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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE EX PARTE STATUS FOR APPLICATIONS SEEKING TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF LICENSES FROM SHAREHOLDERS OF BELO CORP. TO GANNETT CO., INC. AND FOR APPLICATIONS SEEKING TO ASSIGN LICENSES FROM SUBSIDIARIES OF BELO CORP. TO SUBSIDIARIES OF SANDER MEDIA, LLC AND TO TUCKER OPERATING CO., LLC.

MB Docket No. 13-189

On June 19, 2013, Belo Corp.; Shareholders of Belo Corp.; Gannett Co., Inc.; Sander Media, LLC; Tucker Operating Co., LLC; and their respective subsidiaries filed eighteen (18) applications (Forms 314 and Form 315), pursuant to section 73.3540 of the Commission's Rules, to effectuate the merger of Gannett Co., Inc. and Belo Corp. The applications are listed in the Appendix to this Public Notice.

The Parties are seeking the Commission's consent to effectuate the Gannett Co., Inc. and Belo Corp. Merger Agreement and other contemporaneous agreements. In some markets, pursuant to the Commission's Ownership Rule, section 73.3555, the newly merged entity will not be allowed to hold the full power television station licenses held separately by Belo Corp. and its subsidiaries and Gannett Co., Inc. and its subsidiaries. In those markets, the stations will be assigned either to a subsidiary of Sander Media, LLC or to Tucker Operating Co., LLC. Gannett Co., Inc. will hold a combination of agreements with Sander Media, LLC subsidiaries and Tucker Operating Co., LLC, which may include an Option Contract, a Shared Services Agreement, a Joint Sales Agreement, and/or a Transition Services Agreement.

United Church of Christ Office of Communications, Inc.; Free Press; National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians-Communications Workers of America; The Newspaper Guild-Communications Workers of America Communications Workers of America; and Common Cause, through their counsel, the Institute for Public Representation, request that this proceeding be made permit-but-disclose for *ex parte* purposes. In view of this request, and in order to assure the staff's ability to discuss and obtain information needed to resolve the issues presented expeditiously, adoption of modified *ex parte* procedures is appropriate. Accordingly, by this Public Notice, and pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's Rules, we

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §1.1200(a).

announce that the *ex parte* procedures applicable to permit-but-disclose proceedings will govern our consideration of the instant proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

Permit-but-disclose ex parte procedures permit interested parties to make ex parte presentations to the Commissioners and Commission employees and require that these presentations be disclosed in the record of the relevant proceeding.<sup>3</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the ex parte presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules. All ex parte filings must be clearly labeled as such and must reference MB Docket No. 13-189.

The Media Bureau has received two petitions to deny in this proceeding. The petitions will be available through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") as this is a docketed proceeding. Oppositions to the petitions to deny are due no later than August 8, 2013.<sup>4</sup> Replies to the oppositions are due no later than August 20, 2013.<sup>5</sup>

The applications for assignment and transfer referred to in this Public Notice have been accepted for filing upon initial review. Persons and entities that file comments or petitions to deny become parties to the proceeding. They may participate fully in the proceeding, including seeking access to any confidential and/or highly confidential information that may be filed under a protective order. Persons and entities that do not file petitions to deny, including those who file comments, may not seek reconsideration of the Commission's decision regarding the assignments of the licenses and transfer of control at issue, nor appeal a final decision to the courts.

All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to MB Docket No. 13-189, and if they pertain only to specific applications or matters, to the specific file numbers of the individual applications or matters as well.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at §§ 1.1200 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at §1.1206.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at §§73.3584(b), 1.45(b), 1.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at §§73.3584(b), 1.45(c), 1.4.

Submissions in this matter may be filed electronically (*i.e.*, through ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Documents may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/">http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/</a>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

## In addition, one copy of each submission must be sent to the following:

- The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com;
- Adrienne Denysyk, Video Division, Media Bureau, Room 2-A820, e-mail adrienne.denysyk@fcc.gov.

Any submission that is e-mailed to Best Copy and Printing and Adrienne Denysyk should include in the subject line of the e-mail: (1) MB Docket No. 13-189; (2) the name of the submitting party; (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (*e.g.*, MB Docket No. 13-189, Gannett-Belo, *Ex Parte* Notice).

