Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Stations WKYQ(FM), WDDJ(FM), WBMP(AM), WPAD(AM), WNGO(AM), WLLE(FM), WKYX-FM, WZYK(FM), and WDXR(AM) Comprising the Paducah Station Employment Unit

Annual EEO Public File Report

For the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

The purpose of this Equal Employment Opportunity Public File Report ("Report") is to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's 2002 EEO Rule – 47 C.F.R. Section 73.2080(c)(6). This Report has been prepared on behalf of the Station Employment Unit ("SEU" or "Paducah SEU") that is comprised of the above captioned stations (all licensed to Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.) and has been placed in the Public Inspection Files of these stations and posted on their websites as required.¹

The information contained in this Report covers the time period beginning on April 1, 2023 and ending on March 31, 2024 (the "Applicable Period").

The FCC's 2002 EEO Rule requires that this Report contain the following information:

- 1. A list of all full-time vacancies filled by the Stations comprising the Station Employment Unit during the Applicable Period;
- 2. For each such vacancy, the recruitment sources utilized to fill the vacancy (including, if applicable, organizations entitled to notification pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(1)(iii) of the new EEO Rule, which should be separately identified), identified by name, address, contact person and telephone number;
- 3. The recruitment source that referred the hiree for each full-time vacancy during the Applicable Period;
- 4. Data reflecting the total number of persons interviewed for full-time vacancies during the Applicable Period and the total number of interviewees referred by each recruitment source utilized in connection with such vacancies; and
- 5. A list and brief description of the initiatives undertaken pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(2) of the FCC Rules.

Below is a recapitulation of the vacancies and recruitment activities and supplemental outreach initiatives that were undertaken for the Paducah SEU by Bristol Broadcasting Company during the Applicable Period of this Annual Equal Employment Opportunity Report.

¹ While the community of license of Station WKYX-FM is in Illinois (Golconda) this Annual EEO Public File Report was prepared and filed on the anniversary date of the filing of the licensee renewal applications for commonly owned Stations WKYQ(FM), WDDJ(FM), WBMP(AM), WPAD(AM), WNGO(AM), WLLE(FM), WZYK(FM), and WDXR(AM) whose communities of license are in Kentucky as is permitted by the Commission's policies for station employment units comprised of stations whose cities of license are in two or more states.

Vacancy Information

Only one full-time vacancy was filled for the Paducah Station Employment Unit during the Applicable Period of this Report. Below is a chart of the vacancy and the recruitment source for the hiree for that position:

Full-Time Position Filled by Job Title	Recruitment Source of Hiree
News Reporter	Bulletin Boards at SEU Offices

Total number of persons interviewed during Applicable Period: 3

Recruitment Source Information

Notices for the full-time vacancy during the Applicable Period were sent to all Specialized Recruitment Sources and Organizations Requesting. Notices for each full-time vacancy were posted on bulletin boards at the offices of the SEU offices and were posted on the websites of each of the stations in the Station Employment Unit. An announcement about the News Reporter opening was posted on *AllAccess.com*, a broadcast industry website with a job openings section. Announcement were posted on West Kentucky Star, an online newspaper serving the SEU market. Announcements about the job opening were aired during all dayparts on each of the stations of the SEU. Additionally, announcements about the vacancy were also posted on the social media platforms of the Stations of the SEU. Each notice and communication emphasized that Bristol Broadcasting Company is an equal opportunity employer.

Specialized Recruitment Sources

Notice of the full-time job opening was sent to each of the entities on the SEU's list of Specialized Recruitment Sources. Below is a listing of the Specialized Recruitment Sources utilized by Bristol Broadcasting Company for each vacancy. Along with notice of the vacancy a request that the notice be propagated to qualified job seekers was also sent.

Asbury College Attention: Donna Flanigan 1 Macklem Drive Wilmore, KY 40390 Phone: (859) 858-3511

Pad Business & Professional Women Attention: Audrey Lee 825 Madison Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 210-5195

Harrison Street Baptist Church Attention: James Hudson 1126 Harrison Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 442-8946 Western Kentucky University Attention: Peter Bryant 1 Big Red Way Bowling Green, KY 42101 Phone: (270) 745-5489

Greater Lincoln Height Baptist Church Attention: Rev. Alfred Anderson 1324 Bloomfield Avenue Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 442-0070

Women's Club of Paducah Attention: Merryman Kemp 309 N. 8th Street Paducah, KY 42001-1029 Phone: (270) 442-4134 Christ Temple Apostolic Church Attention: Anthony Walton 523 North 12th Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 575-3823

Greater Love Baptist Church Attention: W. G. Harvey 1249 N. 12th Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 443-7161

Margaret Hank Memorial Attention: Debbie Hayes 1526 Park Avenue Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 443-3680 Moody Bible Institute of Chicago Attention: Patrick Friedline 820 N. La Salle Blvd. Chicago, IL 60610 Phone: (312) 329-4000

NAACP Job Bank Attention: J. W. Cleary 505 S. 8th Street Paducah, KY 42003 Phone: (270) 443-5430

Paducah Housing Authority Attention: Arthur Davenport 2330 Ohio Street Paducah, KY 42003 Phone: (270) 443-3634

Washington Street Baptist Church Attention: Kathy Harris 721 Washington Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 442-8033 Mount Moriah MBC Attention: Deborah Spaulding P. O. Box 2831 Paducah, KY 42002

Paducah, KY 42002 Phone: (270) 443-3714

Oakalone Christian Church Attention: Tevis Shaw P. O. Box 246 West Paducah, KY 42086 Phone: (270) 442-8644

