

WEKZ
WBGR-FM
WQLF
WFRL
WFPS
WWHG
WBEL
WGEZ

AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024

WEKZ/WBGR-FM/WQLF/WFRL/WFPS/WWHG/WBEL/WGEZ

The purpose of this EEO Public File Report (“Report”) is to comply with Section 73.2080(c)(6) of the FCC’s 2002 EEO Rule. This Report has been prepared on behalf of the Station Employment Unit that is comprised of the following stations: WEKZ and WBGR-FM, both licensed in Monroe, Wisconsin, WQLF licensed in Lena, Illinois, WFRL and WFPS, licensed in Freeport, Illinois, WWHG licensed in Evansville, Wisconsin, WBEL licensed in South Beloit, Illinois, and WGEZ licensed in Beloit, Wisconsin and is required to be placed in the public inspection files of these stations, and posted on their websites, if they have websites. The information contained in this Report covers the time period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 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 Station(s) comprising the Station Employment Unit during the Applicable Period;
2. For each such vacancy, the recruitment source(s) utilized to fill the vacancy (including, if applicable, organizations entitled to notification pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(1)(ii) 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;
5. A list and brief description of the initiatives pursuant to Section 73.2080(c)(2) of the FCC rules.

2024 EEO PUBLIC FILE REPORT

A. Employment Unit Covered

SCOTT THOMPSON, D/B/A BIG RADIO

WEKZ	Monroe, Wisconsin
WBGR-FM	Monroe, Wisconsin
WQLF	Lena, Illinois
WFPS	Freeport, Illinois
WFRL	Freeport, Illinois
WWHG	Evansville, Wisconsin
WBEL	South Beloit, Illinois
WGEZ	Beloit, Wisconsin

B. Reporting Period

August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024

C. Full-time Vacancies Filled During Reporting Period

None

D. Recruitment/Referral Sources Used to Seek Candidates

None

E. Number of Interviewees Referred by Recruitment Source

None

EEO OUTREACH INITIATIVES FOR BIG RADIO

INTERNSHIPS:

Big Radio provides an internship program designed to provide exposure to career opportunities in the broadcast field. During the reporting period, the station(s) hosted interns from UW-Whitewater. The responsibilities included, but were not limited to, helping coordinate events, production, and assisting with the set-up and execution of live broadcasts at off-site locations.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Big Radio is an active participant in the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association Scholarship Program. An initial evaluation of the candidate is made for the evaluation committee, based on the student's GPA, post high school employment and extracurricular activities, awards, honors, experience, and response to an essay question. The station promotes the availability of the scholarship program over the air and directs interested candidates to mail, fax or e-mail the station for an application.

RADIO STATION TOURS:

The radio stations remain active in the community as a place where groups may tour and learn about and discuss broadcast career opportunities, and the growing technology in the radio industry. During the reporting period, Big Radio hosted Green County Dairy Queens, Monroe Boy Scouts, and members of the public.

JOB SHADOWING:

During the reporting period, Big Radio hosted State Senator Howard Marklein as part of our sports broadcast team during a basketball game. He assisted with equipment set-up and participated as an on-air broadcaster. It offered him a new perspective on the skills necessary to do the jobs that make our industry special.

During the reporting period, Big Radio hosted students from Monroe High School and Eastland High School as they job shadowed at our studios in Monroe, Wisconsin and Freeport, Illinois. Among the things they witnessed were programming details such as show content, commercial production, how to activate on-air/off-air, and scheduling.

CAREER DAY:

Big Radio is an active participant in Career Day activities in schools throughout the region. During the reporting period, employees of Big Radio took part in Career Days at Monroe and Juda schools, as well as career activities with Junior Achievement of Wisconsin.

EEO OUTREACH INITIATIVES FOR BIG RADIO:

Training exists to management level personnel as to methods of ensuring EEO and preventing discrimination. In accordance with the Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association Assistance Action Plan for EEO Compliance, Big Radio was represented by Mike Zweifel at the EEO Seminar - "Looking Beyond the Right Places", which was held on June 19, 2024 at the WBA Summer Conference in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.