

## Statement

The instant application seeks Commission consent to the assignment of license of WHTM-TV, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, FAC ID 72326, from Harrisburg Television, Inc. to WHTM Acquisition LLC, an Exchange Accommodation Titleholder acquiring the station on behalf of Media General Operations, Inc.

This application is being filed in connection with the previously proposed transfer of control of the licensee subsidiaries of Allbritton Communications Co. (“Allbritton”) to Sinclair Television Group, Inc. (“STG”). See FCC File No. BTCDDT-20130809ACE *et al.* In that transaction, STG seeks to acquire control of all of the Allbritton licensee subsidiaries (the “Allbritton/STG Applications”), including Harrisburg Television, Inc., the licensee of WHTM-TV.

WHTM-TV is located within the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Designated Market Area (“DMA”). STG currently holds an attributable interest in WHP Licensee, LLC, the licensee of WHP-TV, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. WHP-TV, also located within the Harrisburg DMA, provides certain services to WLYH-TV pursuant to a grandfathered time brokerage agreement.

In order to consummate the proposed Allbritton/STG transfer of control transaction, STG has proposed that the Commission approve the transaction in its entirety, including the transfer of control of Harrisburg Television, Inc., subject, *inter alia*, to the condition that it promptly divest WHTM-TV to an independent third party. This application is intended to effectuate that divestiture.

The proposed sale of WHTM-TV to Media General, a well-known and fully qualified independent broadcast entity, is in full compliance with the Commission’s multiple ownership and other rules and policies. Moreover, there will be no sharing or financial arrangements between Media General and STG that will survive the closing of the WHTM-TV sale. STG therefore requests Commission consent to its assignment of the WHTM-TV license as set forth in this application.

Further, inasmuch as the divestiture of WHTM-TV is in furtherance of the Allbritton/STG Applications, STG and WHTM Acquisition LLC request that the Commission apply its policy permitting processing of multi-station long-form applications that involve stations, like WHTM-TV, whose license renewal applications are pending where (1) no basic qualifications issues have been raised or, if raised, were resolved favorably, and (2) the purchaser explicitly assents to standing in the stead of the seller in any renewal proceeding that is pending at the time of consummation of the transaction. WHTM Acquisition LLC hereby agrees to succeed to the position of the assignor in the pending license renewal application as of consummation of the transaction described herein, consistent with the procedures set forth in *Shareholders of CBS Corporation*, 16 FCC Rcd 16072, ¶ 3 (2001) (“The Commission repeatedly has held that, in multi-station transactions, it will grant the transfer of control application while the renewal application is pending as long as there are no basic qualification issues pending against the transferor or transferee that could not be resolved in the context of the transfer proceeding, and the

transferee explicitly assents to standing in the stead of the transferor in the pending renewal proceeding.”).