

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

GRAY TELEVISION, INC., and  
QUINCY MEDIA, INC.

*Defendants.*

**PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT**

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, United States of America, filed its Complaint on July 28, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, the United States and Defendants, Gray Television, Inc., and Quincy Media, Inc., have consented to entry of this Final Judgment without the taking of testimony, without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and without this Final Judgment constituting any evidence against or admission by any party regarding any issue of fact or law;

AND WHEREAS, Defendants agree to make certain divestitures to remedy the loss of competition alleged in the Complaint;

AND WHEREAS, Defendants represent that the divestitures and other relief required by this Final Judgment can and will be made and that Defendants will not later raise a claim of hardship or difficulty as grounds for asking the Court to modify any provision of this Final Judgment;

NOW THEREFORE, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

## I. JURISDICTION

The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of and each of the parties to this action. The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Defendants under Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 18).

## II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Final Judgment:

- A. “Acquirer” means Allen or another entity or entities to whom Defendants divest the Divestiture Assets.
- B. “Gray” means Defendant Gray Television, Inc., a Georgia corporation with its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships, and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.
- C. “Quincy” means Defendant Quincy Media, Inc., an Illinois corporation with its headquarters in Quincy, Illinois, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships, and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.
- D. “Allen” means Allen Media Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its headquarters in Los Angeles, California, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships, and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.
- E. “Big Four Affiliation Agreement” means an affiliation agreement with NBC, CBS, ABC, or FOX.

F. “Cooperative Agreement” means (1) carriage agreements, joint sales agreements, joint operating agreements, local marketing agreements, news share agreements, shared services agreements, joint ventures, partnerships, or collaborations or (2) any agreement through which a person exercises control over any broadcast television station not owned by the person.

G. “Divestiture Assets” means all of Defendants’ rights, titles, and interests in and to all property and assets, tangible and intangible, wherever located, relating to or used in connection with the Divestiture Stations, including:

1. the KWWL main transmitter site located at 2698 Lucas Avenue, Rowley, IA 52329 and the KWWL main studio located at 511 East 5th Street, Waterloo, IA 50703;
2. the WAOW studio facility located at 1900-1908 Grand Avenue, Wausau, WI 55403 and the WAOW satellite location at 605 Kent Street East, Wausau, WI 55504;
3. the WKOW studio facility located at 5725 Tokay Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719;
4. the WQOW transmitter site located at 780th Avenue Rural Route 3, Colfax, WI 54730; the WQOW microwave repeater located at S17, T20N, R8W, Arcadia, WI; the WQOW studio facility located at 5545 Highway 93, Eau Claire, WI 54701; and the WQOW microwave tower located at S34, T24N, R9W, Albion Township, WI;
5. the WREX studio and transmitter facility located at 10322 Auburn Road, Rockford, IL 61101;
6. the WSIL studio and office located at 1416 Country Aire Drive, Carterville, IL 62918; the WSIL tower and transmitter building located at 1154 N Wagon Creek Road, Creal Springs, IL 62922; the WSIL tower located at 21 W Poplar Street, Harrisburg, IL

62946; and the WSIL tower and transmitter building located at 3690 Highway 67, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901;

7. the WXOW studio and transmitter facility located at 3705 County Road 25, La Crescent, MN 55947;

8. the KVOA studio facility located at 209 W. Elm Street, Tucson, AZ 85705;

9. all other real property, including fee simple interests and real property leasehold interests and renewal rights thereto, improvements to real property, and options to purchase any adjoining or other property, together with all buildings, facilities, and other structures;

10. all tangible personal property, including fixed assets, machinery and manufacturing equipment, tools, vehicles, inventory, materials, office equipment and furniture, computer hardware, and supplies;

11. all contracts, contractual rights, and customer relationships, and all other agreements, commitments, and understandings, including network affiliation agreements, supply agreements, teaming agreements, and leases, and all outstanding offers or solicitations to enter into a similar arrangement;

12. all licenses, permits, certifications, approvals, consents, registrations, waivers, and authorizations issued or granted by the FCC or any other governmental organization, and all pending applications or renewals;

13. all records and data, including (a) customer lists, accounts, sales, and credit records, (b) production, repair, maintenance, and performance records, (c) manuals and

technical information Defendants provide to their own employees, customers, suppliers, agents, or licensees, (d) records and research data concerning historic and current research and development activities, including designs of experiments and the results of successful and unsuccessful designs and experiments, and (e) drawings, blueprints, and designs;

