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(c) On or before the first day of February and the first day of August of each year, the licensee shall submit, for each of its stations authorized to render addressed press service in accordance with provisions of this section, a recapitulative list, as of the first day of January and the first day of July respectively of that year, containing the following:

- (1) The name and location of each person subscribing to such service, and
- (2) The date of institution of such service to each person at each point.

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§ 23.54 Use of double sideband radiotelephone.

Use of double sideband radiotelephone transmissions, on frequencies below 30 MHz, shall be held to a minimum with a view towards discontinuance of such operations as soon as possible. Except in cases where the foreign correspondent is unable to receive single sideband transmissions, double sideband radiotelephone shall not be transmitted after January 1, 1965.

§ 23.55 Equal employment opportunities.

(a) *General policy.* Equal opportunity in employment shall be afforded by all common carrier licensees or permittees to all qualified persons, and no personnel shall be discriminated against in employment because of sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.

(b) *Equal employment opportunity program.* Each licensee or permittee shall establish, maintain, and carry out, a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to assure equal opportunity in every aspect of employment policy and practice. Under the terms of its program, a licensee or permittee shall:

(1) Define the responsibility of each level of management to insure a positive application and vigorous enforcement of the policy of equal opportunity, and establish a procedure to review and control managerial and supervisory performance.

(2) Inform its employees and recognized employee organizations of the positive equal employment oppor-

tunity policy and program and enlist their cooperation.

(3) Communicate its equal employment opportunity policy and program and its employment needs to sources of qualified applicants without regard to sex, race, color, religion, or national origin, and solicit their recruitment assistance on a continuing basis.

(4) Conduct a continuing campaign to exclude every form of prejudice or discrimination based upon sex, race, color, religion, or national origin, from the licensees' or permittees' personnel policies and practices and working conditions.

(5) Conduct a continuing review of job structure and employment practices and adopt positive recruitment, training, job design and other measures needed in order to insure genuine equality of opportunity to participate fully in all organizational units, occupations and levels of responsibility.

(c) *Additional information to be furnished to the Commission.* (1) Equal Employment Programs to be filed by common carrier licensees or permittees.

(i) All licensees or permittees will file a statement of their equal employment opportunity program not later than December 17, 1970, indicating specific practices to be followed in order to assure equal employment opportunity on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, or national origin in such aspects of employment practices as regards recruitment, selection, training, placement, promotion, pay, working conditions, demotion, layoff, and termination.

(a) Any changes or amendments to existing programs should be filed with the Commission on April 1 of each year thereafter.

(b) If a licensee or permittee has fewer than 16 full-time employees, no such statement need be filed.

(2) The program should reasonably address itself to such specific areas as set forth below, to the extent that they are appropriate in terms of licensee size, location, etc.

(i) *To assure nondiscrimination in recruiting.* (a) Posting notices in the licensee's or permittee's offices informing applicants for employment of their equal employment rights and their right to notify the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, or other appropriate agency. Where a substantial number of applicants are Spanish-surnamed Americans such notice should be posted in Spanish and English.

(b) Placing a notice in bold type on the employment application informing prospective employees that discrimination because of sex, race, color, religion, or national origin is prohibited and that they may notify the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Communications Commission or other appropriate agency if they believe they have been discriminated against.

(c) Placing employment advertisements in media which have significant circulation among minority-group people in the recruiting area.

(d) Recruiting through schools and colleges with significant minority-group enrollments.

(e) Maintaining systematic contacts with minority and human relations organizations, leaders, and spokesmen to encourage referral of qualified minority or female applicants.

(f) Encouraging present employees to refer minority or female applicants.

(g) Making known to the appropriate recruitment sources in the employer's immediate area that qualified minority members are being sought for consideration whenever the licensee hires.

(ii) *To assure nondiscrimination in selection and hiring.* (a) Instructing personally those on the staff of the licensee or permittee who make hiring decisions that all applicants for all jobs are to be considered without discrimination.

(b) Where union agreements exist, cooperating with the union or unions in the development of programs to assure qualified minority persons or females of equal opportunity for employment, and including an effective nondiscrimination clause in new or renegotiated union agreements.

