

Affidavit of Stephen J. Owens

My name is Stephen J. Owens and I am a resident of Columbia, Missouri and Leawood, Kansas. This statement is freely given to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in connection with a proposed assignment of the FCC Authorizations for KMIZ (TV) and KQFX-LD, both in Columbia, Missouri ("Seller"), to a subsidiary of News-Press & Gazette Company ("NPG"), whose CEO is David R. Bradley ("Bradley") ("Buyer").

1. I have served as General Counsel of the University of Missouri System ("University") since January 2008 until the present, except for the period from January 2011 to February 2012 when I served as Interim President of the University.
2. The University is a public, state-supported educational institution. The University System consists of four separate universities, sometimes referred to as campuses, located in Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla, Missouri. The University system has approximately 73,000 students, 28,000 employees and an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.6 billion.
3. My general responsibilities as General Counsel include, among other things, advising and representing the University's governing board, known as the Board of Curators. Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Missouri, the Board of Curators consists of nine voting members and is vested with the authority to govern the University. Currently there are seven sitting curators and two positions are open. Individual curators are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate to serve six-year terms, unless they are filling an unexpired term. Although a curator may be reappointed to additional terms, no curator in recent memory has been reappointed immediately after serving a full six-year term. A non-voting student representative also sits on the Board for a two-year term.
4. A chair and vice-chair of the Board are elected by majority vote of the Board and serve one-year terms. The current chair is David R. Bradley, a resident of St. Joseph, MO. Mr. Bradley has served as chair since January 1, 2012 and his term as chair will expire on December 31, 2012. He has served on the Board since 2008 and he will continue on the Board until his term expires on December 31, 2014 or until his successor is seated.
5. The Curators' principal job is to govern the four campus system. Among the University's many assets is a commercial TV station in Columbia, Missouri known as KOMU-TV, CH 8 ("Station"). The University also owns

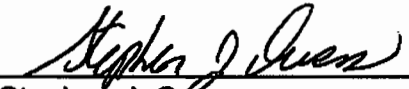
four NPR affiliates; one located on each of its campuses in Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla, Missouri ("NPR Affiliates"). Both the organizational structure and practice of the Board is such that the Board is not involved in the day-to-day operations of the TV Station or the NPR affiliates.

6. To my knowledge, during Mr. Bradley's tenure on the Board of Curators, he has never been involved in the day to day operations of KOMU-TV, which has its own General Manager and staff who determine the policies for and are responsible for the operations of the Station. The University retains experienced FCC counsel in Washington, DC to advise the Station on regulatory requirements and that counsel reports directly to the Station and the University's Office of General Counsel.
7. Pursuant to the Board's Conflict of Interest Rule, Mr. Bradley asked me to disclose to the Board his potential conflict of interest with KOMU-TV and to inform the Board that he intends to abstain from any discussions or votes involving KOMU-TV. The applicable Board Conflict of Interest rule is CRR 10.090.B.2, which states:

"If a member of the Board reasonably believes that he or she or another Board member has a conflict of interest, a potential conflict of interest or reasonably believes that the general public might perceive that a conflict of interest exists with regard to any matter that is under consideration by the Board, he or she shall report such conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest to the Chair of the Board at the earliest opportunity and, if possible, prior to any discussion, deliberation or vote by the Board on that matter. Unless the member of the Board voluntarily agrees to abstain from all such discussions and voting on the matter, the Chair of the Board shall determine whether an actual or perceived conflict of interest exists and, if so, shall request that such member of the Board refrain from all such discussions and voting on the matter. If the Chair of the Board is the Board member whose financial or personal interest is at issue, the Vice Chair of the Board shall determine whether an actual or perceived conflict of interest exists and, if so, shall request that the Chair of the Board refrain from all such discussions and voting on the matter. In all cases the Board is the final authority on conflict of interest issues. The Board member whose financial or personal interest is the subject of any vote shall not be eligible to vote thereon."

Mr. Bradley's disclosure of the potential conflict, and his agreement to voluntarily abstain from any discussion or vote involving KOMU-TV, comports with the requirements of the rule.

Submitted under penalty of perjury this 19th day of July, 2012.



Stephen J. Owens