14. all intellectual property owned, licensed, or sublicensed, either as licensor or licensee, including (a) patents, patent applications, and inventions and discoveries that may be patentable, (b) registered and unregistered copyrights and copyright applications, and (c) registered and unregistered trademarks, trade dress, service marks, trade names, and trademark applications; and

15. all other intangible property, including (a) commercial names and d/b/a names, (b) technical information, (c) computer software and related documentation, know-how, trade secrets, design protocols, specifications for materials, specifications for parts, specifications for devices, safety procedures (e.g., for the handling of materials and substances), quality assurance and control procedures, (d) design tools and simulation capabilities, and (e) rights in internet web sites and internet domain names;

*provided, however,* that the assets specified in Paragraphs II(G)(1)-(15) above do not include the Excluded Assets.

H. “Divestiture Date” means the date the Divestiture Assets are divested to Acquirer.

I. “Divestiture Stations” means KPOB-TV, KVOA, KWWL, WAOW, WKOW, WMOW, WQOW, WREX, WSIL-TV, and WXOW.

J. “DMA” means Designated Market Area as defined by The Nielsen Company (US), LLC, based upon viewing patterns and used by BIA Advisory Services’ *Investing in Television Market Report 2020* (1<sup>st</sup> edition).

K. “Excluded Assets” means

1. the CW affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to KWWL and/or the Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Iowa City-Dubuque, Iowa, DMA;

2. the CW affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to WMOW, WAOW and/or the Wausau-Rhineland, Wisconsin, DMA;

3. the CW affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to WREX and/or the Rockford, Illinois, DMA;

4. the CW affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to WXOW, WQOW, and/or the La Crosse-Eau Claire, Wisconsin, DMA;

5. the MeTV affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to WKOW and/or the Madison, Wisconsin, DMA;

6. the MeTV affiliation agreement and programming stream (including any syndicated programming), receiver, program logs and related materials, related intellectual property and domain names, relating to WXOW, WQOW, and/or the La Crosse-Eau Claire, Wisconsin, DMA;

7. satellite station WYOW, Eagle River, Wisconsin and transmitter facilities located at 6425 Thunderlake Road in Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501;

8. all real and tangible personal property owned by Quincy located at 501 and 513 Hampshire Street in Quincy, Illinois 62301;

9. all tangible personal property owned by Quincy located at 130 South 5th Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301; and

10. all real and tangible personal property owned by Quincy at the Digital Realty Data Center located at 350 East Cermak, Chicago, Illinois 60616.

L. “FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission.

M. “Overlap DMAs” means the following seven DMAs: Tucson, Arizona; Madison, Wisconsin; Rockford, Illinois; Paducah, Kentucky – Cape Girardeau, Missouri – Harrisburg-Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Iowa City-Dubuque, Iowa; La Crosse-Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Wausau-Rhineland, Wisconsin.

N. “Relevant Personnel” means all full-time, part-time, or contract employees of Defendants, wherever located, whose job responsibilities primarily relate to the operation or management of the Divestiture Stations, at any time between February 1, 2021, and the Divestiture Date. The United States, in its sole discretion, will resolve any disagreement regarding which employees are Relevant Personnel.

O. “KPOB-TV” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Paducah, Kentucky – Cape Girardeau, Missouri – Harrisburg-Mt. Vernon, Illinois, DMA and owned by Quincy.

P. “KVOA” means the NBC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Tucson, Arizona, DMA and owned by Quincy.

Q. “KWWL” means the NBC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Iowa City-Dubuque, Iowa, DMA and owned by Quincy.

R. “WAOW” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Wausau-Rhineland, Wisconsin, DMA and owned by Quincy.

S. “WIFR-LD” means the CBS-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Rockford, Illinois, DMA and owned by Gray.

T. “WKOW” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Madison, Wisconsin DMA and owned by Quincy.

U. “WMOW” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Wausau-Rhineland, Wisconsin, DMA and owned by Quincy.

V. “WREX” means the NBC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Rockford, Illinois, DMA and owned by Quincy.

W. “WSIL-TV” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Paducah, Kentucky – Cape Girardeau, Missouri – Harrisburg-Mt. Vernon, Illinois, DMA and owned by Quincy.

X. “WQOW” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the La Crosse-Eau Claire, Wisconsin, DMA and owned by Quincy.



Y. “WXOW” means the ABC-affiliated broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the La Crosse-Eau Claire, Wisconsin, DMA and owned by Quincy.

