

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.,
and
PERPETUAL CORPORATION,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 14-cv-01186

JUDGE: TSC

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The United States of America and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Plaintiffs in *United States of America, et al. v. Sinclair Broadcast Group, et al.*, No. 14-cv-01186 (TSC), together with Defendants Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. and Perpetual Corporation, hereby file a Joint Status Report pursuant to this Court's Order of September 19, 2014.

I. INTRODUCTION

In a minute order dated September 19, the Court directed the parties to, no later than September 30, file a Joint Status Report or move for entry of the proposed Final Judgment. Plaintiffs cannot yet move for entry because the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. § 16(b)-(d) (the "APPA") requires a sixty (60) day public comment period after publication of the Competitive Impact Statement and proposed Final Judgment. Accordingly, this interim status report describes the parties' ongoing compliance with the APPA and with the Court's orders.

II. UPDATE ON APPA COMPLIANCE

The APPA requires that, at least sixty (60) days prior to entry of the proposed Final Judgment, the United States publish the proposed Final Judgment and the Competitive Impact Statement in the *Federal Register* and cause to be published a summary of their terms in certain newspapers. Each of these publications has occurred, and no comments have yet been received.

1. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(b), the proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement were published in the Federal Register on July 23, 79 Fed. Reg. 42817.
2. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(c), a summary of the terms of the proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement were published in *The Washington Post*, a newspaper of general circulation in the District of Columbia, during the period July 22 through July 28.
3. In addition, a summary of the terms of the proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement were published in several local newspapers in the Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA area:
 - a. the *Intelligencer Journal-Lancaster New Era-Sunday News* during the period July 22 through July 29;
 - b. the *Lebanon Daily News* during the period July 22 through July 27;
 - c. the *York Dispatch/York Sunday News and York Daily Record* during the period July 22 through July 27; and
 - d. the *Patriot-News* and the *Sunday Patriot-News* during the period July 22 through August 3.
4. The United States has not yet received any comments from members of the public concerning the proposed Final Judgment.

Assuming the 60-day comment period commenced with final publication on August 3, that comment period will terminate on October 2. The United States typically allows several additional days after the end of the comment period to receive mailed submissions. Accordingly, the United States will make an appropriate filing in this Court as soon thereafter as practical, depending on any comments it may receive.

III. UPDATE ON PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT COMPLIANCE

Consistent with the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order and proposed Final Judgment, Sinclair has timely provided the United States with affidavits describing aspects of its compliance with their requirements. As described in these affidavits, *inter alia*:

1. Sinclair entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Media General Operations, Inc. (“Media General”) to sell WHTM-TV on June 19;
2. Sinclair filed an application for the transfer of the license for WHTM-TV with the FCC on June 25;
3. The application was granted by the FCC on August 13, and public notice was published on August 18; and
4. The divestiture of WHTM-TV was completed on September 2.

Sinclair’s affidavits also aver its continued compliance with the other requirements of the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order and the proposed Final Judgment.

IV. UPDATE ON NEXT STEPS

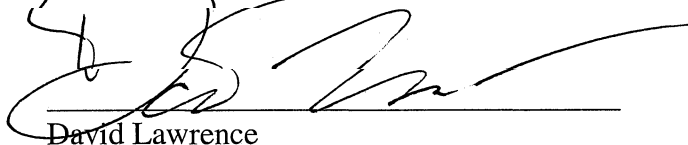
As explained herein, the Plaintiffs have diligently complied with their obligations under the APPA, as the Defendants have with their obligations under the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order and proposed Final Judgment.

The United States will make an appropriate filing in this Court as soon as practical, allowing for the receipt of mailed submissions. The United States retains its discretion whether

or not to seek entry of the proposed Final Judgment after receiving and reviewing any timely filed comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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