

Rural Oregon Wireless Television, Inc. (“ROWT”) is an Oregon non-profit, non-stock corporation and the licensee of 23 television translator stations. ROWT was formed in 1997 for the purpose of providing television translator services to rural areas of Oregon and Washington which would not otherwise receive television transmissions from the full power television stations serving the Portland, Oregon Designated Market Area (“DMA”). Since its formation, ROWT’s members have been those licensee entities providing full power television services in the Portland DMA who support ROWT through the payment of an annual membership fee. ROWT is governed by a board of directors. On an annual basis, each member in good standing elects one director to serve on the board. Typically, each member has selected one of its station engineers to serve on ROWT’s board. The board of directors elects ROWT’s officers annually from among the directors.

Over time, as ownership of the individual full power television stations serving the Portland market gradually changed, so did the make-up of ROWT’s members, resulting in a gradual change of control.¹ Accordingly, ROWT respectfully requests the FCC’s consent to the transfer of control of the entity from its former members to its current members, all of whom are licensees of full power television stations serving the Portland DMA, and include:

- Oregon Public Broadcasting, licensee of KOPB-TV, Portland, OR;
- Nexstar Media, Inc., licensee of KOIN, Portland, OR;
- Gray Television Licensee, LLC, licensee of KPTV, Portland, OR and KPDX, Vancouver, WA;
- Sander Operating Co. III LLC, licensee of KGW, Portland, OR; and
- Sinclair Portland Licensee, LLC, licensee of KATU, Portland, OR.

Information concerning the ownership and other attributable broadcast interests of the above listed entities is on file in the FCC’s Licensing and Management System ownership report database. There is no written agreement for the transfer requested herein inasmuch as it arises simply from the gradual change in ROWT’s membership.

The current officers and directors of ROWT, all of whom are U.S. citizens, are as follows:

- John Waikart (KGW) President/Director
- Rick Brown (KOIN) Treasurer/Director
- Tim Ondracek (KATU) Secretary/Director
- Jonathan Newsom (KOPB-TV) Director
- Peter Buxton (KPTV/KPDX) Director

¹ The members of ROWT were last set forth in a 2004 application for a new television translator construction permit. See BNPTT-20000829ASE.

Neither ROWT nor any party to the application has or has had any interest in, or connection with, (a) any broadcast application in any proceeding where character issues were left unresolved or were resolved adversely against ROWT or any party to the application; or (b) any pending application in which character issues have been raised. We note, however, that with respect to ROWT member Sinclair Portland Licensee, LLC, its indirect parent company, Sinclair Broadcast Group, LLC (formerly Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.) (“Sinclair”), is the subject of two petitions filed seeking reconsideration of the Commission’s Order and Consent Decree, *Sinclair Broadcast Group*, Order and Consent Decree, 35 FCC Rcd 5877 (2020), and one of those petitioners has also filed a petition to deny the license renewal application of another Sinclair subsidiary (File No. 0000115674), which petitions remain pending.