Z. “WYOW” means the satellite broadcast station bearing that call sign located in the Wausau-Rhineland, Wisconsin, DMA and owned by Quincy.

### **III. APPLICABILITY**

A. This Final Judgment applies to Gray and Quincy, as defined above, and all other persons, in active concert or participation with any Defendant, who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment.

B. If, prior to complying with Section IV and Section V of this Final Judgment, Defendants sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their assets or of business units that include the Divestiture Assets, Defendants must require any purchaser to be bound by the provisions of this Final Judgment. Defendants need not obtain such an agreement from Acquirer.

### **IV. DIVESTITURE**

A. Defendants are ordered and directed, within thirty (30) calendar days after the Court’s entry of the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order in this matter to divest the Divestiture Assets in a manner consistent with this Final Judgment to Allen or another Acquirer acceptable to the United States, in its sole discretion. The United States, in its sole discretion, may agree to one or more extensions of this time period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days in total and will notify the Court of any extensions.

B. If within the period required for divestiture in Paragraph IV(A), applications have been filed with the FCC seeking approval to assign or transfer licenses to Acquirer, but an order or other dispositive action by the FCC on such applications has not been issued before the end of

the period required for divestiture, the required divestiture period shall be extended for any Divestiture Assets for which an FCC order has not been issued until five (5) business days after an FCC order is issued. Defendants must use best efforts to obtain all required FCC approvals as expeditiously as possible.

C. Defendants must use best efforts to divest the Divestiture Assets as expeditiously as possible and may not take any action to impede the permitting, operation, or divestiture of the Divestiture Assets. Defendants must take no action that would jeopardize the divestiture ordered by the Court.

D. Unless the United States otherwise consents in writing, divestiture pursuant to this Final Judgment must include the entire Divestiture Assets and must be accomplished in such a way as to satisfy the United States, in its sole discretion, that the Divestiture Assets can and will be used by Acquirer as part of a viable, ongoing commercial television broadcasting business and that the divestiture to Acquirer will remedy the competitive harm alleged in the Complaint.

E. The divestiture must be made to an Acquirer that, in the United States' sole judgment, has the intent and capability, including the necessary managerial, operational, technical, and financial capability, to compete effectively in the business of commercial television broadcasting.

F. The divestiture must be accomplished in a manner that satisfies the United States, in its sole discretion, that none of the terms of any agreement between Acquirer and Defendants gives Defendants the ability unreasonably to raise Acquirer's costs, to lower Acquirer's efficiency, or otherwise interfere in the ability of Acquirer to compete effectively in the business of commercial television broadcasting in the Overlap DMAs.

G. Divestiture of the Divestiture Assets may be made to one or more Acquirers, provided that it is demonstrated to the sole satisfaction of the United States that the criteria required by Paragraphs IV(D), IV(E), and IV(F) will still be met.

H. In the event Defendants are attempting to divest the Divestiture Assets to an Acquirer other than Allen, Defendants promptly must make known, by usual and customary means, the availability of the Divestiture Assets. Defendants must inform any person making an inquiry relating to a possible purchase of the Divestiture Assets that the Divestiture Assets are being divested in accordance with this Final Judgment and must provide that person with a copy of this Final Judgment. Defendants must offer to furnish to all prospective Acquirers, subject to customary confidentiality assurances, all information and documents relating to the Divestiture Assets that are customarily provided in a due-diligence process; *provided, however*, that Defendants need not provide information or documents subject to the attorney-client privilege or work-product doctrine. Defendants must make all information and documents available to the United States at the same time that the information and documents are made available to any other person.

I. Defendants must provide prospective Acquirers with (1) access to personnel and to make inspections of the Divestiture Assets; (2) access to all environmental, zoning, and other permitting documents and information relating to the Divestiture Assets; and (3) access to all financial, operational, or other documents and information relating to the Divestiture Assets that would customarily be provided as part of a due diligence process. Defendants also must disclose all encumbrances on any part of the Divestiture Assets, including on intangible property.

J. Defendants must cooperate with and assist Acquirer in identifying and, at the option of Acquirer, in hiring all Relevant Personnel, including:

1. Within ten (10) business days following the filing of the Complaint in this matter, Defendants must identify all Relevant Personnel to Acquirer and the United States, including by providing organization charts covering all Relevant Personnel.

