

LOCAL TELEVISION MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

The Commission's local television multiple ownership rule, 47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(b)(2), permits common ownership of two television stations with overlapping Grade B contours located in the same Nielsen Designated Market Area ("DMA") if, at the time the assignment application is filed, (1) at least one of the stations is not ranked among the top four stations in the DMA based on the most recent all-day (9:00 a.m. – midnight) audience share as measured by Nielsen Media Research and (2) at least eight independently-owned and operating, full-power commercial and noncommercial television stations remain in the DMA post-merger. Only those stations in the DMA with Grade B contours that overlap the Grade B contour of at least one of the stations in the proposed transaction may be counted. 1/

On July 25, 2001, the FCC approved an application was filed requesting Commission consent to the acquisition of KMSP-TV, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Facility ID No. 68883, by Fox Television Stations, Inc. ("FTS") (See File No. BALCT-20000918ABN) (the "KMSP Application"). 2/ Subject to grant of the KMSP Application and consummation of the transaction contemplated therein, the proposed assignment of WFTC(TV), Minneapolis, Minnesota, Facility ID No. 11913, from Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. to FTS would result in the creation of a new television duopoly in the Minneapolis-St. Paul DMA. 3/ As demonstrated below, the proposed duopoly complies with the Commission's local television multiple ownership rule.

Based on the most recent all day audience share, as measured by Nielsen Media Research in May 2001, KMSP-TV ranked 4th and WFTC(TV) ranked 5th in the Minneapolis-St. Paul DMA. Accordingly, WFTC(TV) is not ranked among the top four stations in the market. Further, as demonstrated in the table below, as of the date of this application, and subject to approval and consummation of the transaction proposed in the KMSP Application, there are nine independently-owned and operating full-power commercial and noncommercial television stations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul DMA with Grade B contours that overlap the Grade B contour of at least one of the stations in the proposed duopoly. Accordingly, FTS's

1/ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(b)(2) (2001); See also *Review of Commission's Regulation's Governing Television Broadcasting*, 14 FCC Rcd 12903 (1999), modified on recon., 16 FCC Rcd 1067 (2001).

2/ See *UTV of San Francisco, Inc., et al.*, FCC 01-209 (July 25, 2001).

3/ FTS's proposed acquisition of KFTC(TV), Bemidji, MN, is permissible because the Grade B contour of KFTC(TV) does not overlap the Grade B contours of either KMSP-TV or WFTC(TV). See 47 C.F.R. § 73.3555(b)(1).

acquisition of WFTC(TV) is permissible under the Commission's local television multiple ownership rule.

**Minneapolis-St. Paul DMA (13) – Nine Independently-Owned and Operating
Full-Power Commercial and Noncommercial Stations
(With Grade B Contours that Overlap Either KMSP-TV or WFTC(TV))**

Call Sign	Community of License	Channel	Affiliation	Licensee	Ownership
1. KARE(TV)	Minneapolis, MN	11	NBC	Multimedia Holdings Corporation	Gannett Broadcasting Group
2. KMSP-TV	Minneapolis, MN	9	UPN	Fox Television Stations, Inc. ^{4/}	Fox Television Stations, Inc.
3. KMWB(TV)	Minneapolis, MN	23	WB	KLGT Licensee, LLC	Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.
4. KSTP-TV	St. Paul, MN	5	ABC	Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.	Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.
KSAX(TV) (satellite of KSTP-TV)	Alexandria, MN	42	ABC	KSAX-TV, Inc.	
KRWF(TV) (satellite of KSTP-TV)	Redwood Falls, MN	43	ABC	KSAX-TV, Inc.	
KSTC-TV (formerly KVBM-TV)	Minneapolis, MN	45	IND	Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.	
5. WCCO-TV	Minneapolis, MN	4	CBS	CBS Broadcasting, Inc.	Viacom International, Inc.
KCCO-TV (satellite of WCCO-TV)	Alexandria, MN	7	CBS	CBS Broadcasting, Inc.	
KCCW-TV (satellite of WCCO-TV)	Walker, MN	12	CBS	CBS Broadcasting, Inc.	
6. WFTC	Minneapolis, MN	29	FOX	Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.	Clear Channel Communications, Inc.
7. KPXM	St. Cloud, MN	41	PAX	Paxson Minneapolis License, Inc.	Paxson Communications Corp.
8. KTCA-TV	St. Paul, MN	2	ETV	Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.	Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.
KTCI-TV	St. Paul, MN	17	ETV	Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.	
9. WHWC-TV	Menomonie, WI	28	ETV	State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board

^{4/} FTS's acquisition of KMSP-TV from Chris-Craft was approved on July 25, 2001, but has not yet been consummated. See File No. BALCT-20000918ABN.