

IN RE: RHODE ISLAND PBS FOUNDATION REQUEST TO ADJUST
PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS FEES
Docket No. D-22-11
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AS 1-1

Request:

In Attachment B, please provide the detail for the CY 2022 Actual Expenses of \$1,445,172.

Response:

See Rhode Island PBS Foundation Public, Education & Government Access for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022, provided as Attachment AS 1-1.

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AS 1-1 & AS 1-2

ATTACHMENT AS 1-1
Rhode Island PBS Foundation
Public, Education & Government Access
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>
AS 1-2	
<u>OPERATING REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT</u>	
PEG Access Fees (Actual Cox/Verizon Remittance)	
Quarter ending March 31, 2022	\$319,487
Quarter ending June 30, 2022	314,315
Quarter ending September 30, 2022	305,910
Quarter ending December 31, 2022	293,837
Total Revenue & Support	<u>1,233,549</u>
AS 1-1	
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Salaries & Wages	766,176
Employee Benefits	113,114
Payroll Taxes	64,206
Administrative/Office Expenses	3,205
Building Maintenance & Utilities	72,926
Dues & Subscriptions	3,296
Engineering Expenses	2,613
Freight & Postage	82
Insurance	27,665
Legal Fees	19,641
PEG Access Lease Expense	275,884
Technology & Telephone	15,943
Travel, Training, Conference & Seminar	10,650
Depreciation Expense	69,771
Total Operating Expense	<u>1,445,172</u>
Net Revenue from Operations & Support	<u><u>(\$211,623)</u></u>

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AS 1-2

Request:

In Attachment B, please provide the detail for the CY 2022 Actual PEG Fee Revenues of \$1,233,549.

Response:

See Attachment AS 1-1.

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AS 1-3

Request:

In Attachment B, please provide the detail for the FY 2024 Projected Expenses of \$1,414,841.

Response:

Please see RI PBS Public, Education & Government Access for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024, provided here as Attachment 1-3.

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ATTACHMENT AS 1-3

**Rhode Island PBS Foundation
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		<u>Budget</u>
AS 1-4	<u>OPERATING REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT</u>	
	(197,852 Est. Subscribers X \$6.60 annual PEG Access Fee/Subscriber)	
	PEG Access Fees	1,305,823
	Total Revenue & Support	1,305,823
AS 1-3	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
	Salaries & Wages	792,575
	Employee Benefits	112,195
	Payroll Taxes	79,258
	Administrative/Office Expenses	420
	Building Maintenance & Utilities	75,000
	Dues & Subscriptions	0
	Engineering Expenses	1,200
	Freight & Postage	120
	Insurance	24,000
	Legal Fees	0
	PEG Access Lease Expense	281,773
	Technology & Telephone	37,800
	Travel, Training, Conference & Seminar	10,500
	Depreciation Expense	0
	Total Expense	1,414,841
	Net Revenue	<u>(\$109,018)</u>

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AS 1-4

Request:

In Attachment B, please provide the detail for the FY 2024 Projected PEG Fee Revenues of \$1,305,823.

Response:

Please see Attachment AS 1-3.

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AS 1-5

Request:

Please explain why the actual expenses for CY 2022 on Attachment B differ from the actual expenses for CY 2022 on Attachment A?

Response:

The difference in actual expenses for CY 2022 on Attachment B as compared with the amounts for actual expenses for CY 2022 on Attachment A results from a clerical error. A revised and corrected Attachment A and Attachment B is attached hereto as Attachment AS 1-5.

Corrected Attachment A:

Inputs for FY 2023 Reconciliation Formula and FY 2024 Fee Adjustment Formula

Inputs for Reconciliation Formula and	
CY 2022 (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)	
CY 2022 Actual Expenses	\$1,445,172
CY 2022 Actual PEG Fee Revenues	\$1,197,369
FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)	
FY 2024 Projected Expenses	\$1,414,841
FY 2024 Projected PEG Fee Revenues	\$1,305,823
FY 2024 Est. No. Subscribers on 3/31/2023	197,852
FY 2024 Projected Monthly PEG Fee Adjustment per Subscriber	\$0.135

Corrected Attachment B:

