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### OPTION AGREEMENT

THIS OPTION AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") is made and entered into as of July 8, 2008, by and among Newport Television LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with its successors and permitted assigns, "*Option Holder*"), and Mercury Broadcasting Company, Inc., a Texas corporation (together with its successors and permitted assigns, "*Grantor*").

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner and FCC licensee of television station KMTW-TV, Hutchinson, Kansas (the "*Station*");

WHEREAS, Grantor desires to grant to Option Holder, and Option Holder desires to acquire from Grantor, an option to purchase all of Grantor's assets relating to each of the Station on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, Grantor and Option Holder are parties, each as an assignee, to that certain Time Brokerage Agreement, dated as of February 1, 1996 (as amended) (the "*TBA*"), and as of the date hereof Grantor and Option Holder have entered into that certain Fourth Amendment to the TBA;

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 hereby gives, grants, transfers and conveys to Option Holder the sole and exclusive right, privilege and option to purchase (the "*Option*"), on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth and effective all of the tangible and intangible personal property, licenses, authorizations and leases, contracts and agreements, owned or held by Grantor or in which Grantor holds, whether directly or indirectly, an interest, relating to the operation of the Station, including the property described below (and collectively referred to as the "*Assets*");

(a) 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 Date (collectively, the "*FCC Licenses*");

(b) 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 used in connection with each Station, including any renewals, extensions or modifications thereof and additions thereto between the date hereof and the Option Closing Date (collectively, the "*Permits*");

(c) All of the tangible personal property owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired by Grantor and used or useful in the operation of the Station;

(d) All of the intangible personal property owned by Grantor relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Station or hereafter acquired by Grantor and used or

useful in the operation of each Station, exclusive of all cash on-hand of Grantor and any payments due to Grantor under the TBA accruing as of the time prior to the Option Closing Date;

(e) All of the contracts, leases and other agreements relating to the ownership and operation of the Station, including Grantor's rights and interests in the TBA; and

(f) All goodwill relating to the business of the Station.

2. *Consideration for Option.* In consideration for the benefits that will accrue to Grantor pursuant to the TBA as amended by that certain Fourth Amendment to the TBA executed and delivered simultaneously herewith, Grantor grants the Option for the Option Period (as the same may be extended pursuant to Section 3 hereof).

3. *Option Period.* The Option shall be effective commencing on the date hereof (the "Effective Date") and ending on July 29, 2016 (the "Option Period"); provided, however, that the Option Period shall be deemed extended automatically without any further action by Option Holder and Grantor if the term of the TBA shall be amended to extend beyond the term of the Option Period contemplated above, and upon any such extension of the term of the TBA, the Option Period shall be deemed to continue until the TBA is terminated or expires in accordance with its terms.

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. For the avoidance of doubt, the Option may be exercised from time to time during the Option Period.

(b) Upon exercise of the Option, Option Holder and Grantor 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(c) below.

(c) Option Holder may withdraw any Exercise Notice at any time 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 of Assets.*

(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 Purchase Price (as determined below) 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 Option Closing Date (or such other method of funds transfer as may be agreed upon by Option Holder and Grantor).

(i) Upon exercise of the Option, the parties shall promptly confer to determine whether they may agree upon an amount (the "*Purchase Price*") representing the fair market value of the Assets.

(ii) In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon the Purchase Price within ten business days of the exercise of the Option (or within such longer period that the parties may agree upon in writing), then the Purchase Price shall be an amount equal to the fair market value of the Assets as determined by an appraiser selected by the parties; *provided, however*, that if the parties are unable to agree on an appraiser, Grantor, on the one hand, and Option Holder, on the other hand, shall each select its own appraiser with experience in appraising businesses of like nature to that of the Station, and the average of the amounts calculated by such appraisers as the fair market value of the Assets shall be the Purchase Price, except that, if the differential between the two amounts exceeds ten percent (10%) (based upon the lower amount), the two appraisers shall choose a third competent appraiser, with experience in appraising businesses of like nature to that of the Station, who shall determine which of the two appraisers' determinations as to fair market value is the nearest to the fair market value, and, for purposes of this Agreement, the Purchase Price shall be an amount equal to the average of such value and the value calculated by the third appraiser to be the fair market value of the Assets.

(iii) Grantor, on the one hand, and Option Holder, on the other hand, shall share equally the costs and expenses of any mutually agreed upon appraiser; each separately shall bear the costs and expenses of the appraiser selected by it if two appraisers are used; and if a third appraisal is necessary, the costs and expenses of any third appraiser shall be shared equally between the parties; *provided* that the costs of such appraisers allocable to Grantor may, at Grantor's election, be advanced by Option Holder and applied as a credit against the payment of the Purchase Price at the Option Closing.

