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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 29, 2024

Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Re: Retention of Special Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests authorization pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to retain special counsel to represent Iowa PBS to provide counsel on highly specialized FCC matters.

Iowa PBS has requested the law firm Gray Miller Persh, 1200 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20036-3802 (“GMP”), to serve as special counsel for these matters. GMP has provided these services to Iowa PBS since 2014 and Iowa PBS would like to renew the engagement. GMP will provide the services at an hourly rate of \$447 per hour for the next year, with one one-year renewal option remaining subject to a \$5 per hour rate increase per hour.

Accordingly, our office recommends that GMP be approved as special counsel with all attorney fees and costs to be paid from Iowa PBS funds and not general fund dollars.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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Mr. Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of special counsel Iowa Code section 13.7 to represent Iowa PBS on highly specialized FCC matters. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from Iowa PBS.

Firm: Gray Miller Persh
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Rate: \$447 per hour for the next year, with two one-year renewal options subject to a \$5 per hour rate increase per hour.

Sincerely,

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