

## OPTION AGREEMENT

THIS OPTION AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, by and among Quincy Newspapers, Inc., an Illinois corporation (together with its successors and permitted assigns, “Option Holder”), SagamoreHill of Duluth, LLC and SagamoreHill of Duluth Licenses, LLC, each a Delaware limited liability company (collectively with their respective successors and permitted assigns, the “Company”), and Louis Wall, a resident of Georgia and sole member and manager of the Company (together with his successors and permitted assigns, “Grantor”).

## WITNESSETH

**WHEREAS**, reference is made to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 10, 2014 (the “Purchase Agreement”), by and between Granite Broadcasting Company and certain of its subsidiaries (“Seller”) and Option Holder and SagamoreHill of Indiana, LLC (collectively, “Buyer”) pursuant to which the Company will, subject to the prior consent of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), acquire certain assets with respect to the television station KDLH(TV), Duluth, MN (Facility ID 4691) (the “Station”);

**WHEREAS**, Grantor owns 100% of the limited liability company membership interests (the “Membership Interests”) in the Company;

**WHEREAS**, effective upon the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement with respect to the sale and transfer of the Station to the Company (the “Station Acquisition Closing”), Grantor and the Company desire to grant Option Holder, and Option Holder desires to acquire from Grantor and the Company, as applicable, an option to purchase, at Option Holder’s election, (i) all of the Membership Interests in the Company or (ii) all of the Company’s assets relating to the Station, in either case on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

**1. Option Grant.** Grantor and the Company, as applicable, each hereby gives, grants, transfers and conveys to Option Holder, and its successors and assigns, the sole and exclusive right, privilege and option to purchase (the “Option”), on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth and effective on and after the date of the Station Acquisition Closing (the “Effective Date”), at Option Holder’s election, either (i) all equity interests in or with respect to the Company, including 100% of the Membership Interests in the Company now held or hereinafter acquired by Grantor (collectively, the “Subject Interests”) or (ii) all of the tangible and intangible personal property, licenses, authorizations and leases, contracts and agreements, owned or held by Grantor or the Company or in which Grantor or the Company holds an interest, relating to the operation of the Station, including the property described below (and collectively referred to as the “Station Assets”), and subject to the prior consent of the FCC (the consummation of which purchase, following exercise in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof, is hereinafter referred to as the “Option Closing”):

(a) All of the assets set forth in Schedule 1.1(a) hereto, including, with respect to any tangible personal property encompassed within such assets, any replacements thereof or modifications or improvements thereto;

(b) All of the licenses, construction permits and other authorizations issued by the FCC for the operation of the Station, including any renewals, extensions or modifications thereof and additions thereto between the date hereof and the Option Closing (collectively, the "FCC Licenses");

(c) All other licenses, permits, construction permits, approvals, concessions, franchises, certificates, consents, qualifications, registrations, privileges and other authorizations and other rights, from any governmental authority to Grantor or the Company used in connection with the Station, including any renewals, extensions or modifications thereof and additions thereto between the Station Acquisition Closing and the Option Closing (collectively, the "Permits");

(d) All of the tangible personal property owned by Grantor or the Company as of the Station Acquisition Closing (unless disposed of in the ordinary course of business) or thereafter acquired by Grantor or the Company and used or useful in the operation of the Station;

(e) All of the intangible personal property owned by Grantor or the Company relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Station as of the Station Acquisition Closing (unless disposed of in the ordinary course of business) or thereafter acquired by Grantor or the Company and used or useful in the operation of the Station, exclusive of all cash on-hand of Grantor or the Company;

(f) All of the contracts, leases and other agreements relating to the ownership and operation of the Station;

(g) All cash and cash equivalents on hand or on deposit in banks, in each case, arising from the operation of the Station prior to the Option Closing (including, without limitation, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, treasury bills, and money market accounts), and marketable securities; and

(h) All accounts and notes receivable, deferred, charges, chattel paper and other rights to receive payments, in each case, arising from the operation of the Station prior to the Option Closing.

**2. Consideration for Option.** This Option is granted for the period set forth in Section 3 hereof in return for, among other consideration, the payment by Option Holder to Grantor of an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), which shall be due and payable on the Effective Date.

**3. Option Period.** The Option shall be effective commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the eighth anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Option Period"); provided, however, that the Option Period shall be extended automatically without any further action by Option Holder, Grantor or the Company if the SSA (as defined below) shall be renewed and,

thereafter, the Option Period shall continue until the SSA is terminated in accordance with its terms. The Option may be exercised by Option Holder at any time during the Option Period.

**4. Exercise of Option; Withdrawal.**

(a) Option Holder may exercise the Option at any time during the Option Period by delivery of written notice thereof (the “Exercise Notice”) to Grantor, specifying whether Option Holder is exercising the Option with respect to the Subject Interests or the Station Assets. Upon exercise of the Option, Option Holder, Grantor and the Company shall be obligated to enter into the transactions to be consummated hereunder at the Option Closing, subject to the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 hereof, and Section 4(b) below.

