

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Applications of Tribune Media Company)	MB Docket No. 17-179
(Transferor))	
)	
and)	
)	
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.)	File No. BTCCDT-20170626AGW, <i>et. al.</i>
(Transferee))	
)	
For Transfer of Control of Tribune Media)	
Company and Certain Subsidiaries,)	
WDCW(TV), <i>et. al.</i>)	
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and)	
)	
For Assignment of Certain Licenses from)	
Tribune Media Company and Certain)	
Subsidiaries)	

To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Attn: Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel

**ENFORCEMENT BUREAU’S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF
APPLICATIONS AND MOTION TO TERMINATE HEARING**

1. On June 28, 2017, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) and Tribune Media Company (Tribune) filed the above-captioned applications to transfer control of Tribune subsidiaries to Sinclair. On July 19, 2018, the Commission designated those applications for hearing before the Chief Administrative Law Judge to determine, *inter alia*, whether those “applications should be granted or denied.”¹ On August 9, 2018, Sinclair notified the

¹ *Hearing Designation Order*, MB Docket 17-179 (rel. Jul. 19, 2018) at para. 3.

Commission that the applicants would no longer be pursuing the transaction which triggered the filing of the applications designated for hearing and that it sought dismissal of those applications with prejudice and termination of the hearing proceeding.² Sinclair subsequently filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Applications and Motion to Terminate Hearing (Notice) in this proceeding.³ The Chief, Enforcement Bureau (Bureau), through her attorneys, hereby respectfully responds to Sinclair's Notice.

2. In its pleading, Sinclair requests that the Chief Administrative Law Judge terminate the hearing proceeding because the merger agreement between Sinclair and Tribune has been terminated; Sinclair and Tribune are no longer pursuing the transaction; and neither party will seek to re-file the applications.⁴ The Bureau notes, however, that before the hearing can be terminated, the Chief Administrative Law Judge must dispose of the designated applications. Although Sinclair's pleading states that the applications "have been withdrawn" and are to be dismissed with prejudice, it fails to specifically seek such relief from the Chief Administrative Law Judge.⁵ Despite this oversight, the Bureau understands from the pleading that it is Sinclair's intention to have the designated applications dismissed with prejudice.

3. Accordingly, because the merger agreement between Sinclair and Tribune has been terminated; Sinclair wishes to dismiss the designated applications with prejudice; and neither applicant will seek to re-file those applications, the Bureau does not oppose dismissal of the designated applications with prejudice and concurrent termination of the hearing proceeding.

² See Letter from Miles S. Mason, Counsel for Sinclair, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, dated Aug. 9, 2018.


³ See Notice of Withdrawal of Applications and Motion to Terminate Hearing, filed Aug. 9, 2018.

⁴ See *id.* at 1-2.

⁵ See *id.* at 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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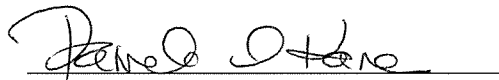
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