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I understand that Express Newspapers are no longer members of the NPA and that I should therefore approach you direct regarding the payment of registration fees to PressBoF for the purposes of funding self regulation.

As your company has always been supportive of self regulation through the PCC and has contributed to the funding thereof, I am proceeding on the basis that its ongoing commitment is not affected by its relationship with the NPA. I would wish to propose therefore that we put in place an arrangement for the direct payment to PressBoF of the amount which Express Newspapers would otherwise have paid via the NPA. I am advised that in 2007 the company's share of the NPA payment was

Registration fees for 2008 were increased by 2% which would bring your payment up to half being due now and the balance in July.

The continuing support of all major publishers, most especially I would suggest in national newspapers, is crucial to maintaining self regulation and I do trust therefore that we can count on your backing.

I will follow up this letter by calling you within the next week to clarify any outstanding matters.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Raeburn Secretary & Treasurer