(b) Option Holder may withdraw any Exercise Notice prior to the Option Closing by written notice to Grantor of such withdrawal. No such withdrawal (and no withdrawal of any subsequent Exercise Notice) will affect Option Holder’s right subsequently to exercise the Option by delivering to Grantor during the Option Period one or more other Exercise Notices.

**5. Purchase Price and Contemplated Transactions.**

(a) **Purchase Price.** At the Option Closing, and pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, Option Holder shall pay to Grantor an amount equal to the Cash Purchase Price (as defined on Schedule 5(a) hereto) by federal wire transfer of same-day funds pursuant to wire instructions delivered to Option Holder by Grantor at least two business days prior to the date on which such Option Closing is to occur (the “Option Closing Date”) (or such other method of funds transfer as may be agreed upon by Option Holder and Grantor).

(b) **Purchase of Subject Interests.** Subject to Section 4(b), upon the exercise of the Option with respect to the Subject Interests, Grantor shall, on the Option Closing Date, deliver any and all documentation required to effect the transfer of the Subject Interests to Option Holder.

(c) **Purchase of Station Assets.**

(i) **Transfer of Station Assets.** Subject to Section 4(b), upon the exercise of the Option with respect to the Station Assets, Grantor and the Company shall, on the Option Closing Date, sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Option Holder all right, title and interest of Grantor and the Company in and to the Station Assets free and clear of liens, claims and encumbrances (“Liens”), except for Assumed Obligations, liens for taxes not yet due and payable, any other liens expressly identified and agreed to by the parties in writing, and with respect to any real property, such other easements, rights of way, building and use restrictions and other exceptions that do not in any material respect detract from the value of the property subject thereto or impair the use thereof in the ordinary course of the business of the Station (collectively, “Permitted Liens”).

(ii) **Excluded Assets.** Except for those assets specifically identified in Section 1, the Station Assets shall not include any other assets, properties, interests or rights of

any kind or description (the “Excluded Assets”). The Excluded Assets shall remain the property of Grantor or the Company, as the case may be.

(iii) **Assumption of Obligations.** On the Option Closing Date, Option Holder shall assume and undertake to pay, discharge and perform all obligations of Grantor or the Company, as the case may be, as the holder of the Permits and the FCC Licenses, including all obligations to make all required FCC filings with respect thereto and, as the owner of the other Station Assets, including all leases and contracts included in such Station Assets, to the extent such obligations arise out of events occurring on or after the Option Closing Date (the “Assumed Obligations”).

(iv) **Excluded Obligations.** Option Holder does not assume or agree to discharge or perform, and will not be deemed by reason of the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, to have assumed or to have agreed to discharge or perform, and Grantor and the Company shall remain liable for, any liabilities, obligations or commitments of Grantor and the Company arising from the business or operation of the Station before the Option Closing Date and any other obligations or liabilities other than the Assumed Obligations.

(v) **Allocation.** Option Holder, Grantor and the Company will allocate the Cash Purchase Price in accordance with the respective fair market values of the Station Assets and the goodwill being purchased and sold in accordance with the requirements of Section 1060 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The allocation shall be determined by mutual agreement of the parties. Option Holder, Grantor and the Company agree to file their federal income tax returns and their other tax returns reflecting such allocation and to use such allocation for accounting and financial reporting purposes.

(d) **Option Closing.** Upon the exercise of the Option, the Option Closing shall take place no later than ten business days after the satisfaction or, to the extent permissible by law, the waiver (by the party for whose benefit the closing condition is imposed) of, the conditions specified in Sections 9 and 10 hereof. Alternatively, the Option Closing may take place at such other place, time or date as the parties may mutually agree upon in writing.

**6. Representations and Warranties of Grantor and the Company.** Grantor and the Company, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to Option Holder as follows; provided, however, that neither Grantor nor the Company make any representation or warranty as to any action, event, occurrence or circumstance that (i) was or shall be caused by Option Holder or that arose, or shall arise from any omission by Option Holder to perform its obligations under the Shared Services Agreement (the “SSA”) dated as of the date hereof by and between the Company and Option Holder, or (ii) constitutes a breach by Seller of a representation or warranty of Seller under the Purchase Agreement:

(a) The Company was organized as a Delaware limited liability company. Prior to the date hereof, the Company has not engaged in any business and does not have any liabilities or obligations, except those liabilities and obligations incurred in connection with its organization, the negotiation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Purchase Agreement, the Letter Agreement (as hereinafter defined), and the SSA and the

transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and incidental expenses incurred in connection therewith. The Company has no indebtedness for borrowed money, other than indebtedness incurred in connection with the performance of the Company's obligations pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and the credit agreement or other financing arrangement entered into by the Company in connection with the financing of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and to which Option Holder is a guarantor (collectively, an "Acquisition Financing Arrangement").