Reconciliation Formula

RECONCILIATION FORMULA

STEP 1: Actual PEG Fee Revenues - Actual Expenses = Actual PEG Fee Revenue Shortfall/Surplus

STEP 2: Projected PEG Fee Revenues - Projected Expenses + Actual PEG Fee Revenue Shortfall/Surplus prior FY = *Reconciled Annual PEG Fee Revenue*

STEP 3: $\frac{\text{Reconciled Annual PEG Fee Revenue}}{\text{Est. \# of Subscribers as of 3/31 next FY}} = \text{Reconciled Projected Annual PEG Fee Adjustment per Subscriber}$

STEP 4: $\frac{\text{Reconciled Projected Annual PEG Fee Adjustment per Subscriber}}{12 \text{ months}} = \text{Reconciled Projected Monthly PEG Fee Adjustment per Subscriber}$

CY 2022 / FY 2024 Reconciliation Formula:

CY 2022 Actuals (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)

CY 2022 Actual Expenses: \$1,445,172
 CY 2022 Actual PEG Fee Revenues: \$1,233,549

FY 2024 Projections (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

FY 2024 Projected Expenses: \$1,414,841
 FY 2024 Projected PEG Fee Revenues: \$1,305,823
 FY 2024 Est. No. Subscribers on 3/31/2023: 197,852

STEP 1: \$1,233,549 - \$1,445,172 = (\$211,623) Actual PEG Fee Revenue Shortfall

STEP 2: [\$1,305,823 - \$1,414,841] + (\$211,623) = (\$320,641) Reconciled Projected Annual PEG Fee Revenue Shortfall

STEP 3: $\frac{(\$320,641)}{197,852} = \$1.621 \text{ Reconciled Projected Annual PEG Fee Adjustment per Subscriber}$

STEP 4: $\frac{\$1.621}{12 \text{ months}} = \$0.135 \text{ FY 2024 Reconciled Projected Monthly PEG Fee Adjustment Per Subscriber}$

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Request:

Please provide a corrected Attachments A and/or B if necessary for the actual CY 2022 expenses

Response:

See Attachment AS 1-5.

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AS 1-7

Request:

Please explain why in Step 4 in Attachment B \$1.80 (rather than \$1.621) is divided by 12 to arrive at \$0.135?

Response:

See Attachment AS 1-5. Step 4 in Attachment B's reference to \$1.80 results from a clerical error. The correct amount is \$1.621. The result of the calculation is correct—i.e., the reconciled projected monthly PEG Fee adjustment per subscriber amount of \$0.135 is correct.

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Request:

Please correct the calculation in Attachment B if necessary

Response:

Please see Attachment AS 1-5.

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AS 1-9

Request:

Please provide the Annual Statement of Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal 2022.

Response:

Please see Attachment AS 1-9.

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For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2022**

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT</u>	
PEG Access Fees	\$ 1,301,939
Total Revenue & Support	<u>1,301,939</u>
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Salaries & Wages	715,467
Employee Benefits	111,352
Payroll Taxes	59,804
Administrative/Office Expenses	1,233
Building Maintenance & Utilities	87,007
Engineering Expenses	1,680
Freight & Postage	110
Insurance	27,976
Legal Fees	11,876
PEG Access Lease Expense	275,405
Technology & Telephone	16,525
Travel, Training, Conference & Seminar	10,180
Depreciation Expense	46,514
Total Operating Expense	<u>1,365,130</u>
Net Revenue from Operations & Support	<u>\$ (63,191)</u>

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AS 1-10

Request:

When does RI PBS expect to be made whole for the October – December 2022 PEG Access Fees currently due from Cox and Verizon? Please provide the amount of the additional fees when they become known.

Response:

The Commission's September 1, 2022 Order became effective 60 days after it entered—i.e., on November 1, 2022. Accordingly, Verizon and Cox owe additional PEG Access Fees for November and December of 2022, but not for October 2022.

Verizon informed RI PBS on April 10, 2023 that it had sent a payment of \$12,901.98. RI PBS does not yet have any indication from Cox as to when the delinquent calendar year 2022 PEG Access Fees will be remitted. We will provide the exact amount once it has been received.