

2019 Political Disclosure Form

I. Introduction

Thank you for your interest in purchasing political advertising. It is our desire to furnish you complete information concerning the various advertising rates, policies, plans and packages, and to assist you in making an informed decision concerning the purchase of advertising.

The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to make those parties who purchase political advertising time fully aware of the application of “lowest unit charge” provisions of Section 315(b) of the Communications Act. The lowest unit charge provisions only apply during the 45 days preceding a primary election and only during the 60 days preceding a general election (the “Pre-Election Periods”) and only to legally qualified candidates for public office or their authorized campaign organizations to promote their candidacy; they are **not applicable** to political action committees or to non-candidate issue advertising. At times other than the prescribed Pre-Election Periods, the rates charged candidates shall not exceed the charges made for comparable uses of the station by commercial advertisers.

II. Political Broadcast Rates in Pre-Election Periods

During the Pre-Election Periods, all spots sold for uses by legally qualified candidates for public office will be sold at the lowest rates charged to any other advertiser for spots for the same rotation, length, time period and class of spot, or program, as the case may be. Projected rates quoted by the station’s Political Account Executives to candidates and their representatives reflect the value of any and all discounts that may be offered to commercial advertisers. If it is subsequently determined that another advertiser’s spot cleared at a lower rate than a candidate for the same rotation, length, time period and class of spot, or program, however, a rebate or credit in the amount of the difference will be offered to the candidate as soon as practicably possible after this is discovered. Candidates purchasing spots without a media buyer or agency are entitled to the lowest unit rate “net” of the advertising agency commission.

The station offers the following non-preemptible and preemptible classes:

*Non-Preemptible: These spots are guaranteed to air at the scheduled time or during a set time period, and will not be preempted except in the event of unforeseen program changes or technical difficulties. Non-Preemptible spots constitute the station’s highest priced class of time.

*Preemptible: These spots are always immediately preemptible at any time prior to airing with no guarantee that the station will attempt to notify the advertiser of the preemption. Preemptible spots may be preempted at any time to accommodate the airing of any spots purchased in a higher class.

The rates in the classes on the Station’s rate card will change weekly as determined by market

conditions and inventory in accordance with normal business practices and the Station will recalculate the lowest unit rates each week on Monday. The estimated likelihood of preemption changes weekly based upon demands on inventory and can vary greatly with day part. Please contact your station account executive for estimates of the likelihood of preemption for length of time for the desired day part availabilities at the time of request.

Reasonable attempts are made to offer comparable make good spots (i.e., similar audience delivery, but not necessarily in the same time period, program, length or week) in the event of preemption. However, the station does not guarantee to run time-sensitive make goods for preempted spots to any advertiser, political or commercial. Likelihood of preemption can vary greatly depending on demand from program to program. Please consult our Political Account Executives, who can advise as to the likelihood of preemptions during any given program or time period.

The station sells announcement availabilities for all programs and time periods except news programs to legally qualified candidates for federal public office. Upon request, the Station will provide information about and rates for non-standard programs, day parts, and/or rotations that may be available. Access by state and local candidates may be more restricted.

***ROTATIONS**

*The station also sells broad rotations across programs and/or dayparts. Although an attempt is made to disperse the spots ordered randomly throughout the rotation, the station retains discretion as to when during the rotation a spot will be broadcast. Examples of the most common rotations currently being offered are included in the attached rate card.

***PACKAGES**

*On occasion, the station negotiates packages of spots in various day parts. These packages are all individually negotiated, based upon mutually agreed-upon estimates and rates. Political advertisers receive the benefit of such negotiated rates on a per-spot basis.

***AUDIENCE DELIVERY**

*On occasion, the station offers advertisers pricing based on an agreed-upon percentage of projected audience delivery. Should the station fail to meet the agreed-upon rating point percentage, make good spots for audience deficiency are afforded based on available inventory, but not on a time-sensitive basis. Please be advised that the audience measurement data upon which such determinations are made may not be available until after the election.

