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R. Cameron Brewer
10217 Island View Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 10217

Re: Informal Captioning Complaint
(KFOR-TV, Oklahoma City, OK)

Dear Mr. Brewer:

This letter is written on behalf of Tribune Broadcasting Oklahoma City License, LLC, licensee of KFOR-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (“KFOR”) in response to your complaint filed with the FCC concerning a lack of captioning during a weather emergency that occurred on February 19, 2017.

During times of emergency, which includes coverage of severe weather conditions like those that occurred on February 19, KFOR will preempt its regularly scheduled programming to provide its viewers essential information about the emergency event and how viewers should promptly respond and what precautions should be taken. Under the FCC rules, KFOR has a choice in how to make this information accessible. It may provide the information via live captioning, or pursuant to the rules and regulations of the FCC (47 CFR § 79.2), transmit the critical details in another manner both aurally and visually for maximum accessibility.¹

Because it takes time for KFOR’s third party captioning center to commence live captioning during emergency events, KFOR uses its discretion in determining how long preemptions will last and when to caption. It should be noted that on February 19 for all other cut-ins that occurred KFOR did enable live captioning.

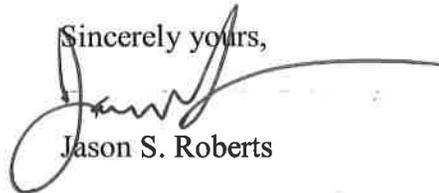
Notwithstanding the foregoing, during all the emergency coverage on February 19 and the specific live cut-in you noted, KFOR provided continuous weather texts, radar maps, graphics and on-air aural announcements. The graphic and crawl information are synced to be as time sensitive and accurate as possible. Therefore, even without captioning, which is allowed by FCC rules, viewers are still receiving all the important and essential information in a prompt manner.

¹ “Emergency information that is provided in the audio portion of the programming must be made accessible to persons with hearing disabilities by using a method of closed captioning or by using a method of visual presentation” 47 C.F.R. §; 79.2(b)(1)(i) (2010) (emphasis added).

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KFOR is sensitive to your concerns and appreciates the input you in particular have provided. If there are any additional questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason S. Roberts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason S. Roberts

cc: Nick Thompson, Director of Technology, KFOR-TV
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