2. Within ten (10) business days following receipt of a request by Acquirer or the United States, Defendants must provide to Acquirer and the United States additional information relating to Relevant Personnel, including name, job title, reporting relationships, past experience, responsibilities, training and educational histories, relevant certifications, and job performance evaluations. Defendants must also provide to Acquirer and the United States current, and accrued compensation and benefits, including most recent bonuses paid, aggregate annual compensation current target or guaranteed bonus, if any, any retention agreement or incentives, and any other payments due, compensation or benefits accrued, or promises made to the Relevant Personnel. If Defendants are barred by any applicable law from providing any of this information, Defendants must provide, within ten (10) business days following receipt of the request, the requested information to the full extent permitted by law and also must provide a written explanation of Defendants' inability to provide the remaining information, including specifically identifying the provisions of the applicable laws.

3. At the request of Acquirer, Defendants must promptly make Relevant Personnel available for private interviews with Acquirer during normal business hours at a mutually agreeable location.

4. Defendants must not interfere with any effort by Acquirer to employ any Relevant Personnel. Interference includes offering to increase the compensation or improve the benefits of Relevant Personnel unless (a) the offer is part of a company-wide increase in compensation or improvement in benefits that was announced prior to February 1, 2021 or (b) the offer is approved by the United States in its sole discretion. Defendants' obligations under this Paragraph will expire sixty (60) calendar days after the Divestiture Date.

5. For Relevant Personnel who elect employment with Acquirer within sixty (60) calendar days of the Divestiture Date, Defendants must waive all non-compete and non-disclosure agreements; vest and pay to the Relevant Personnel (or to Acquirer for payment to the employee) on a prorated basis any bonuses, incentives, other salary, benefits or other compensation fully or partially accrued at the time of the transfer of the employee to Acquirer; vest any unvested pension and other equity rights; and provide all other benefits that those Relevant Personnel otherwise would have been provided had the Relevant Personnel continued employment with Defendants, including any retention bonuses or payments. Defendants may maintain reasonable restrictions on disclosure by Relevant Personnel of Defendants' proprietary non-public information that is unrelated to the operation of a commercial broadcast television station and not otherwise required to be disclosed by this Final Judgment.

K. Defendants must warrant to Acquirer that (1) the Divestiture Assets will be operational and without material defect on the date of their transfer to Acquirer; and (2) there are no material defects in the environmental, zoning, or other permits relating to the operation of the Divestiture Assets. Following the sale of the Divestiture Assets, Defendants must not undertake,

directly or indirectly, challenges to the environmental, zoning, or other permits relating to the operation of the Divestiture Assets.

L. Defendants must assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer all contracts, agreements, and relationships (or portions of such contracts, agreements, and relationships) included in the Divestiture Assets, including all supply and sales contracts and swap agreements, to Acquirer; *provided, however*, that for any contract or agreement that requires the consent of another party to assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer, Defendants must use best efforts to accomplish the assignment, subcontracting, or transfer. Defendants must not interfere with any negotiations between Acquirer and a contracting party.

M. Defendants must use best efforts to assist Acquirer to obtain all necessary licenses, registrations, and permits to operate the Divestiture Assets. Until Acquirer obtains the necessary licenses, registrations, and permits, Defendants must provide Acquirer with the benefit of Defendants' licenses, registrations, and permits to the full extent permissible by law.

N. At the option of Acquirer, and subject to approval by the United States in its sole discretion, on or before the Divestiture Date, Defendants must enter into a contract to provide transition services for back office, human resources, accounting, and information technology services and support for a period of up to six (6) months on terms and conditions reasonably related to market conditions for the provision of the transition services. Any amendment to or modification of any provision of a contract to provide transition services is subject to approval by the United States, in its sole discretion. The United States, in its sole discretion, may approve one or more extensions of any contract for transition services, for a total of up to an additional six (6) months. If Acquirer seeks an extension of the term of any transition services contract,

Defendants must notify the United States in writing at least one (1) month prior to the date the contract expires or, if Acquirer requests an extension less than one month prior to the date the contract expires, within two (2) days of the Acquirer's extension request. Acquirer may terminate a contract for transition services, or any portion of a contract for transition services, without cost or penalty at any time upon at least five (5) calendar days' written notice. The employee(s) of Defendants tasked with providing transition services must not share any competitively sensitive information of Acquirer with any other employee of Defendants.

