responds to the above-referenced Notice of Informal Complaint dated July 19, 2007 ("NOIC"), in which the Commission requests a response to a complaint filed with the FCC by Jenifer Simpson ("Complainant") with regards to WUSA's broadcast of weather emergency information on June 12, 2007.

The Complaint alleges that during WUSA's broadcast of emergency weather coverage at 9:09 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. on such date, WUSA failed to air an aural tone to accompany visual emergency information that appeared on the screen, in accordance with FCC rules 47.C.F.R. §79.2(b)(ii).

WUSA has thoroughly reviewed its programming videotapes of these broadcasts and regretfully concurs that it failed to deliver the aural tone to accompany its visual emergency information for this particular coverage. In May 2007, WUSA installed a state-of-the-art master control automation system designed to upgrade WUSA's former master control operation and ensure complete functionality with its DTV operation ("System"). During this comprehensive transition, WUSA inadvertently neglected to program a function into the System that would permit the presentation of aural tones.

Once it became aware of this issue, WUSA immediately remedied this oversight by programming aural tone functionality into the System. WUSA also incorporated a

redundant aural tone program within the System as a back-up in the event that the primary aural tone program malfunctions.

Prior to the transition to the System, however, WUSA diligently and routinely incorporated aural tones to accompany its coverage of emergency information, in accordance with FCC Rule 47.C.F.R. §79.2(b)(ii), to ensure that visually-impaired persons are alerted to emergency conditions and given the opportunity to access alternative communication systems for critical emergency information. In addition, WUSA regularly distributes its written policy to applicable staff regarding the Commission's requirement to provide aural tones on a period basis, as well as visual information describing critical details, during coverage of emergency conditions.

WUSA respectfully submits that the foregoing demonstrates the seriousness with which it treats its commitment to making emergency information available to visually-impaired persons and regrets its inadvertent oversight in this circumstance.

Should there be any further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



David P. Fleming

cc: Allan Horlick, WUSA
Jenifer Simpson

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