(b) Each of Grantor and the Company has the power and authority and full legal capacity to enter into and to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by each of Grantor and the Company has been duly authorized and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of each of Grantor and the Company enforceable against each of them in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights in general and subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(c) As of the date hereof and the Option Closing, Grantor owns 100% of the Subject Interests, and Grantor has good and valid title to the Subject Interests free and clear of all liens, subject to the Acquisition Financing Arrangement. No membership interests, other than those presently outstanding, shall be issued to any third party without the written consent of Option Holder while the Option is outstanding.

(d) As of the Option Closing, the Company will have good and marketable title to the Station Assets free and clear of all liens other than Permitted Liens and liens that will be discharged at or prior to the Option Closing.

(e) As of the Option Closing Date, the Company will be the holder of the FCC Licenses and such FCC Licenses will be valid and in full force and effect.

(f) As of the Option Closing Date, Grantor and the Company shall have filed all material returns, reports, and statements that Grantor or the Company, as the case may be, is required to file with the FCC and other governmental authorities. Except as set forth on Schedule 6(f) hereto, (i) there is no action, suit or proceeding pending or, to Grantor's knowledge, threatened in writing against Grantor or the Company in respect of the Station seeking to enjoin the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (ii) to Grantor's knowledge, there are no governmental claims or investigations pending or threatened against Grantor or the Company in respect of the Station (except those affecting the broadcasting industry generally).

(g) No broker, finder or other person is entitled to a commission, brokerage fee or other similar payment in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby as a result of any agreement or action of Grantor or the Company or any other party acting on Grantor's or the Company's behalf. The parties agree that Schedule 6(f) hereto may be updated by Grantor as of the Option Closing Date.

**7. Representations and Warranties of Option Holder.** Option Holder represents and warrants to Grantor and the Company as follows:

(a) Option Holder is a corporation duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Illinois.

(b) Option Holder has the power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(c) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Option Holder has been duly authorized and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Option Holder enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights in general and subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(d) No broker, finder or other person is entitled to a commission, brokerage fee or other similar payment in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby as a result of any agreement or action of Option Holder or any party acting on Option Holder's behalf.

**8. Covenants of Grantor and the Company.** During the Option Period, and subject to the SSA and the performance by Option Holder of its obligations thereunder, Grantor and the Company, jointly and severally, covenant to:

(a) Maintain adequate insurance on the Station Assets and with respect to the operation of the Station;

(b) Operate the Station in all material respects in accordance with the terms of the FCC Licenses, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Communications Act"), the rules and published policies of the FCC ("FCC Rules") and all other applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations of governmental authorities;

(c) Refrain from taking any action that would cause the FCC Licenses not to be in full force and effect or to be revoked, suspended, cancelled, rescinded, terminated or expired;

(d) File all returns, reports, and statements that Grantor or the Company, as the case may be, is required to file with the FCC;

(e) Other than pursuant to an Acquisition Financing Arrangement, not mortgage, pledge, subject to any lien or otherwise encumber (or cause any of the foregoing to occur) any of the Station Assets, the Subject Interests or any other outstanding equity interests or assets of the Company except Permitted Liens and liens that will be discharged at or prior to the Option Closing;

(f) Not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the Station Assets in a manner that is inconsistent with this Agreement, except for properties and assets sold or replaced with others of substantially like kind and value in the ordinary course of business; and

(g) Not issue any subscription, warrant, option, calls, commitments or other rights to purchase or acquire any equity or debt interests, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for any equity or debt interests, of Grantor or the Company (other than pursuant to an Acquisition Financing Arrangement).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, to the extent that the obligations of Grantor or the Company hereunder would require the incurrence of an Other Expense, as defined in the SSA, such obligation or covenant shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the SSA.

**9. Grantor and the Company Option Closing Conditions.** Subject to the exercise of the Option pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the obligations of Grantor and the Company hereunder are subject to satisfaction or waiver, at or prior to the Option Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) **Representations, Warranties and Covenants.** The representations and warranties of Option Holder made in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of the Option Closing Date except for changes permitted or contemplated by the terms of this Agreement, and the covenants and agreements to be complied with and performed by Option Holder at or prior to the Option Closing shall have been complied with or performed in all material respects. Grantor shall have received a certificate dated as of the Option Closing Date from Option Holder, executed by an authorized officer of Option Holder, to the effect that the conditions set forth in this Section 9(a) have been satisfied.

(b) **FCC Consent.** With respect to any exercise of an Option for the Subject Interests or the Station Assets, the FCC Consent (as defined in Section 25 below) shall have been obtained and be in effect and no court or governmental order prohibiting the Option Closing shall be in effect.