O. If any term of an agreement between Defendants and Acquirer to effectuate the divestiture required by this Final Judgment varies from a term of this Final Judgment, to the extent that Defendants cannot fully comply with both, this Final Judgment determines Defendants' obligations. Authorization by the FCC to conduct the divestiture of a Divestiture Asset in a particular manner will not change or modify any of the requirements of this Final Judgment.

**V. APPOINTMENT OF DIVESTITURE TRUSTEE**

A. If Defendants have not divested the Divestiture Assets within the time period specified in Paragraphs IV(A) and IV(B), Defendants must immediately notify the United States of that fact in writing. Upon application of the United States, which Defendants may not oppose, the Court will appoint a divestiture trustee selected by the United States and approved by the Court to effect the divestiture of the Divestiture Assets.

B. After the appointment of a divestiture trustee by the Court, only the divestiture trustee will have the right to sell the Divestiture Assets. The divestiture trustee will have the power and authority to accomplish the divestiture to an Acquirer or Acquirers acceptable to the

United States, in its sole discretion, at a price and on terms obtainable through reasonable effort by the divestiture trustee, subject to the provisions of Sections IV, V, and VI of this Final Judgment, and will have other powers as the Court deems appropriate. The divestiture trustee must sell the Divestiture Assets as quickly as possible.

C. Defendants may not object to a sale by the divestiture trustee on any ground other than malfeasance by the divestiture trustee. Objections by Defendants must be conveyed in writing to the United States and the divestiture trustee within ten (10) calendar days after the divestiture trustee has provided the notice of proposed divestiture required by Section VI.

D. The divestiture trustee will serve at the cost and expense of Defendants pursuant to a written agreement, on terms and conditions, including confidentiality requirements and conflict-of-interest certifications, approved by the United States in its sole discretion.

E. The divestiture trustee may hire at the cost and expense of Defendants any agents or consultants, including investment bankers, attorneys, and accountants, that are reasonably necessary in the divestiture trustee's judgment to assist with the divestiture trustee's duties. These agents or consultants will be accountable solely to the divestiture trustee and will serve on terms and conditions, including confidentiality requirements and conflict-of-interest certifications, approved by the United States in its sole discretion.

F. The compensation of the divestiture trustee and agents or consultants hired by the divestiture trustee must be reasonable in light of the value of the Divestiture Assets and based on a fee arrangement that provides the divestiture trustee with incentives based on the price and terms of the divestiture(s) and the speed with which it is accomplished. If the divestiture trustee and Defendants are unable to reach agreement on the divestiture trustee's compensation or other



terms and conditions of engagement within fourteen (14) calendar days of the appointment of the divestiture trustee by the Court, the United States, in its sole discretion, may take appropriate action, including by making a recommendation to the Court. Within three (3) business days of hiring an agent or consultant, the divestiture trustee must provide written notice of the hiring and rate of compensation to Defendants and the United States.

G. The divestiture trustee must account for all monies derived from the sale of the Divestiture Assets sold by the divestiture trustee and all costs and expenses incurred. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the Divestiture Date, the divestiture trustee must submit that accounting to the Court for approval. After approval by the Court of the divestiture trustee's accounting, including fees for unpaid services and those of agents or consultants hired by the divestiture trustee, all remaining money must be paid to Defendants and the trust will then be terminated.

H. Defendants must use best efforts to assist the divestiture trustee to accomplish the required divestiture. Subject to reasonable protection for trade secrets, other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or any applicable privileges, Defendants must provide the divestiture trustee and agents or consultants retained by the divestiture trustee with full and complete access to all personnel, books, records, and facilities of the Divestiture Assets. Defendants also must provide or develop financial and other information relevant to the Divestiture Assets that the divestiture trustee may reasonably request. Defendants must not take any action to interfere with or to impede the divestiture trustee's accomplishment of the divestiture.

I. The divestiture trustee must maintain complete records of all efforts made to sell the Divestiture Assets, including by filing monthly reports with the United States setting forth the divestiture trustee's efforts to accomplish the divestiture ordered by this Final Judgment. The reports must include the name, address, and telephone number of each person who, during the preceding month, made an offer to acquire, expressed an interest in acquiring, entered into negotiations to acquire, or was contacted or made an inquiry about acquiring any interest in the Divestiture Assets and must describe in detail each contact.

