



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Memorandum

TO: Director, Reference Information Center
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FROM: *Dma* Daniel M. Armstrong
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SUBJECT: *In re: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., WRGT Licensee, LLC (New Nevada LLC), WVAH Licensee, LLC (New Nevada LLC), WTAT Licensee, LLC (New Nevada LLC), Sinclair Acquisition XI, Inc., Sinclair Acquisition XIII, Inc., and Sinclair Acquisition XIV, Inc., No. 08-1051. Filing of a Petition for Issuance of Writ of Mandamus in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.*

DATE: March 4, 2008

This is to advise you that, on February 8, 2008, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., WRGT Licensee, LLC, WVAH Licensee, LLC, WTAT Licensee, LLC, Sinclair Acquisition XI, Inc., Sinclair Acquisition XIII, Inc., and Sinclair Acquisition XIV, Inc. ("Sinclair") filed a Petition for a Writ of Mandamus in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a).

Sinclair's petition challenges the Commission's adherence to its 1999 local television ownership rules in 2006 Quadrennial Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC 07-216, MB Dockets 06-121 and 02-277; MM Dockets 01-235, 01-317, 00-244, 04-228, 99-360 (released Feb. 4, 2008) ("2008 Media Ownership Order"). Sinclair contends that the 2008 Media Ownership Order fails to comply with the mandate of the court in *Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. v. FCC*, 284 F.3d 148 (D.C. Cir. 2002), which remanded the 1999 local television ownership rules for additional justification.

The Court has docketed this case as No. 08-1051. The attorney assigned to handle the litigation of this case is Jacob Lewis.