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Sinclair and Tribune, MB Docket 17-179

Docket Number:

MB Docket 17-179

Pursuant to a merger agreement, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Sinclair) and Tribune Media Company (Tribune) have filed applications seeking Commission consent to transfer control of Tribune's full-power broadcast television stations, low-power television stations, and TV translator stations to Sinclair. According to the Applicants, Sinclair owns or operates 173 broadcast television stations, consisting of 528 channels, in 81 markets, with affiliations with all major networks, and is the largest local news provider in the country; Tribune owns or operates 42 broadcast television stations in 33 markets, also with affiliations with all major networks. Tribune also owns cable network WGN America, digital multicast network Antenna TV and WGN-Radio. According to the Applicants, Tribune's owns and operates broadcast television stations in the top three markets in the country, seven stations in the top ten markets, and 34 stations in the top 50 markets. The Applicants claim that under the proposed transaction, the combined company would reach 72 percent of U.S. television households and would own and operate the largest number of broadcast television stations of any station group.

The Applicants state that in twelve Nielsen Designated Market Areas ("DMAs") Sinclair and Tribune each own a full-power broadcast television station; that in ten of those markets, current FCC regulations do not allow Sinclair to hold both licenses. The Applicants also state that the combined company would have a national audience reach in excess of the FCC's current regulations but that they intend to take such actions as are necessary to comply with the Commission's rules to obtain FCC approval of the applications.

Comments and Petitions to Deny are due by August 7, 2017; Oppositions are due by August 22, 2017; and Replies to Oppositions are due by August 29, 2017.

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[Request for Information sent to Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. and Tribune Media Co.](#)
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1091439116505/Sinclair%20Tribune%20Info%20Request%20.pdf>

Jul 14, 2017 - Protective Order

[Protective Order](#) (<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/07141314008020/DA-17-678A1.pdf>)

Jul 6, 2017 - Public Notice

[MB Announces Pleading Cycle To Transfer Tribune to Sinclair](#) (<https://www.fcc.gov/document/mb-announces-pleading-cycle-transfer-tribune-sinclair>)

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Holding our political leaders accountable is a fundamental aspect of our democracy. Through a "free press" & communication system, we as citizens are allowed to question our leaders and discuss "quoting decisions and policies before they are made. One company (Sinclair) owning 72% of US television stations - national and local - creates a filtered and slanted news - very close to the communication system that dictators attempt to achieve. This definitely goes against the check and balance system the framers of our Constitution wanted for our Nation!

*A very concerned
 citizen
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