J. If the divestiture trustee has not accomplished the divestiture ordered by this Final Judgment within six months of appointment, the divestiture trustee must promptly provide the United States with a report setting forth: (1) the divestiture trustee's efforts to accomplish the required divestiture; (2) the reasons, in the divestiture trustee's judgment, why the required divestiture has not been accomplished; and (3) the divestiture trustee's recommendations for completing the divestiture. Following receipt of that report, the United States may make additional recommendations to the Court. The Court thereafter may enter such orders as it deems appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Final Judgment, which may include extending the trust and the term of the divestiture trustee's appointment by a period requested by the United States.

K. The divestiture trustee will serve until divestiture of all Divestiture Assets is completed or for a term otherwise ordered by the Court.

L. If the United States determines that the divestiture trustee is not acting diligently or in a reasonably cost-effective manner, the United States may recommend that the Court appoint a substitute divestiture trustee.

**VI. NOTICE OF PROPOSED DIVESTITURE**

A. Within two (2) business days following execution of a definitive divestiture agreement with an Acquirer other than Allen to divest the Divestiture Assets, Defendants or the divestiture trustee, whichever is then responsible for effecting the divestiture, must notify the United States of the proposed divestiture. If the divestiture trustee is responsible for completing the divestiture, the divestiture trustee also must notify Defendants. The notice must set forth the details of the proposed divestiture and list the name, address, and telephone number of each person not previously identified who offered or expressed an interest in or desire to acquire any ownership interest in the Divestiture Assets.

B. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt by the United States of this notice, the United States may request from Defendants, the proposed Acquirer(s), other third parties, or the divestiture trustee additional information concerning the proposed divestiture, the proposed Acquirer(s), and other prospective Acquirers. Defendants and the divestiture trustee must furnish the additional information requested within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of the request, unless the United States provides written agreement to a different period.

C. Within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the notice required by Paragraph VI(A) or within twenty (20) calendar days after the United States has been provided the additional information requested pursuant to Paragraph VI(B), whichever is later, the United States must provide written notice to Defendants and any divestiture trustee that states whether the United States, in its sole discretion, objects to Acquirer(s) or any other aspect of the proposed divestiture. Without written notice that the United States does not object, a divestiture may not be consummated. If the United States provides written notice that it does not object, the

divestiture may be consummated, subject only to Defendants' limited right to object to the sale under Paragraph V(C) of this Final Judgment. Upon objection by Defendants pursuant to Paragraph V(C), a divestiture by the divestiture trustee may not be consummated unless approved by the Court.

D. No information or documents obtained pursuant to this Section VI may be divulged by the United States to any person other than an authorized representative of the executive branch of the United States, except in the course of legal proceedings to which the United States is a party, including grand-jury proceedings, for the purpose of evaluating a proposed Acquirer or securing compliance with this Final Judgment, or as otherwise required by law.

E. In the event of a request by a third party for disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Antitrust Division will act in accordance with that statute and the Department of Justice regulations at 28 C.F.R. part 16, including the provision on confidential commercial information at 28 C.F.R. § 16.7. Persons submitting information to the Antitrust Division should designate the confidential commercial information portions of all applicable documents and information under 28 C.F.R. § 16.7. Designations of confidentiality expire ten years after submission, "unless the submitter requests and provides justification for a longer designation period." *See* 28 C.F.R. § 16.7(b).

F. If at the time that a person furnishes information or documents to the United States pursuant to this Section VI, that person represents and identifies in writing information or documents for which a claim of protection may be asserted under Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and marks each pertinent page of such material, "Subject to

claim of protection under Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” the United States must give that person ten (10) calendar days’ notice before divulging the material in any legal proceeding (other than a grand-jury proceeding).

**VII. FINANCING**

Defendants may not finance all or any part of any Acquirer’s purchase of all or part of the Divestiture Assets.

**VIII. HOLD SEPARATE**

Defendants must take all steps necessary to comply with the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order entered by the Court.

**IX. AFFIDAVITS**

A. Within twenty (20) calendar days of the filing of the Complaint in this matter, and every thirty (30) calendar days thereafter until the divestiture required by this Final Judgment has been completed, each Defendant must deliver to the United States an affidavit, signed by each Defendant’s Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, describing in reasonable detail the fact and manner of that Defendant’s compliance with this Final Judgment. The United States, in its sole discretion, may approve different signatories for the affidavits.