(b) Purchase of Assets.

(i) *Transfer of Assets.* Subject to Section 4(c) and Sections 9 and 10 below, upon the exercise of the Option, Grantor shall, on the Option Closing Date, sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Option Holder all right, title and interest of Grantor in and to the Assets free and clear of liens, claims and encumbrances ("*Liens*"), except for Assumed Obligations, liens for taxes not yet due and payable and any other liens expressly identified and agreed to by the parties in writing (collectively, "*Permitted Liens*").

(ii) *Excluded Assets.* The Assets shall not include any of those certain assets, properties, interests or rights relating to the business of the Station that are expressly excluded in Section 1(d) above (the "*Excluded Assets*"). The Excluded Assets shall remain the property of Grantor.

(iii) *Assumption of Obligations.* On the Option Closing Date, Option Holder shall assume and undertake to pay, discharge and perform all obligations of Grantor 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 Assets, including all leases and contracts included in such Assets, if any, 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 shall remain liable for, any liabilities, obligations or commitments of Grantor arising from the business or operation of the Stations before the Option Closing Date and any other obligations or liabilities other than the Assumed Obligations.

(v) *Allocation.* Option Holder and Grantor shall allocate the Purchase Price in accordance with the fair market value of the 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 prepared by Option Holder, subject to the reasonable consent of Grantor. Option Holder and Grantor 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.

(c) *Closing.* Upon the exercise of the Option, the consummation of the sale and purchase of the Assets provided for in this Agreement (the "*Option Closing*") shall take place no later than ten (10) 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. The date on which the Option Closing is to occur is referred to herein as the "*Option Closing Date*."

6. *Representations and Warranties of Grantor.* Grantor represents and warrants to Option Holder as follows; *provided, however*, that Grantor does not make any representation or warranty as to any action, event, occurrence or circumstance that 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 TBA:

(a) Grantor is a corporation duly formed and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation. Grantor 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 Grantor has been duly authorized and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Grantor enforceable 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).

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

(c) Grantor is the holder of the FCC Licenses and such FCC Licenses are valid and in full force and effect.

(d) Grantor has filed all material returns, reports, and statements that Grantor is required to file with the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration. Except as set forth on *Schedule 6(f)* hereto, there is no action, suit or proceeding pending or, to Grantor's knowledge, threatened in writing against Grantor in respect of the Station seeking to enjoin the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and to Grantor's knowledge, there are no governmental claims or investigations pending or threatened against Grantor in respect of the Station (except those affecting the broadcasting industry generally).

(e) 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 any other party acting on Grantor's behalf.

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

(a) Option Holder is a limited liability company duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Option Holder has the power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) 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).

(c) 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.* During the Option Period, and subject to the TBA and Option Holder's performance of its obligations thereunder to the extent relating to the matters set forth below, Grantor covenants to:

(a) Maintain insurance on the Assets and with respect to the operation of the Stations in such amounts and in such nature as in effect on the date hereof;

(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 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 material returns, reports, and statements that Grantor is required to file with the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration;

(e) Not mortgage, pledge, subject to any lien or otherwise encumber (or cause any of the foregoing to occur) any of the Assets or Subject Shares or any other outstanding equity interests or assets of Grantor;

(f) Not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the Assets in a manner that is inconsistent with this Agreement, except for properties and assets sold or replaced with others of 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.

#### 9. *Grantor 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 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.* The FCC Consent (as defined below in Section 23) 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 Closing Conditions.*

Subject to the exercise of the Option pursuant 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 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 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 Grantor, executed by an authorized officer of Grantor to the effect that the conditions set forth in this Section 10(a) have been satisfied.

(b) *FCC Consent.* The FCC Consent (as defined below in Section 23) 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 filing any such request, motion, petition, application, appeal or notice and for entry of 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. *Closing Deliveries.*

(a) *Grantor Documents.* Subject to the exercise of the Option 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:

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

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

(iii) the Assignment and Assumption Agreement in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*;

(iv) the Assignment and Assumption Agreement of FCC Licenses in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit B*; and

(v) 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 Assets, free and clear of Liens, except for Permitted Liens.

(b) *Option Holder Documents.* Subject to the exercise of the Option with respect to the 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:

- (i) The certificate described in Section 9(a) hereof;
- (ii) The Purchase Price (subject to any applicable credit pursuant to Section 5(a)(ii));
- (iii) The Assignment and Assumption Agreement in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*;
- (iv) The Assignment and Assumption Agreement FCC Licenses in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit B*; and
- (v) 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 (12) months after the Option Closing Date, whereupon they shall expire and be of no further force or effect, except those under this Section 12 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.