III. Political Broadcast Rates Outside Pre-Election Periods

The portion of the year outside the Pre-Election Periods is the “comparable rate period”. During the comparable rate period, the station will present rate quotations to candidate advertisers in the same manner as to commercial advertisers. Most commercial advertising sold by the station is sold on a negotiated basis, with the exact rate varying according to factors such as (1) the number of spots in a particular order and the total volume of advertising ordered by a particular advertiser, (2) the degree of flexibility our station is afforded in moving an advertiser’s spots in heavy demand periods, (3) the percentage of an advertiser’s budget for the market allocated to our station and (4) the projected demand for spots by all advertisers, the class of time purchased, and our station’s available spot inventory at the time of the projected demand.

The rates charged to candidate advertisers during the comparable rate period may not be the lowest rates charged for similar spots, but will be rates comparable to those charged other advertisers buying time under comparable circumstances. Discount privileges, if any, are available on comparable terms. During the comparable rate period, the station will attempt to provide make-goods for any preempted spots at times acceptable to the advertiser involved. To the extent inventory constraints prevent us from offering make-goods acceptable to an advertiser, the station will provide refunds or credits with respect to any advance payments made for preempted spots.

IV. General Policies

1. The rate policies set forth above apply to political advertisements that are “uses”, as defined by the rules and policies of the Federal Communications Commission. In general, a spot will be considered a “use” only if it is purchased by or on behalf of a candidate or the candidate’s authorized campaign committee and if the spot includes some identifiable voice appearance by the candidate.
2. For screening purposes, all advertisers are encouraged to submit new copy and copy changes to the station at least 72 hours prior to scheduled broadcast. The Station will not censor the content of a use but will review all political advertisements to determine whether they are “uses”, whether they carry proper sponsorship identification and whether they conform to the agreed upon length and ensure the spot is of broadcast quality and meets other technical and scheduling requirements.
3. All candidate spots must contain appropriate sponsorship identification, which means that the spot must include a statement that it is “paid for by...” or “sponsored by...” or “furnished by...” a candidate or the candidate’s campaign committee – as required by the rules and policies of the Federal Communications Commission. If the commercial does not contain a conforming sponsor ID, the sponsor will be asked to add it, time permitting. If the sponsor is unwilling or unable to do so, or time does not permit, the station is required by law to add appropriate ID. In this instance, the station will charge the production costs to the sponsor at the rate fee of \$100 per hour / minimum of \$100.

4. All paperwork must be completed and returned to the station before any political schedule may commence. The following forms must accompany all requests for broadcast advertising: (i) a signed Acknowledgement of Political Broadcast Rate Disclosure Statement, (ii) the standard N.A.B. form or the station's form 4701 (Agreement for Political Broadcasts) completed and signed, and (iii) a station contract for the order. Further, to qualify for the lowest unit rate during Pre-Election Periods, federal candidates must certify in writing at the time of purchase that the spots will not directly refer to an opposing candidate or that, if they do, the spots will contain a specific disclaimer required by the Campaign Reform Act. This latter request applies only to federal candidates; state and local candidates are not required to certify in order to obtain the lowest unit rate.

5. Reasonable access to advertising on the station will be provided to all legally qualified federal candidates. The station reserves the right to limit the amount of advertising that will be sold to federal candidates on a week-by-week basis, subject to negotiation, based on the needs of the candidate, the number of candidates in the race, the amount of advance notice and time before election, potential program disruption, the amount of time already sold to a particular candidate, on the total demand for advertising time by other candidates and by commercial advertisers, and on station inventory.

6. The station may further limit its sales of advertising to state and local candidates, and may not sell advertising for some state or local election races. Please inquire as to any limitations that may apply to elections for each state and local office. These limitations may vary from time to time and can vary from station to station.

7. The station does not sell sponsorships to political advertisers. A limited number of spots within sports and special programming may be available. Please inquire as to availability and costs.

8. The station will not accept political advertising to run on Election Day, except as required by law to meet equal opportunities or reasonable access obligations.

9. Prices quoted in the attached rate card are for 30-second and 60-second spots. The station Political Account Executives can quote rates for spots of other lengths upon request.

10. Political advertisements generally must be paid for in advance of broadcast, normally no later than 7 business days before the start date, or else the order is subject to cancellation. The Seller reserves the right, consistent with federal law, to take a candidate's payment and cancellation history into account in deciding whether to accept new orders for the candidate.