(c) **No Prohibitions.** No injunction, restraining order or decree of any nature of any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction shall be in effect that restrains or prohibits any party from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

**10. Option Holder Option Closing Conditions.** Subject to the exercise of the Option pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the obligations of Option Holder hereunder are subject to satisfaction or waiver, at or prior to the Option Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) **Representations, Warranties and Covenants.** The representations and warranties of Grantor and the Company made in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of the Option Closing Date except for changes permitted or contemplated by the terms of this Agreement, and the covenants and agreements to be complied with and performed by Grantor and the Company at or prior to the Option Closing shall have been complied with or performed in all material respects. Option Holder shall have received certificates dated as of the Option Closing Date from each of the Company and Grantor,

executed by an authorized officer or manager of Company and by Grantor to the effect that the conditions set forth in this Section 10(a) have been satisfied.

(b) **FCC Consent.** With respect to any exercise of an Option for the Subject Interests or the Station Assets, the FCC Consent shall have been obtained and constitute a Final Order, and no court or governmental order prohibiting the Option Closing shall be in effect. For purposes hereof, “Final Order” shall mean an action by the FCC or other regulatory authority having jurisdiction (i) with respect to which action no timely request for stay, motion or petition for reconsideration or rehearing, application or request for review or notice of appeal or other judicial petition for review is pending and (ii) as to which the time for either filing any such request, motion, petition, application, appeal or notice and also for entry of any orders staying, reconsidering or reviewing, on the FCC’s or such other regulatory authority’s own motion, has expired.

(c) **No Prohibitions.** No injunction, restraining order or decree of any nature of any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction shall be in effect that restrains or prohibits any party from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

## 11. Option Closing Deliveries.

### (a) Purchase of Subject Interests.

(i) **Grantor Documents.** Subject to the exercise of the Option with respect to the Subject Interests pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Option Closing Grantor shall deliver or cause to be delivered to Option Holder:

(A) certified copies of resolutions authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, including the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, by Grantor;

(B) the certificates described in Section 10(a) hereof;

(C) all certificates, if any, evidencing the Subject Interests, duly endorsed for transfer to Option Holder and accompanied by appropriate powers duly endorsed for transfer to Option Holder;

(D) a certificate from the Secretary of State of Delaware as to the Company’s good standing and timely payment of all outstanding taxes in such jurisdiction that are due and payable, dated within five (5) business days of the Option Closing Date; and

(E) such other documents, certificates, payments, assignments, transfers and other deliveries as Option Holder may reasonably request and that are customary to effect a closing of the matters herein contemplated.

(ii) **Option Holder Documents.** Subject to the exercise of the Option with respect to the Subject Interests pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this



Agreement, at the Option Closing Option Holder shall deliver or cause to be delivered to Grantor:

- (A) the certificate described in Section 9(a) hereof;
- (B) the Cash Purchase Price; and
- (C) such other documents, certificates, payments, assignments, transfers and other deliveries as Grantor may reasonably request and that are customary to effect a closing of the matters herein contemplated.

**(b) Purchase of Station Assets.**

**(i) Company Documents.** Subject to the exercise of the Option with respect to the Station Assets pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Option Closing Grantor and the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to Option Holder:

- (A) certified copies of resolutions authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, including the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, by Grantor and the Company;
- (B) the certificates described in Section 10(a) hereof;
- (C) the Assignment Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (D) the Assignment and Assumption Agreement FCC Licenses in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (and Attachment A thereto) ; and
- (E) such other bills of sale, assignments and other instruments of conveyance, assignment and transfer as may be necessary to convey, transfer and assign to Option Holder the Station Assets, free and clear of Liens, except for Permitted Liens.

**(ii) Option Holder Documents.** Subject to the exercise of the Option with respect to the Station Assets pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Option Closing Option Holder shall deliver or cause to be delivered to Grantor and the Company:

- (A) the certificate described in Section 9(a) hereof;
- (B) the Cash Purchase Price;
- (C) the Assignment Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (D) the Assignment and Assumption Agreement FCC Licenses in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (and Attachment A thereto); and

(E) such other documents and instruments of assumption as may be necessary to assume the Assumed Obligations.

**12. Survival; Indemnification.**

(a) **Survival.** The representations and warranties in this Agreement shall survive the Option Closing for twelve months after the Option Closing Date, whereupon they shall expire and be of no further force or effect, except those under this Section 12(b) that relate to Damages for which written notice is given by the Indemnified Party to the Indemnifying Party prior to the expiration, which shall survive until resolved. The covenants and agreements in this Agreement shall survive the Option Closing until performed.