(c) Avoiding use of selection techniques or tests which have the effect of discriminating against minority groups or females.

(iii) *To assure nondiscriminatory placement and promotion.* (a) Instructing personally those of the licensee's or per-

mittee's staff who make decisions on placement and promotion that minority employees and females are to be considered without discrimination, and that job areas in which there is little or no minority or female representation should be reviewed to determine whether this results from discrimination.

(b) Giving minority groups and female employees equal opportunity for positions which lead to higher positions. Inquiring as to the interest and skills of all lower-paid employees with respect to any of the higher-paid positions, followed by assistance, counseling, and effective measures to enable employees with interest and potential to qualify themselves for such positions.

(c) Reviewing seniority practices to insure that such practices are nondiscriminatory and do not have a discriminatory effect.

(d) Avoiding use of selection techniques or tests, which have the effect of discriminating against minority groups or females.

(iv) *To assure nondiscrimination in other areas of employment practices.* (a) Examining rates of pay and fringe benefits for present employees with equivalent duties, and adjusting any inequities found.

(b) Proving opportunity to perform overtime work on a basis that does not discriminate against qualified minority group or female employees.

(d) *Report of complaints filed against licensees and permittees.* (1) All licensees or permittees shall submit an annual report to the FCC no later than May 31 of each year indicating whether any complaints regarding violations by the licensee or permittee of equal employment provisions of Federal, State, Territorial, or local law have been filed before any body having competent jurisdiction.

(i) The report should state the parties involved the date filing, the courts or agencies before which the matters have been heard, the appropriate file number (if any), and the respective disposition or current status of any such complaints.

(ii) Any licensee or permittee who has filed such information with the

EEOC need not do so with the Commission, if such previous filing is indicated.

(e) *Complaints of violations of Equal Employment Programs.* (1) Complaints alleging employment discrimination against a common carrier licensee will be considered by the Commission in the following manner:

(i) If a complaint raising an issue of discrimination is received against a licensee or permittee who is within the jurisdiction of the EEOC, it will be submitted to that agency. The Commission will maintain a liaison with that agency which will keep the Commission informed of the disposition of complaints filed against any of the common carrier licensees.

(ii) Complaints alleging employment discrimination against a common carrier licensee of permittee who does not fall under the jurisdiction of the EEOC but is covered by appropriate enforceable State law, to which penalties apply, may be submitted by the Commission to the respective State agency.

(iii) Complaints alleging employment discrimination against a common carrier licensee or permittee who does not fall under the jurisdiction of the EEOC or an appropriate State law, will be accorded appropriate treatment by the FCC.

(iv) The Commission will consult with the EEOC on all matters relating to the evaluation and determination of compliance by the common carrier licensees or permittees with the principles of equal employment as set forth herein.

(2) Complaints indicating a general pattern of disregard of equal employment practices which are received against a licensee or permittee who is required to file an employment report to the Commission under §1.815(a) of this chapter will be investigated by the Commission.

(f) *Records available to public*—(1) *Commission records.* A copy of every annual employment report, equal employment opportunity program, and reports on complaints regarding violation of equal employment provisions of Federal, State, Territorial, or local law, and copies of all exhibits, letters, and other documents filed as part thereof, all amendments thereto, all correspond-

ence between the permittee or licensee and the Commission pertaining to the reports after they have been filed and all documents incorporated therein by reference, are open for public inspection at the offices of the Commission.

(2) *Records to be maintained locally for public inspection by licensees or permittees*—(i) *Records to be maintained.* Each licensee or permittee required to file annual employment reports, equal employment opportunity programs, and annual reports on complaints regarding violations of equal employment provisions of Federal, State, Territorial, or local law shall maintain for public inspection, in the same manner and in the same locations as required for the keeping and posting of tariffs as set forth in §61.72 of this chapter, a file containing a copy of each such report and copies of all exhibits, letters, and other documents filed as part thereto, all correspondence between the permittee or licensee and the Commission pertaining to the reports after they have been filed and all documents incorporated therein by reference.

(ii) *Period of retention.* The documents specified in paragraph (f)(2)(i) of this section shall be maintained for a period of 2 years.

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