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# Commercial Broadcast Stations Biennial Ownership Report (FCC Form 323)

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Purpose: **Commercial Broadcast Stations Biennial Ownership Report** | Status: **Received** | Status Date: **11/18/2021**

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Section I - General Information

1. Respondent

FRN		Entity Name			
0004200978		Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.			

  

Street Address	City (and Country if non U.S. address)	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	Zip Code	Phone	Email
PO Box 366	Sauk Rapids	MN	56379-0366	+1 (320) 252-6200	Gary.E.Hoppe@tricitybroadcasting.com

2. Contact Representative

Name		Organization			
Gregg P. Skall, Esq.		Telecommunications Law Professionals PLLC			

  

Street Address	City (and Country if non U.S. address)	State	Zip Code	Phone	Email
1025 Connecticut Ave, NW Suite 1011	Washington	DC	20036	+1 (202) 789-3121	gskall@tlp.law

3. Application Filing Fee

Question	Response
Is this application being submitted without a filing fee?	No

Fees

Application Type	Form Number	Fee Code	Quantity	Fee Amount	Subtotal
Biennial	Form 323	MAR	3	95	\$255.00
				Total	\$255.00

4. Nature of Respondent

(a) Provide the following information about the Respondent:

Relationship to stations/permits	Licensee
Nature of Respondent	For-profit corporation

(b) Provide the following information about this report:

Purpose	Biennial
"As of" date	10/01/2021  When filing a biennial ownership report or validating and resubmitting a prior biennial ownership report, this date must be Oct. 1 of the year in which this report is filed.

5. Licensee(s) and Station(s)

Respondent is filing this report to cover the following Licensee(s) and station(s):

Licensee/Permittee Name	FRN
Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.	0004200978

Fac. ID No.	Call Sign	City	State	Service
26980	WBHR	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	AM
67694	WHMH-FM	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FM
78914	WVAL	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	AM
141856	W293CS	HINCKLEY	MN	FX
202610	W239CU	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FX
202611	W272EG	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FX

Section II – Biennial Ownership Information

1. 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3613 and Other Documents

Licensee Respondents that hold authorizations for one or more full power television, AM, and/or FM stations should list all contracts and other instruments set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3613(a) through (c) for the facility or facilities listed on this report. In addition, attributable Local Marketing Agreements (LMAs) and attributable Joint Sales Agreements (JSAs) must be disclosed by the licensee of the brokering station on its ownership report. If the agreement is an attributable LMA, an attributable JSA, or a network affiliation agreement, check the appropriate box. Otherwise, select “Other.” Non-Licensee Respondents, as well as Licensee Respondents that only hold authorizations for Class A television and/or low power television stations, should select “Not Applicable” in response to this question.

Document Information	
Description of contract or instrument	Articles of Incorporation
Parties to contract or instrument	State of Minnesota

<b>Date of execution</b>	11/1976
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Articles of Incorporation

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Amendment of Articles of Incorporation
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	State of Minnesota
<b>Date of execution</b>	03/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Articles of Incorporation

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Amended and restated Bylaws
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Shareholders
<b>Date of execution</b>	01/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Bylaws

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Cross Purchase Agreement
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust; Valeria C. Hoppe
<b>Date of execution</b>	01/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Purchase Agreement

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Shareholder Control Agreement
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust; Valeria C. Hoppe
<b>Date of execution</b>	04/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Shareholder Control Agreement

## 2. Ownership Interests

**(a)** Ownership Interests. This Question requires Respondents to enter detailed information about ownership interests by generating a series of subforms. Answer each question on each subform. The first subform listing should be for the Respondent itself. If the Respondent is not a natural person, also list each of the officers, directors, stockholders, non-insulated partners, non-insulated members, and any other persons or entities with a direct attributable interest in the Respondent pursuant to the standards set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555. (A “direct” interest is one that is not held through any intervening companies or entities.) List each interest holder with a direct attributable interest in the Respondent separately.

Leave the percentage of total assets (Equity Debt Plus) field blank for an interest holder unless that interest holder has an attributable interest in the Respondent solely on the basis of the Commission’s Equity Debt Plus attribution standard, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555, Note 2(i).