**(b) Indemnification.**

(i) Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 12(c) below, from and after the Option Closing, Grantor and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Option Holder from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, claims, suits, actions, judgments, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses ("Damages"), incurred by Option Holder arising out of or resulting from (A) any material inaccuracy in, or breach or nonfulfillment of, any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by Grantor or the Company in this Agreement or default by Grantor or the Company under this Agreement, or (B) in the case of the sale of the Station Assets, obligations or liabilities of Grantor or the Company regarding the Station other than the Assumed Obligations. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Grantor and the Company shall not be deemed to have breached any of its representations or warranties or failed to comply with any of its covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to the extent such breach or failure results from Option Holder's performance of its obligations under the SSA or Letter Agreement (defined below).

(ii) From and after the Option Closing, Option Holder shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantor and the Company from and against any and all Damages incurred by Grantor or the Company arising out of or resulting from (A) any material inaccuracy in, or breach or nonfulfillment of, any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by Option Holder in this Agreement or default by Option Holder under this Agreement; (B) the Assumed Obligations, in the case of the sale of the Station Assets, or the business or operations of the Station after the Option Closing Date; and (C) any taxes owed by Option Holder for any period following the Option Closing Date. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Option Holder shall not be deemed to have breached any of its representations or warranties or failed to comply with any of its covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to the extent such breach or failure results from Grantor's or the Company's performance of its obligations under the SSA or Letter Agreement (defined below).

(iii) From and after the date hereof, Option Holder shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantor and the Company from and against any and all Damages incurred by Grantor or the Company arising out of or resulting from (A) in the case of the sale of the Station Assets, the performance of the Company's obligations under the Purchase Agreement (without limiting the obligation of the Company pursuant to the terms and subject to

the conditions of that certain Letter Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among the parties to this Agreement (the “Letter Agreement”), (B) the business or operations of the Station during the period prior to the Station Acquisition Closing, (C) any act or omission, event or occurrence that was or shall be caused by Option Holder, its agents or affiliates (including any predecessor in interest thereto) relating to the business or operations of Option Holder or the Station, (D) the operation of the Station or the conduct of the business thereof from and after the Station Acquisition Closing and continuing through the Option Period and any extensions thereof (including without limitation in connection with any fines or penalties imposed by the FCC), except to the extent arising from, or relating to, or as a result of, the actions or omissions of Grantor’s employees and representatives in performing their duties, or in acting outside the scope of their employment, with respect to the operation of the Station during the Option Period and any extensions thereof, which actions or omissions constitute willful misconduct or gross negligence, and (E) the negotiation and the document preparation and execution relating to the Purchase Agreement, this Agreement, the SSA, and the Letter Agreement and any amendments thereto and, with respect to this Agreement, any agreements or documents in connection with the exercise of the Option hereunder; provided, however, that this paragraph (iii) shall not extend to Damages to the extent arising out of or resulting from a breach by Grantor or the Company of their representations, warranties, covenants or agreements in this Agreement, the Letter Agreement or the Purchase Agreement or from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Grantor or the Company or any of their employees, agents or affiliates.

(iv) Indemnification Procedures. If any person entitled to indemnification under this Agreement (an “Indemnified Party”) asserts a claim for indemnification for, or receives notice of the assertion or commencement of any action, suit, claim or legal, administrative, arbitration, mediation, governmental or other proceeding or investigation, other than any brought by a party to this Agreement or an Affiliate of a party to this Agreement (a “Third Party Claim”) as to which such Indemnified Party intends to seek indemnification under this Agreement, such Indemnified Party shall give reasonably prompt written notice of such claim to the party from whom indemnification is to be sought (an “Indemnifying Party”), together with a statement of any available information regarding such claim. The Indemnifying Party shall have the right, upon written notice to the Indemnified Party (the “Defense Notice”) within fifteen (15) days after receipt from the Indemnified Party of notice of such claim, to conduct at its expense the defense against such Third Party Claim in its own name, or if necessary in the name of the Indemnified Party (which notice shall specify the counsel the Indemnifying Party will appoint to defend such claim (“Defense Counsel”); provided, however, that the Indemnified Party shall have the right to approve the Defense Counsel, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). The parties hereto agree to cooperate fully with each other in connection with the defense, negotiation or settlement of any Third Party Claim. If the Indemnifying Party delivers a Defense Notice to the Indemnified Party, the Indemnified Party will cooperate with and make available to the Indemnifying Party such assistance and materials as may be reasonably requested by the Indemnifying Party, all at the expense of the Indemnifying Party.

(v) If the Indemnifying Party shall fail to give a timely Defense Notice, it shall be deemed to have elected not to conduct the defense of the subject Third Party Claim and, in such event the Indemnified Party shall have the right to conduct such defense in good faith. If the Indemnified Party defends any Third Party Claim, then the Indemnifying Party

shall reimburse the Indemnified Party for the costs and expenses of defending such Third Party Claim upon submission of periodic bills. If the Indemnifying Party elects to conduct the defense of the subject Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party may participate, at his or its own expense, in the defense of such Third Party Claim; provided, however, that such Indemnified Party shall be entitled to participate in any such defense with separate counsel at the expense of the Indemnifying Party if (A) so requested by the Indemnifying Party to participate or (B) in the reasonable opinion of counsel to the Indemnified Party, a conflict or potential conflict exists between the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party that would make such separate representation advisable; and provided further, that the Indemnifying Party shall not be required to pay for more than one counsel for all Indemnified Parties in connection with any Third Party Claim.