(b) *Indemnification.*

(i) Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 12(c) below, from and after the Option Closing, Grantor 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 in this Agreement or default by Grantor under this Agreement, or (B) any obligation or liability of Grantor that is not an Assumed Obligation.

(ii) From and after the Option Closing, Option Holder shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantor from and against any and all Damages incurred by Grantor 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 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.

(c) *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.

(i) If the Indemnifying Party shall fail to give a 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.

(ii) 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 will 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.

(iii) 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.

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

(v) A failure by an Indemnified Party to give timely, complete, or accurate notice as provided in this Section 12(c) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) No indemnification shall be payable by the Indemnifying Party with respect to any indemnifiable Damages incurred by the Indemnified Party under Section 12)(b)(i)(A) or 12)(b)(ii)(A), as applicable, unless the cumulative amount of all such Damages incurred by such Indemnified Party exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in the aggregate, and thereupon indemnification shall be payable with respect to Damages relating back to the first dollar of such Damages.

(d) 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. PROVIDED THAT THE FOREGOING SHALL APPLY ONLY TO DIRECT CLAIMS AND SHALL NOT LIMIT THE SCOPE OF AN INDEMNIFYING PARTY'S OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO A THIRD PARTY CLAIM.

13. *Specific Performance.* Grantor 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 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 hereby waives any defense that there is an adequate remedy at law for such breach of this Agreement.

14. *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.

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

16. *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 compliances as set forth in this Section 16.

17. *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 and (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 delivery by facsimile or other electronic transmission. All such communications shall be addressed to the parties at the address set forth in the TBA or at such other address as a party may designate upon ten days' prior written notice to the other party.

18. *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 without the prior written consent of Option Holder, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Without the consent of Grantor, Option Holder may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any other party or parties; *provided, however,* that Option Holder, as assignor, shall not thereby be released of its obligations hereunder.

19. *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.

20. *Governing Law.* Construction and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Agreement to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

21. *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.

**22. Publicity.** Neither Grantor nor 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.

**23. FCC Approval.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, Option Holder's rights 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 business days after Option Holder's delivery of the Exercise Notice, the parties shall file an application (the "*Consent Application*") with the FCC requesting the FCC's written consent to (y) the assignment of the FCC Licenses from Grantor to Option Holder or (z) the transfer of control of 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, each party hereto covenants and agrees to (i) prepare, file and prosecute any alternative application, petition, motion, request (including any Waiver Request, if applicable) 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*"); (ii) file any amendment or modification to the FCC Applications; (iii) provide to Option Holder any information, documents or other materials reasonably requested by Option Holder in connection with the preparation of any such FCC Applications, including without limitation any Waiver Request; (iv) prosecute the FCC Applications with commercially reasonable diligence and otherwise use their commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a favorable conclusion with regard to the FCC Applications; (v) otherwise take any other action with respect to the FCC as may be reasonably necessary or reasonably requested by Option Holder in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby; and (vi) 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.

(c) The FCC's written consent to the assignment of the FCC Licenses contemplated hereby is referred to herein as the "*FCC Consent*." The parties each agree to comply with any condition imposed on them by any 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 application for any FCC Consent and any requests for reconsideration or review of any FCC Consent.

24. *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.

25. *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.

26. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement, including the documents delivered and attached pursuant to this Agreement, together with the TBA, 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.

[Signature page follows]

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

GRANTOR:

MERCURY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

By: Van H. Archer III  
Name: Van H. Archer III  
Title: President

OPTION HOLDER:

NEWPORT TELEVISION LLC

By: Sandy DiPasquale  
Name: Sandy DiPasquale  
Title: President & CEO

**Exhibit A -- Form of Assignment Agreement**

This Assignment and Assumption Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is made as of [\_\_\_\_], 20[\_\_\_\_], by and between Mercury Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("*Seller*"), and Newport Television LLC ("*Buyer*").

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Seller and Buyer are parties to that certain Option Agreement, dated as of [\_\_\_\_], 2008 (the "*Option Agreement*"); and

