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**MEDIA BUREAU PAUSES 180-DAY TRANSACTION SHOT CLOCK IN THE
PROCEEDING FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TRIBUNE MEDIA COMPANY
TO SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC. TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL
COMMENT**

MB Docket No. 17-179

Comments Due: November 2, 2017

Today we permit interested parties to submit additional comments in the proceeding for the transfer of control of Tribune Media Company (Tribune) to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair). We are also pausing the Commission's 180-day transaction shot clock in this proceeding for 15 days, until November 2, 2017. For the reasons set forth below, we believe that this action will contribute to a more efficient review of the proposed transaction.

On July 6, 2017, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice announcing the filing of the applications, establishing a pleading cycle, and establishing permit-but-disclose *ex parte* status for the proceeding.¹ Multiple parties filed petitions to deny and comments in the proceeding. Sinclair and Tribune filed a consolidated opposition. The original petitioners to deny, commenters, and new parties filed replies.² The pleading cycle closed on August 29, 2017.

On September 13, 2017, the Media Bureau sent a letter (Information Request) to the Applicants seeking additional information, documents, and clarification of certain matters discussed in the applications and other information submitted to the Commission. The Applicants provided a timely response to the Information Request on October 5, 2017.

¹ *Media Bureau Establishes Pleading Cycle for Applications to Transfer Control of Tribune Media Company to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. and Permit-But-Disclose Ex Parte Status for the Proceeding*, Public Notice, DA 17-647 (Med. Bur. July 7, 2017) (*July Public Notice*).

² Numerous members of the public also filed comments.

In the interest of a complete record, we are establishing an additional opportunity for comment. The Commission has a strong interest in ensuring a full and complete record upon which to base its decision in this proceeding. Pausing the clock will ensure that commenters have additional time to review and comment on this new information. Accordingly, we pause our 180-day transaction shot clock until November 2, 2017. Comments also are due by November 2, 2017.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to MB Docket No. 17-179, as well as the specific file numbers of the individual applications or other matters to which the filings pertain.

Submissions in this matter may be filed electronically (*i.e.*, through ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Documents may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.
- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings no larger than a copier paper box for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to the Mail and Distribution Window at FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

In addition, one copy of each submission must be sent to the following:

- David Brown, Video Division, Media Bureau, Room 2-A662, e-mail David.Brown@fcc.gov

- David Roberts, Video Division, Media Bureau, Room 2-A660, e-mail David.Roberts@fcc.gov

Any submission that is e-mailed to David Brown and David Roberts should include in the subject line of the e-mail: (1) MB Docket No. 17-179; (2) the name of the submitting party; (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (*e.g.*, MB Docket No. 17-179, Sinclair Tribune Merger, *Ex Parte* Notice).

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Availability of Documents. Documents in this proceeding will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554.

The applications are also available electronically through the Commission's ECFS, which will provide hyperlinks to the applications in the Media Bureau's Consolidated Database System (CDBS). ECFS may be accessed on the Commission's Internet website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

For further information, contact David Brown at (202) 418-1645 or David Roberts at (202) 418-1618. For press inquiries, contact Janice Wise at (202) 418-8165.

By: Chief, Media Bureau