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**FCC ESTABLISHES MB DOCKET NO. 25-73 AND COMMENT CYCLE FOR NEWS
DISTORTION COMPLAINT INVOLVING CBS BROADCASTING INC., LICENSEE OF
WCBS, NEW YORK, NY**

MB Docket No. 25-73

Comments Due: March 7, 2025

Reply Comments Due: March 24, 2025

On October 16, 2024, the Center for American Rights (CAR) filed a complaint with the Commission requesting an investigation into WCBS, New York, NY (Facility ID No. 9610), for “news distortion” in the airing of a “60 Minutes” interview with then Vice President Kamala Harris (CAR Complaint).¹ On February 3, 2025, in response to a request from the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau, the WCBS licensee provided the Commission with an unedited transcript and video of the 60 Minutes interview in question.

Given the value of transparency and demonstrated interest in this ongoing FCC matter, the FCC has determined that the public interest would be served by making the transcript and video available and by opening a docket to seek comment on the issues that have been raised.² Thus, materials can be found here ([video](#)) and here ([transcript](#)), and we hereby establish a docket to seek comment on the CAR Complaint.³ We have concluded that establishing this docket would, in this case, permit broader public participation and thereby serve the public interest.

Ex Parte Rules. This matter be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁴ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant

¹ A copy of this complaint will be included in this docket. The allegations in the complaint were also incorporated by reference in a petition filed by CAR in MB Docket No. 24-275, regarding the proposed transfer of control of Paramount Global (parent company of the WCBS licensee). See Center for American Rights, Petition to Condition Grant by the Center for American Rights, MB Docket No. 24-275 at 8 (filed Dec. 16, 2024).

² These materials will be included in the record for this proceeding.

³ See <https://youtu.be/vEu8hSGDKJA>; <https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/Transcript-Transcribed-Unedited-Interview-Footage-6-of-14.pdf>

⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.1206.

page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules (Rules). In proceedings governed by section 1.49(f) of the Rules or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

Filing Requirements. All filings responsive to this Public Notice must reference MB Docket No. 25-73. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Rules,⁵ interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁶

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, commercial courier (including overnight mail), or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.⁷
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

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Availability of Documents. Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

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⁵ 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁶ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁷ Hand-delivered or messenger delivered paper filings continue to NOT be accepted at FCC Headquarters.