(vi) Regardless of which party defends a Third Party Claim, the other party shall have the right at its expense to participate in the defense of such Third Party Claim, assisted by counsel of its own choosing. The Indemnified Party shall not compromise, settle, default on, or admit liability with respect to a Third Party Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and, if the Indemnified Party settles, compromises, defaults on, or admits liability with respect to a Third Party Claim except in compliance with the foregoing, the Indemnified Party shall be liable for all Losses paid or incurred in connection therewith and the Indemnifying Party shall have no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party with respect thereto. The Indemnifying Party shall not compromise or settle a Third Party Claim without the consent of the Indemnified Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, unless such compromise or settlement includes as a term thereof an unconditional release of the Indemnified Party and such compromise or release does not impose any non-monetary obligations on the Indemnified Party other than immaterial administrative obligations (and all monetary obligations are subject to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement), in which case the consent of the Indemnified Party shall not be required.

(vii) After any final decision, judgment or award shall have been rendered by a court or governmental entity of competent jurisdiction and the expiration of the time in which to appeal therefrom, or after a settlement shall have been consummated, or after the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party shall have arrived at a mutually binding agreement with respect to a Third Party Claim hereunder, the Indemnified Party shall deliver to the Indemnifying Party notice of any sums due and owing by the Indemnifying Party pursuant to this Agreement with respect to such matter and the Indemnifying Party shall be required to pay all of the sums so due and owing to the Indemnified Party by wire transfer of immediately available funds within ten (10) business days after the date of such notice.

(viii) It is the intent of the parties that all direct claims by an Indemnified Party against a party not arising out of Third Party Claims shall be subject to and benefit from the terms of this Section 12(b). Any claim under this Section 12(b) by an Indemnified Party for indemnification other than indemnification against a Third Party Claim (a “Direct Claim”) will be asserted by giving the Indemnifying Party reasonably prompt written notice thereof, and the Indemnifying Party shall have a period of 20 days within which to satisfy such Direct Claim. If the Indemnifying Party does not so respond within such 20 day period, the Indemnifying Party shall be

deemed to have rejected such claim, in which event the Indemnified Party shall be free to pursue such remedies as may be available to the Indemnified Party under this Section 12(b).

(ix) A failure by an Indemnified Party to give timely, complete, or accurate notice as provided in this Section 12(b) shall not affect the rights or obligations of either party hereunder except to the extent that, as a result of such failure, any party entitled to receive such notice was deprived of its right to recover any payment under its applicable insurance coverage or was otherwise materially adversely affected or damaged as a result of such failure to give timely, complete, and accurate notice.

(x) The parties shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to collect the proceeds of any insurance that would have the effect of reducing any Damages (in which case such proceeds shall reduce such Losses). To the extent any Damages of an Indemnified Party are reduced by receipt of payment under insurance policies or from third parties not affiliated with the Indemnified Party, such payments (net of the expenses of the recovery thereof) shall be credited against such Damages and, if indemnification payments shall have been received prior to the collection of such proceeds, the Indemnified Party shall remit to the Indemnifying Party the amount of such proceeds (net of the cost of collection thereof) to the extent of indemnification payments received in respect of such Losses. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

(c) NEITHER PARTY HERETO SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES (EVEN IF SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES).

**13. Specific Performance.** Grantor, the Company and Option Holder acknowledge and agree that, due to the unique nature of the subject matter of this Agreement, Option Holder would suffer irreparable damages in the event of breach of this Agreement, which damages could not adequately be compensated except by specific performance of this Agreement. Accordingly, without limiting any other remedy that may be available to Option Holder at law or equity, in the event of a breach by Grantor or the Company of this Agreement, it is agreed that Option Holder shall be entitled to temporary and permanent injunctive relief, including, but not limited to, specific performance hereof, without any showing of actual damage or inadequacy of legal remedy, in any proceeding before a court of law with proper jurisdiction to hear the matter, which may be brought to enforce this Agreement. Grantor and the Company hereby waive any defense that there is an adequate remedy at law for such breach of this Agreement.

**14. Expenses.** Option Holder agrees to reimburse Grantor, within fifteen (15) days of invoicing that includes reasonable documentation, for its reasonable and customary fees, costs and out-of-pocket expenses, including filing fees and reasonable and customary attorneys' fees, which are incurred in connection with the performance of its covenants and obligations hereunder; provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, Option Holder shall have no reimbursement obligation with respect to claims, actions or proceedings brought by or on behalf of Grantor against Option Holder.