B. Each affidavit required by Paragraph IX(A) must include: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of each person who, during the preceding thirty (30) calendar days, made an offer to acquire, expressed an interest in acquiring, entered into negotiations to acquire, or was contacted or made an inquiry about acquiring, an interest in the Divestiture Assets and describe in detail each contact with such persons during that period; (2) a description of the efforts Defendants have taken to solicit buyers for and complete the sale of the Divestiture Assets,

including efforts to secure other regulatory approvals, and to provide required information to prospective Acquirers; and (3) a description of any limitations placed by Defendants on information provided to prospective Acquirers. Objection by the United States to information provided by Defendants to prospective Acquirers must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the affidavit, except that the United States may object at any time if the information set forth in the affidavit is not true or complete.

C. Defendants must keep all records of any efforts made to divest the Divestiture Assets until one year after the Divestiture Date.

D. Within twenty (20) calendar days of the filing of the Complaint in this matter, each Defendant must deliver to the United States an affidavit signed by each Defendant's Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, that describes in reasonable detail all actions that Defendant has taken and all steps that Defendants has implemented on an ongoing basis to comply with Section VIII of this Final Judgment. The United States, in its sole discretion, may approve different signatories for the affidavits.

E. If a Defendant makes any changes to the efforts and actions described in affidavits provided pursuant to Paragraph IX(D), Defendant must, within fifteen (15) calendar days after any change is implemented, deliver to the United States an affidavit describing those changes.

F. Defendants must keep all records of any efforts made to comply with Section VIII until one year after the Divestiture Date.

**X. COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

A. For the purposes of determining or securing compliance with this Final Judgment, or of any related orders such as the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order or of determining whether this Final Judgment should be modified or vacated, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division, and reasonable notice to Defendants, Defendants must permit, from time to time and subject to legally recognized privileges, authorized representatives, including agents retained by the United States:

- (1) to have access during Defendants' office hours to inspect and copy, or at the option of the United States, to require Defendants to provide electronic copies of all books, ledgers, accounts, records, data, and documents in the possession, custody, or control of Defendants relating to any matters contained in this Final Judgment; and
- (2) to interview, either informally or on the record, Defendants' officers, employees, or agents, who may have their individual counsel present, relating to any matters contained in this Final Judgment. The interviews must be subject to the reasonable convenience of the interviewee and without restraint or interference by Defendants.

B. Upon the written request of an authorized representative of the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division, Defendants must submit written reports or respond to written interrogatories, under oath if requested, relating to any of the matters contained in this Final Judgment.

C. No information or documents obtained by the United States pursuant to this Section X may be divulged by the United States to any person other than an authorized representative of the executive branch of the United States, except in the course of legal proceedings to which the United States is a party, including grand jury proceedings, for the purpose of securing compliance with this Final Judgment, or as otherwise required by law.

D. In the event of a request by a third party for disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Antitrust Division will act in accordance with that statute and the Department of Justice regulations at 28 C.F.R. part 16, including the provision on confidential commercial information at 28 C.F.R. § 16.7. Defendants submitting information to the Antitrust Division should designate the confidential commercial information portions of all applicable documents and information under 28 C.F.R. § 16.7. Designations of confidentiality expire ten years after submission, “unless the submitter requests and provides justification for a longer designation period.” *See* 28 C.F.R. § 16.7(b).

E. If at the time that Defendants furnish information or documents to the United States pursuant to this Section X, Defendants represent and identify in writing information or documents for which a claim of protection may be asserted under Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants mark each pertinent page of such material, “Subject to claim of protection under Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” the United States must give Defendants ten (10) calendar days’ notice before divulging the material in any legal proceeding (other than a grand jury proceeding).



## **XI. NOTIFICATION**

A. Unless a transaction is otherwise subject to the reporting and waiting period requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18a (the “HSR Act”), Defendants may not, without first providing notification to the United States, directly or indirectly acquire (including through an asset swap agreement) any Big Four Affiliation Agreement in a DMA in which either Defendant has an existing Big Four Affiliation Agreement in place.

B. Defendants must provide the notification required by this Section XI in the same format as, and in accordance with the instructions relating to, the Notification and Report Form set forth in the Appendix to Part 803 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations as amended, except that the information requested in Items 5 through 8 of the instructions must be provided only about the business of commercial television broadcasting. Notification must be provided at least thirty (30) calendar days before acquiring any assets or interest, and must include, beyond the information required by the instructions, the names of the principal representatives who negotiated the transaction on behalf of each party and all management or strategic plans discussing the proposed transaction. If, within the thirty (30) calendar days following notification, representatives of the United States make a written request for additional information, Defendants may not consummate the proposed transaction until thirty (30) calendar days after submitting all requested information.