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Availability of Documents. Documents in this proceeding will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased

from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

The applications are also available electronically through the Commission's ECFS, which may be accessed on the Commission's Internet website at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov">http://www.fcc.gov</a>.

For further information, contact Adrienne Denysyk at (202) 418-2651. For press inquiries, contact Janice Wise at (202) 418-8165.

By: Chief, Media Bureau

## **APPENDIX**

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K46AK-D	34864	Prineville, etc., OR	King Broadcasting Company	Sander Operating Co. III, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFR
K25KS-D	34844	The Dalles,	King Broadcasting Company	Sander Operating Co. III, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFS
K35HU-D	34870	Grays River, WA	King Broadcasting Company	Sander Operating Co. III, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFT
K17HA-D	130923	Astoria, OR	King Broadcasting Company	Sander Operating Co. III, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFU
KGWZ-LD	30810	Portland, OR	King Broadcasting Company	Sander Operating Co. III, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFV
WHAS-TV	32327	Louisville, KY	Belo Kentucky, Inc.	Sander Operating Co. I, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFM
KMSB(TV)	44052	Tucson, AZ	KMSB-TV, Inc.	Sander Operating Co. V, LLC	BALCDT - 20130619AFL
KTTU(TV)	11908	Tucson, AZ	KTTU-TV, Inc.	Tucker Operating Co., LLC	BALCDT - 20130619ADJ
WFAA(TV)	72054	Dallas, TX	Shareholders of Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619AAY
KHOU(TV)	34529	Houston, TX	Shareholders of Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619AAW
KING-TV	34847	Seattle, WA	Shareholders of Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619AAZ
K41FJ-D	34861	Coeur D'Alene, ID Wenatchee,	Shareholders of Belo Corp. Shareholders of	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619ABB BTCCDT -
K45AC	34873	WA WA	Belo Corp. Shareholders of	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABC BTCCDT -
K21CC	50532	Lewiston, ID	Belo Corp. Shareholders of	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABD BTCCDT -
KTFT-LD	167056	Twin Falls, ID	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABF
K05DC	34875	Cambridge, Etc., ID	Shareholders of Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619ABG
K16JE-D	188132	Glenns Ferry, ID	Shareholders of Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT - 20130619ABH

			Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
K26LE-D	34884	Cascade, ID	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABI
		McCall &			
		New	Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
K15IO-D	34869	Meadows, ID	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABJ
			Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
K23KY-D	11446	Council, ID	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABK
			Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
KONG(TV)	35396	Everett, WA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAM
			Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
WCNC-TV	32326	Charlotte, NC	Belo Corp.	Connett Co. Inc.	20130619AAS
WCINC-1 V	32320	Charlotte, NC	Shareholders of	Gannett Co., Inc.	BTCCDT -
W30CR-D	32317	Biscoe, NC	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAT
W SUCK-D	32317	Lilesville/	Beio Corp.	Gainlett Co., Inc.	20130019AA1
		Wadesboro,	Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
W24AY-D	32316	NC	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAU
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		San Antonio,	Shareholders of		BTCCDT -
KENS(TV)	26304	TX	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAP
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KVUE(TV)	35867	Austin, TX	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAV
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WUPL(TV)	13938	Slidell, LA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAN
WDWN CA	70410	New Orleans,	Shareholders of	C "C I	BTCCDT -
WBXN-CA	70419	LA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAO
33/33/1 773/	74100	New Orleans,	Shareholders of	Commott Co. Inc.	BTCCDT -
WWL-TV	74192	LA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAQ
LDEM/TV	24696	Cmolron = W/A	Shareholders of	Connett Co. Inc.	BTCCDT -
KREM(TV)	34686	Spokane, WA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABA
LCLNI/TV	25606	Cmolron = W/A	Shareholders of	Connett Co. Inc.	BTCCDT -
KSKN(TV)	35606	Spokane, WA	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619AAX
VTVD/TV)	2/1050	Doigo ID	Shareholders of	Connett Co. Inc	BTCCDT -
KTVB(TV)	34858	Boise, ID	Belo Corp.	Gannett Co., Inc.	20130619ABE