**15. Further Assurances.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each of the parties hereto will use all commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable laws and regulations to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

**16. Amendment and Modification.** This Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented only by written agreement of Grantor, the Company and Option Holder.

**17. Waiver of Compliance; Consents.** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any failure of any of the parties to comply with any obligation, representation, warranty, covenant, agreement or condition herein may be waived by the party entitled to the benefits thereof only by a written instrument signed by the party granting such waiver, but such waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with such obligation, representation, warranty, covenant, agreement or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure. Whenever this Agreement requires or permits consent by or on behalf of any party hereto, such consent shall be given in writing in a manner consistent with the requirements for a waiver of compliance as set forth in this Section 17.

**18. Notices.** All notices, requests, demands and other communications which are required or may be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in written or electronic form, and shall be deemed delivered (a) on the date of delivery when (i) delivered by hand or (ii) sent by reputable overnight courier maintaining records of receipt or (b) on the date of transmission when sent by facsimile or other electronic transmission during normal business hours with confirmation of transmission by the transmitting equipment; provided, however, that any such communication delivered by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall only be effective if such communication is also delivered by hand or deposited with a reputable overnight courier maintaining records of receipt within two business days after its initial delivery by facsimile or other electronic transmission. All such communications shall be addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth in Exhibit C, or at such other address as a party may designate upon ten days' prior written notice to the other party.

**19. Assignment.** This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, but, except as provided for herein, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned by Grantor or the Company without the prior written consent of Option Holder, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Without the consent of but upon written notice to Grantor and the Company, Option Holder may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to an affiliated entity of Option Holder or to any other party or parties; provided, however, that Option Holder, as assignor, shall not thereby be released of its obligations or liabilities hereunder.

**20. No Third Party Beneficiaries.** Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement is not intended to, and shall not, confer upon any other person except the parties hereto any rights or remedies hereunder.

**21. Governing Law.** The construction and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to the choice of law provisions thereof.

**22. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid or enforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in any acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the greatest extent possible.

**23. Publicity.** None of Grantor, the Company or Option Holder shall make or issue or cause to be made or issued, any announcement (written or oral) concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby for dissemination to the general public without the prior consent of the other party. This provision shall not apply, however, to any announcement or written statement required to be made by law or the regulations of any federal or state governmental agency or any stock exchange, except that the party required to make such announcement shall provide a draft copy thereof to the other party hereto, and consult with such other party concerning the timing and content of such announcement, before such announcement is made.

**24. Public Inspection File; Confidentiality.** Each party hereto agrees that it will not disclose to others or use, except as duly authorized in connection with the conduct of the business or as required by law or as necessary to enforce its rights under this Agreement, any secret or confidential information of the other parties hereto. To the extent required by the Communications Act or the FCC Rules, each party shall place a copy of this Agreement in its respective station's public inspection files and, with respect to such obligation, shall consult with and agree with the other party as to any confidential or proprietary information herein that shall be redacted from any such copy

**25. FCC Approval.** (a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, Option Holder's rights to acquire the Subject Interests or the Station Assets under this Agreement are subject to the Communications Act and the FCC Rules. (b) As soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than five (5) business days after Option Holder's delivery of the Exercise Notice with respect to the Subject Interests or the Station Assets, the parties shall file an application (the "Consent Application") with the FCC requesting the FCC's written consent to (i) the assignment of the FCC Licenses from the Company to Option Holder or (ii) the transfer of control of the Company from Grantor to Option Holder, as the case may be, including, as applicable, any waiver of such FCC Rules as Option Holder may deem appropriate or desirable (a "Waiver Request"). In addition, in connection with foregoing, each party hereto covenants and agrees to (u) prepare, file and prosecute any alternative application, petition, motion, request (including any Waiver Request) or other filing (including, upon the request of Option Holder, any motion for leave to withdraw or dismiss any Consent Application or other filing made by the

parties in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) (collectively, the “Additional Applications” and, together with the Consent Application, the “FCC Applications”); (v) file any reasonably appropriate amendment or modification to the FCC Applications; (w) provide to each other any information, documents or other materials reasonably requested by the other party in connection with the preparation of any such FCC Applications, including without limitation any Waiver Request; (x) prosecute the FCC Applications with commercially reasonable diligence and otherwise use their commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a grant of the FCC Applications; (y) otherwise take any other action with respect to the FCC as may be reasonably necessary or reasonably requested by either party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby; and (z) cooperate in good faith with the other party with respect to the foregoing covenants, all as may be determined by Option Holder to be reasonably necessary or appropriate or advisable in order to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby upon the exercise of the Option. Each party shall promptly provide the other with a copy of any pleading, order or other document served on it relating to the FCC Applications, shall furnish all information required by the FCC and shall be represented at all meetings or hearings scheduled to consider the FCC Application. The FCC’s written consent to the assignment of the FCC Licenses or transfer of the Subject Interests, as the case may be, contemplated hereby is referred to herein as the “FCC Consent.” The parties each agree to comply with any condition imposed on them by the FCC Consent, except that no party shall be required to comply with a condition if such condition requires such party to divest any of its direct or indirect assets. The parties shall oppose any petitions to deny or other objections filed with respect to the FCC Application and any requests for reconsideration or review of the FCC Consent.