Paducah Human Rights Commission Attention: Stan Beauchamp

300 south 5th Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 444-8644

Ware Memorial C.O.G.I.C. Attention: Virginia McClure 1145 North 11th Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 575-0960 Murray State University Attention: Dr. Debbie Owens

116-B Wilson Hall Murray, KY 42071 Phone: (270) 809-6318

Career Services Office MSU Attention: Marlo Rhodes 210 Ordway Hall Murray, KY 42071 Phone: (270) 575-3498

University of Tennessee Attention: :Rodney Freed 305 Gooch Hall Martin, TN 38238 Phone: (731) 881-7532

Kentucky Broadcasters Association Website Job Bank

Organizations Requesting Notice

For the full-time vacancy during the Applicable Period, notice of the job openings was sent to the following <u>organizations that had requested notice of such openings</u>:

Easter Seals Employment Connection

Attention: Lisa Carrico 2229 Mildred Street Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 444-9680

McCracken Community Career Endowment

Attention: Judy Calhoun 401 Kentucky Avenue, Suite FR2

Paducah, KY 42001 Phone: (270) 444-6962 West Kentucky Community College

Attention: Paula Afmon P. O. Box 7380 Paducah, KY 42002 Phone: (270) 534-3425

JU Kevil Melissa Parchman Via email mparchman@jukevil.com Phone (270) 247-5396 Shawnee Community College Attention: Leslie Cornelious-Weldon 8364 Shawnee College Road

Ullin, IL 62992 Phone: (618) 634-3337

Analysis of Interviewees by Source

Bristol Broadcasting Company made an analysis of the number of interviewees that was provided by recruitment source during the Applicable Period of this Report. That analysis is charted below:

AllAccess.com Number of Interviewees Provided: 1 Bulletin Boards (SEU Offices)
Number of Interviewees Provided: 1

SEU Stations Website(s)
Number of Interviewees Provided: 1

Chart Showing Total Number Interviewees by Source for Each Vacancy		
Full-Time Position	Recruitment Sources of Interviewees	Total Referred by Source
News Reporter	Bulletin Boards (SEU Offices) AllAccess.com SEU Stations Website(s)	1 1 1

Total number of persons interviewed during Applicable Period: 3

Analysis of Recruitment Efforts

While preparing this Annual EEO Public File Report, management of the Paducah Station Employment Unit made analysis of the recruitment activities undertaken during the Applicable Period and of the overall efficacy of the EEO program at the SEU. Since there was only one full-time position that opened during the period, data to analyze recruitment efforts was limited. However, it was noted by SEU management that as during previous reporting periods, there was a dearth of qualified applicants and interviewees for the open position. SEU management research indicated that fewer applicants for broadcast related job openings is a national trend with many broadcast companies expressing difficulty in recruiting qualified candidates. While management believed the records of the recruitment activities demonstrated that the efforts to propagate information about these full-time openings gave any qualified person who might have wanted to apply the opportunity to do so, the conclusion was made that the ongoing extremely tight labor market nationwide and the apparent lack of interest in new recruits to the broadcast industry stifled efforts to find qualified applicants. As was noted the SEU's Annual EEO Public File Report for the previous year, the SEU management was aware of governmental and news reports and had heard anecdotal stories from other broadcasters and from local business and community leaders that finding employees was a common problem in the region and nationally. Indeed, the Stations of the SEU had aired "help wanted" type commercials for numerous businesses during the Applicable Period of this Report. All factors considered, management concluded that its recruitment efforts had been adequate and that the scarcity of applicants/interviewees was a product of labor market conditions and scarcity of interest in broadcast related jobs.

Supplemental Outreach Initiatives

Below is a listing of supplemental outreach initiatives undertaking by the SEU during the Applicable Period of this Report:

• Murray State University Student Fall Career Fair On September 26, 2023, Jeff Lawrence, Programming Administrator with the SEU, manned a booth at the Murray State University Student Fall Career Fair on the campus of Murray State University. Lawrence spoke with students about internship opportunities available at the SEU and about how to apply for any full-time or part-time positions available with Bristol Broadcasting Company. He also answered questions about career opportunities in broadcasting and emphasized the SEU's equal opportunity policies.

- West Kentucky Community & Technical College Career Day On February 28, 2024, SEU General Manager Jamie Futrell spoke to the Introduction to Business class taught by Dr. Jason Willoughby at West Kentucky Community & Technical College in Paducah, Kentucky. The class consisted of freshmen, sophomores and juniors who attend the college. Futrell discussed the various positions available at radio broadcast stations and the skill sets necessary to succeed in those positions. Futrell talked with the students about internship opportunities available at the Paducah SEU and about how to apply for any full-time or part-time positions when available. He also emphasized that Bristol Broadcasting Company is an equal opportunity employer.
- Murray State University Career Day & Grad School Fair On March 12, 2024, the Paducah SEU participated in the Murray State University Career Day and Grad School Fair on the campus of Murray State University. Steve Schwettman, an on-air personality and Programming Administrator with the SEU, manned a booth at the event. Schwettman spoke with those attending about careers available in radio broadcasting in general and specifically with Bristol Broadcasting Company. He talked with the students about internship opportunities available at the SEU and about how to apply for any full-time or part-time positions when available with the Paducah SEU. Schwettman emphasized Bristol Broadcasting Company's equal opportunity policies.
- Entities Helping Job Seekers Outreach
 Stations of the Paducah SEU aired announcements to notify organizations that regularly assist job seekers that they can be added to a list of entities that receive information about of job vacancies at the SEU. These announcements were designed to provide greater awareness of job opportunities with Bristol Broadcasting Company.

Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc., remains committed to providing employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or gender and will continue to pursue new ways and means of more widely disseminating information regarding job vacancies with the company.