

The parties believe that this question is properly answered in the affirmative. However, out of an abundance of caution, it is noted in the matter of *Edwin L. Edwards, Sr. et al*, 16 FCC Rcd 22236 (2001), Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (“SBG”) was found qualified to be a Commission licensee and the assignment applications were granted. In addition, the Commission issued a forfeiture which has been paid. Since the *Edwards* decision, SBG has filed numerous applications with the Commission that have disclosed the *Edwards* decision and have been granted, including a long form assignment application (FCC File No. BALCT-20031103AAL) in which the *Edwards* decision was disclosed and the assignee, an SBG subsidiary, was found qualified.

In addition, there is no indication in the instructions that this question pertains to mere allegations made by a petition to deny; instead the instructions refer to an “unresolved character issue.” Out of an abundance of caution, the parties note their ultimate parent company, SBG, filed five assignment/transfer application in 2003 (FCC File Nos. BALCT-20031107AAF, ABB, and ABM and BTCCT-20031107AAF and AAP) against which the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition filed a Petition to Deny. The Chief of the Media Bureau denied Rainbow’s Petition to Deny and dismissed the assignment/transfer applications because they allegedly did not comply with the 1999 television duopoly rule which is in effect pending the Third Circuit’s stay of the 2003 multiple ownership rules. Rainbow subsequently filed a Petition for Reconsideration.