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Public File Cover Letter

Each weekday, WAMC-FM (and its associated stations WAMC-AM, WAMK, WOSR, WCAN, WANC, WCEL, WAMQ, WWES, WANZ and WRUN-FM) provides regional inserts during four hours of Morning Edition, a network program originating from National Public Radio in Washington.

WAMC also produces a three-hour eclectic regional program called *The Roundtable*, a one-hour regional newscast at noon (*Midday Magazine*), a half-hour program of regional news called *Northeast Report*, and a second half-hour program of regional news called *Northeast Report Late Edition*. Monday through Friday afternoons at 2, WAMC provides an hour-long telephone call-in program (*Vox Pop*), with topics varying from day to day. Each weekday afternoon, WAMC provides regional inserts during two hours of All Things Considered, another network program originating from NPR in Washington. Regional news inserts are also heard at 5:04 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and weeknights at 7:04 p.m.

In addition to these longer programs, WAMC also provides shorter regional newscasts during the day. These newscasts are scheduled at or about 5:30 AM, 6:04 AM, 6:33 AM, 6:50 AM, 7:30 AM, 7:42 AM 8:04 AM, 8:19 AM, 9:06 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:06 AM, 12:06 PM, 12:31PM, 2:04 PM, 4:30PM, 5:04PM, 5:30 PM, and 6:04 PM. Network programming carried by WAMC is provided by National Public Radio (NPR), American Public Media (APM), which provides the BBC and Public Radio International (PRI), which supplies material for Marketplace. WAMC receives news from the Associated Press and Empire Information Services, as well as newspapers and magazines. WAMC also maintains relationships with freelancers across New York and New England.

WAMC produces several news and information programs for broadcast on stations, and by other stations. These include *Fifty-one Percent*, *The Best of Our Knowledge*, and *The Book Show*. In addition, there are two locally produced programs syndicated statewide. These are *The Capitol Connection*, a weekly conversation program with a statewide official or someone running for statewide office, and *The Legislative Gazette*, a news program highlighting New York State government and politics. WAMC also produces a weekly program called *The Media Project*, which looks at the role the media plays in political and social issues. We also produce and distribute two daily modules; *The Academic Minute* has professors explain their latest research, and *Earth Wise* takes a look at the world's changing environment.

Within the last quarter, WAMC aired special coverage of State of the State addresses by New York Gov. Kathy Hochul and Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, in addition to the State of the Union by President Biden. Other special coverage this quarter centered on presidential primary results in Vermont and Massachusetts on Super Tuesday, with additional focus on President Biden's comments on the Israel-Hamas war and former President Trump's ongoing legal troubles. This quarter, WAMC also offered coverage of local government transitions after November's elections, plus Town Meeting Day results in Vermont, including the mayoral election in its largest city, Burlington.

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