**26. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The delivery of an executed counterpart of the Agreement by facsimile or electronic transmission will be deemed to be an original counterpart of the Agreement so transmitted.

**27. Headings.** The section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

**28. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including the documents delivered pursuant to this Agreement or other written agreements referring specifically to this Agreement, the SSA, and the Letter Agreement embody the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Schedule(s) and Exhibit(s) hereto are an integral part of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all letters of intent and other writings executed prior to the date hereof relating to such negotiations, agreements and understandings.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Option Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

**OPTION HOLDER:**  
**QUINCY NEWSPAPERS, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Ralph M. Oakley  
Title: President

**COMPANY:**  
**SAGAMOREHILL OF DULUTH, LLC**  
**SAGAMOREHILL OF DULUTH**  
**LICENSES, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louis Wall  
Member/Manager

**GRANTOR:**  
**LOUIS WALL**

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(In his individual capacity)

**Schedule 5(a)**

1. The “Cash Purchase Price” shall be an amount equal to the sum of the Base Value plus the Escalation Amount, each as defined below.

2. For purposes of this Agreement, the “Base Value” shall be an amount equal to the aggregate amount payable by the Company at the Station Acquisition Closing pursuant to the Purchase Agreement allocable to the Station Assets relating to the Station; provided, however, that in the event that the Company shall have elected to borrow the purchase price with respect to its payment obligations under the Purchase Agreement pursuant to an Acquisition Financing Arrangement, the “Base Value” shall equal the Outstanding Debt allocable to the Optioned Assets relating to the Station.

3. For purposes of this Agreement, the “Outstanding Debt” shall be an amount equal to the total outstanding balance of debt, if any, for borrowed money of Grantor pursuant to an Acquisition Financing Arrangement with respect to or otherwise allocable to the Station and the Station Assets.

4. For purposes of this Agreement, the “Escalation Amount” shall be an amount equal to the greater of (A) the Fixed Appreciation Amount or (B) the Net Broadcast Cash Flow Amount. For purposes hereof, the “Fixed Appreciation Amount” equals the product of (i) the number of calendar years<sup>‡</sup> during the Option Period prior to the exercise of the Option, times (ii) an amount equal to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); “Net Broadcast Cash Flow Amount” means the product of (x) the number of calendar<sup>\*</sup> years during the Option Period prior to the exercise of the Option, times (y) the average net broadcast cash flow<sup>§</sup> (as determined by Option Holder) for the preceding 12-month period (or if the Option is exercised prior to the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the average net broadcast cash flow for the period following the Effective Date); provided, however, that the Net Broadcast Cash Flow Amount shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) (the “NBCFA Cap”). Solely with respect to that portion of the Cash Purchase Price constituting the Escalation Amount, the parties shall apply as a credit against such amount an amount equal to \$2,000 multiplied by the number of months between the Effective Date and the date of the Option Closing. In no event shall the Escalation Amount result in an internal rate of return that is less than zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NBCFA Cap shall be adjusted by the ratio of (x) the net revenues of the Station for the 12 months preceding the Option Closing, divided by (y) the net revenues of the Station for the 12 months preceding the Effective Date. The \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00 figures contained in this paragraph shall be increased each year by a cost of living adjustment not to exceed three percent (3%) per year to be calculated as follows: each figure shall increase annually, commencing each July during the term of the agreement (effective as of July 1, 2014), based on the percentage by

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<sup>‡</sup> Partial years shall be pro-rated and rounded up to the nearest calendar month, e.g., a closing occurring on the third day of the fourteenth month of the Option Period would yield a multiplier of 1.25.

<sup>§</sup> “Average net broadcast cash flow” is defined as calendar year revenue less expenses. The following items will be excluded from expenses: management fee, interest expense and guarantee fees. Interest income will be excluded from revenue.

which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPI-U"); Midwest Urban, All Items, not seasonally adjusted, 1982-1984=100 reference base (or any replacement of the foregoing as the standard reference base for CPI-U) for the month of May during the then-current year has increased as compared to the CPI-U for the month of May of the immediately preceding calendar year. It is agreed by the parties that if the CPI-U for May of the then-current year has not been published by June 15, then the most recently published monthly CPI-U shall be compared against the CPI-U for the month of May for the immediately preceding calendar year.