

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KARI LAKE, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-887-RCL

PATSY WIDAKUSWARA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KARI LAKE, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-1015-RCL

ORDER

Upon consideration of the plaintiffs’ [*Widakuswara* 166, *Abramowitz* 103] Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, the defendants’ [*Widakuswara* 189, *Abramowitz* 118] Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, and the entire record, it is hereby **ORDERED**

that the plaintiffs’ Motion on Count I in Case No. 25-cv-887 and on Count V in Case No. 25-cv-1015 is **DENIED IN PART** to the extent the Motion seeks reinstatement of terminated contracts, and otherwise **GRANTED IN PART**, and it is therefore further **ORDERED**

that all actions taken pursuant to the defendants’ decision to reduce USAGM to the “statutory minimum,” as set forth in the Statutory Minimum Memorandum are **VACATED** and **SET ASIDE**, including the March 18 Statutory Minimum Memorandum, the March 15 placement of 1,042 employees on administrative leave, the suspension of broadcasting operations, and the

termination of non-contractor staff, and that no later than March 23, 2026, all employees placed on administrative leave pursuant to the defendants' March 2025 directive shall return to work; and it is further **ORDERED**

that the defendants' Cross-Motion is **GRANTED IN PART** to the extent it challenges the Court's jurisdiction to reinstate the terminated contracts and otherwise **DENIED IN PART**; and it is further **ORDERED**

that in light of the permanent relief granted herein, the Court will **FIND AS MOOT** the plaintiffs [*Widakuswara* 144, *Abramowitz* 84] Joint Motion to Enforce Preliminary Injunction, the defendants' [*Widakuswara* 175, *Abramowitz* 108] Motion to Dissolve or Modify the April 22, 2025 Preliminary Injunction, and the defendants' [*Widakuswara* 73] Motion to Vacate the March 28, 2025 Temporary Restraining Order; and it is further **ORDERED**

that the parties shall meet and confer no later than seven days following the issuance of this Order and, no later than seventy-two hours thereafter, shall file a joint statement proposing a plan for further proceedings in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Date: March 17, 2026



Royce C. Lamberth
United States District Judge