

February 4, 2019

Jackie J. Livesay
Assistant General Counsel & Vice President, Compliance
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
401 Ninth Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE:

Report No. AST1804-1809

Dear Ms. Livesay,

Please accept this correspondence as our written response to the letter dated January 11, 2019 regarding the review of community service and other grants at WTTW-TV, Chicago, Illinois, for fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017, Report No. AST1804-1809.

The letter indicates the impact of the review findings resulted in a net CSG overpayment of \$640,651, which CPB has requested be recovered with a CSG payment reduction in Fiscal Year (FY)2020 by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018. The time period of the review spanned 2 years, therefore, we respectfully request that CPB consider recoupment to align with a 2-year timeframe (FY 2020 and FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

We have enclosed a copy of check #026991 for \$71,562.15, which has been mailed to Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller at CPB per the directives in your letter.

Please find attached our response to your requested actions.

Thank you for your patience and continued support during this process.

In accordance with your standard response time, we will look for your response to this letter within 7 days of receipt. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 773-509-5400 or at smicek@wttw-wfmt.com.

Sincerely,

Sandra Micek

President & CEO

Window to the World Communications, Inc.

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# Response to review action recommendations from CPB

#### I. A. (1)

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$432,620 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

**WTTW Response to Action:** WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$432,620 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

## I. A. (2)

**CPB Action Request:** No further action is required.

WTTW Response to Action: No further action is required.

### I. A. (3)

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$8,302 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

**WTTW Response to Action:** WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$8,302 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

# I. A. (4)

**CPB Action Request:** No further action is required.

WTTW Response to Action: No further action is required.

# I. A. (5)

**CPB Action Request:** No further action is required.

**WTTW Response to Action:** No further action is required.

#### I.B.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$156,286 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

WTTW Response to Action: WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$156,286 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

#### 1. C.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$30,955 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

WTTW Response to Action: WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$30,955 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

## I.D.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$12,427 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

WTTW Response to Action: WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$12,427 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

I.E.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the \$61 CSG overpayment to CPB, which CPB will recover by deducting the corresponding NFFS from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018.

WTTW Response to Action: WTTW request that CPB consider recoupment of the \$61 CSG overpayment to align with a 2-year time frame (FY 2020 & FY 2021) by deducting the corresponding NFFS equally from that which WTTW reports for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

I.F.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must forward the penalty of \$64,065 to CPB, within 45 days of the date of this correspondence.

**WTTW Response to Action:** WTTW forwarded a check inclusive of \$64,065 to CPB, attention Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller.

II.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must forward the penalty of \$5,000 to CPB, within 45 days of the date of this correspondence.

**WTTW Response to Action:** WTTW forwarded a check inclusive of \$5,000 to CPB, attention Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller.

III.

**CPB Action Request:** WTTW must return the grant overpayment of \$2,497 to CPB, within 45 days of the date of this correspondence.

**WTTW Response to Action:** WTTW forwarded a check inclusive of \$2,497 to CPB, attention Nick Stromann, Vice President, Controller.

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PNC Bank, N.A. Illinois,

Check # 026991

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Window To The World Communications, Inc.

WTTW

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Check Date 1/31/2019

Check Amount \*\*\*\*\*\*\$71,562.15

Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two and 15/100

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WASHINGTON, DC 20004

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