C. Early termination of the waiting periods set forth in this Section XI may be requested and, where appropriate, granted in the same manner as is applicable under the requirements and provisions of the HSR Act and rules promulgated thereunder. This Section XI

must be broadly construed and any ambiguity or uncertainty relating to whether to file a notice under this Section XI must be resolved in favor of filing notice.

**XII. NO REACQUISITION AND LIMITATIONS ON COLLABORATIONS**

A. Unless approved by the United States in its sole discretion, during the term of this Final Judgment, Defendants may not (1) reacquire any part of or any interest in the Divestiture Assets; (2) acquire any option to reacquire any part of the Divestiture Assets or to assign any part of the Divestiture Assets to any other person; (3) enter into or expand the scope of any Cooperative Agreement relating to the Divestiture Assets; (4) conduct any business negotiations jointly with any Acquirer relating to the Divestiture Assets divested to such Acquirer; or (5) provide financing or guarantees of financing with respect to the Divestiture Assets.

B. Paragraph XII(A)(3) does not preclude Defendants from:

1. continuing existing agreements or entering into new agreements in a form customarily used in the industry to (a) share news helicopters or (b) pool generic video footage that does not include recording a reporter or other on-air talent, and does not preclude Defendants from entering into any non-sales-related shared services agreement approved by the United States in its sole discretion;
2. entering into agreements to provide news programming to broadcast television stations included in the Divestiture Assets, provided that Defendants do not sell, price, market, hold out for sale, or profit from the sale of advertising associated with the news programming provided by Defendants under such agreements except by approval of the United States in its sole discretion; or

3. rebroadcasting WIFR-LD's CBS program stream on a digital subchannel of WREX, provided that (1) Acquirer rebroadcasts the WIFR-LD CBS program stream on a pass-through basis and coextensively with its main WREX signal, and (2) Defendants and Acquirer continue to operate WIFR-LD and WREX as separate commercial broadcast television stations with no common ownership or control, revenue sharing, or joint sales.

### **XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

The Court retains jurisdiction to enable any party to this Final Judgment to apply to the Court at any time for further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out or construe this Final Judgment, to modify any of its provisions, to enforce compliance, and to punish violations of its provisions.

### **XIV. ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL JUDGMENT**

A. The United States retains and reserves all rights to enforce the provisions of this Final Judgment, including the right to seek an order of contempt from the Court. Defendants agree that in any civil contempt action, any motion to show cause, or any similar action brought by the United States regarding an alleged violation of this Final Judgment, the United States may establish a violation of the decree and the appropriateness of any remedy therefor by a preponderance of the evidence, and Defendants waive any argument that a different standard of proof should apply.

B. The Final Judgment should be interpreted to give full effect to the procompetitive purposes of the antitrust laws and to restore the competition the United States alleges was harmed by the challenged conduct. Defendants agree that they may be held in contempt of, and that the Court may enforce, any provision of this Final Judgment that, as interpreted by the Court

in light of these procompetitive principles and applying ordinary tools of interpretation, is stated specifically and in reasonable detail, whether or not it is clear and unambiguous on its face. In any such interpretation, the terms of this Final Judgment should not be construed against either party as the drafter.

C. In an enforcement proceeding in which the Court finds that Defendants have violated this Final Judgment, the United States may apply to the Court for a one-time extension of this Final Judgment, together with other relief that may be appropriate. In connection with a successful effort by the United States to enforce this Final Judgment against a Defendant, whether litigated or resolved before litigation, that Defendant agrees to reimburse the United States for the fees and expenses of its attorneys, as well as all other costs including experts' fees, incurred in connection with that enforcement effort, including in the investigation of the potential violation.

#### **XV. EXPIRATION OF FINAL JUDGMENT**

Unless the Court grants an extension, this Final Judgment will expire ten (10) years from the date of its entry, except that after five (5) years from the date of its entry, this Final Judgment may be terminated upon notice by the United States, to the Court and Defendants that the divestiture has been completed and continuation of this Final Judgment is no longer necessary or in the public interest.

#### **XVI. PUBLIC INTEREST DETERMINATION**

Entry of this Final Judgment is in the public interest. The parties have complied with the requirements of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16, including by making available to the public copies of this Final Judgment and the Competitive Impact Statement,

public comments thereon, and any response to comments by the United States. Based upon the record before the Court, which includes the Competitive Impact Statement and, if applicable, any comments and response to comments filed with the Court, entry of this Final Judgment is in the public interest.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Court approval subject to procedures of Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16]

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United States District Judge