WHEREAS, Seller desires to assign to Buyer all of Seller's right, title and interest in, to and under the contracts relating to the business of the Station (as defined in the Option Agreement) (collectively, the "*Assumed Contracts*"), and Buyer is willing to accept assignment of such rights and assume such duties and obligations arising under or in connection with the Assumed Contracts, in each case pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the Option Agreement and this Agreement (including Section 6 hereof).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, Seller and Buyer, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **Defined Terms; Interpretation.** Except as otherwise set forth herein, capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Option Agreement.
2. **Assignment and Assumption.** Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the Option Agreement and effective as of the date hereof, (a) Seller hereby conveys, assigns, and transfers to Buyer, its successors and assigns, all of Seller's rights, titles and interests in, to and under the Assumed Contracts, free and clear of any and all liens other than Permitted Liens, and delegate to Buyer all of their respective duties and obligations to be performed, or arising on or after the date hereof in connection with or under the Assumed Contracts, and (b) Buyer hereby accepts the above assignment of rights and delegation of duties and obligations and agrees to be bound by and to assume such duties and obligations arising under or in connection with the Assumed Contracts to be performed or arising on or after the date hereof.
3. **Further Assurances.** Each party to this Agreement agrees to execute, acknowledge, deliver, file and record, and to cause to be executed, acknowledged, delivered, filed and recorded, such further certificates, instruments, and documents and to do, and cause to be done, all such other acts and things, as may be required by law, or as may, in the reasonable opinion of the other party hereto, be necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.
4. **Binding Effect; Amendments.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns. No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of, or consent or approval required by, this Agreement, nor any consent to or approval of any departure herefrom, shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement of any such modification, amendment, waiver, consent or approval is sought.



5. **Governing Law.** Construction and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Agreement to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.
6. **Option Agreement Controlling.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall in any way supersede, modify, replace, amend, change, rescind, waive, exceed, expand, enlarge or in any way affect the provisions, including warranties, covenants, agreements, conditions, representations or, in general, any of the rights and remedies, or any of the obligations, of Seller or Buyer set forth in the Option Agreement. This Agreement is subject to and controlled by the terms of the Option Agreement.
7. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each such counterpart hereof shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all such counterparts together shall constitute but one agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed original counterpart of this Agreement.

*[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; signature page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:

MERCURY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

By: Van H. Archer III  
Name: Van H. Archer III  
Title: President

OPTION HOLDER:

NEWPORT TELEVISION LLC

By: Larry Di Pyle  
Name: Sandy DiPasquale  
Title: President & CEO

Exhibit B -- Form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement FCC Licenses

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT  
FCC LICENSES

This ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ ("Agreement"), is made, executed and delivered by Mercury Broadcasting Company, Inc., and (the "Assignor"), and together with [Newport Television LLC], ("Assignee").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assignee's exercise of the option to purchase, among other assets, the FCC Licenses listed on Attachment A attached hereto (the "FCC Licenses") granted to Assignee by Assignor under that certain Option Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by and between Assignor and Assignee (the "Option Agreement"), Assignor has agreed to convey and assign to Assignee, and Assignee has agreed to assume, subject to the consent of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"), the FCC Licenses;

WHEREAS, the FCC has granted its consent to the assignment of the FCC Licenses from Assignor to Assignee; and

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to transfer and assign to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the FCC Licenses and Assignee desires to assume Assignee's obligations with respect thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor and Assignee, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Option Agreement.
2. Assignor does hereby assign and deliver to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the FCC Licenses. Assignor shall remain liable for all of the obligations and liabilities arising under the FCC Licenses insofar as such obligations and liabilities relate to the time period prior to the Option Closing Date.
3. Assignee hereby agrees that it shall assume and discharge and perform, insofar as they relate to the time period beginning on and after the Option Closing Date, all the obligations and liabilities of Assignor under the FCC Licenses. Assignee shall not assume any other obligations or liabilities of the Assignor pursuant to this Agreement.
4. Assignor and Assignee shall each execute and deliver such other documents and take such other actions as the other party hereto may reasonably request, at the FCC or otherwise, to confirm the assignment executed hereby and to vest title in and to the FCC

Licenses in Assignee, except that Assignee shall promptly execute and file a consummation notice at the FCC as required by FCC Rules, a copy of which shall be delivered to Assignor.

5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall in any way supersede, modify, replace, amend, change, rescind, waive, exceed, expand, enlarge or in any way affect the provisions, including warranties, covenants, agreements, conditions, representations or, in general, any of the rights and remedies, and any of the obligations, of Assignor set forth in the Purchase Agreement, including, without limitation, any limits on indemnification specified therein. This Agreement is subject to and controlled by the terms of the Purchase Agreement. Nothing contained herein is intended to modify or supersede any of the provisions of the Purchase Agreement.

6. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

7. Construction and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Kansas, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Agreement to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

8. This Agreement cannot be amended, supplemented, or changed except by an agreement in writing that is signed by the parties hereto.

9. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

*[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; signature page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee have executed this Agreement  
as of the date first above written.

**GRANTOR:**

**MERCURY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**

By: Vann H. Archer III  
Name: Vann H. Archer III  
Title: President

**OPTION HOLDER:**

**NEWPORT TELEVISION LLC**

By: Sandy DiPasquale  
Name: Sandy DiPasquale  
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**ATTACHMENT A**

**FCC Licenses**