In the case of vertical or indirect ownership structures, list only those interests in the Respondent that also represent an attributable interest in the Licensee(s) for which the report is being submitted.

Entities that are part of an organizational structure that includes holding companies or other forms of indirect ownership must file separate ownership reports. In such a structure do not report, or file a separate report for, any interest holder that does not have an attributable interest in the Licensee(s) for which the report is being submitted.

Please see the Instructions for further detail concerning interests that must be reported in response to this question.

The Respondent must provide an FCC Registration Number for each interest holder reported in response to this question. Please see the Instructions for detailed information and guidance concerning this requirement.

Ownership Information			
FRN	0004200978		
Entity Name	Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.		
Address	PO Box	366	
	Street 1		
	Street 2		
	City	Sauk Rapids	
	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	MN	
	Zip/Postal Code	56379-0366	
	Country (if non-U.S. address)	United States	
Listing Type	Respondent		
Positional Interests (check all that apply)	Respondent		
Tribal Nation or Tribal Entity	Interest holder is not a Tribal nation or Tribal entity		
Interest Percentages (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	Voting	0.0%	Jointly Held? No
	Equity	0.0%	
	Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)	0.0%	
Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?			No

Ownership Information		
FRN	0020089744	
Name	Mark A. Hoppe	
Address	PO Box	16318
	Street 1	
	Street 2	
	City	St. Paul

	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	MN	
	Zip/Postal Code	55116	
	Country (if non-U.S. address)	United States	
Listing Type	Other Interest Holder		
Positional Interests (check all that apply)	Director, Other - Trustee		
Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)	Citizenship	US	
	Gender	Male	
	Ethnicity	Not Hispanic or Latino	
	Race	White	
Interest Percentages (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	Voting	100.0%	Jointly Held? No
	Equity	0.0%	
	Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)	0.0%	
Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?			Yes

Ownership Information			
FRN	0020089694		
Name	Valeria C. Hoppe		
Address	PO Box	366	
	Street 1		
	Street 2		
	City	Sauk Rapids	
	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	MN	
	Zip/Postal Code	56379-0366	
	Country (if non-U.S. address)	United States	
Listing Type	Other Interest Holder		
Positional Interests (check all that apply)	Officer, Director, Stockholder, Other - Non-Voting		
Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)	Citizenship	US	
	Gender	Female	
	Ethnicity	Not Hispanic or Latino	
	Race	White	
Interest Percentages (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	Voting	0.0%	Jointly Held? No

	Equity	49.0%	
	Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)	49.0%	
Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?			No

Ownership Information					
FRN	0020089710				
Name	Gary E. Hoppe				
Address	PO Box	366			
	Street 1				
	Street 2				
	City	Sauk Rapids			
	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	MN			
	Zip/Postal Code	56379-0366			
	Country (if non-U.S. address)	United States			
Listing Type	Other Interest Holder				
Positional Interests (check all that apply)	Director				
Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)	Citizenship	US			
	Gender	Male			
	Ethnicity	Not Hispanic or Latino			
	Race	White			
Interest Percentages (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	Voting	0.0%	Jointly Held? No		
	Equity	0.0%			
	Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)	0.0%			
Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?			Yes		

Ownership Information		
FRN	0027937648	
Entity Name	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust	
Address	PO Box	
	Street 1	366
	Street 2	
	City	Sauk Rapids
	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	MN

	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	56379-0366	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Other Interest Holder		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Stockholder		
<b>Tribal Nation or Tribal Entity</b>	Interest holder is not a Tribal nation or Tribal entity		
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	0.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No
	<b>Equity</b>	51.0%	
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	51.0%	
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>			Yes

<b>(b) Respondent certifies that any interests, including equity, financial, or voting interests, not reported in this filing are non-attributable.</b> If "No," submit as an exhibit an explanation.	Yes
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<p><b>(c) Does the Respondent or any reported interest holder hold an attributable interest in any newspaper entities in the same market as any station for which this report is filed, as defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555?</b></p> <p>If "<u>Yes</u>," provide information describing the interest(s), using EITHER the subform OR the spreadsheet option below. Respondents with a large number (50 or more) of entries to submit should use the spreadsheet option.</p> <p>NOTE: Spreadsheets must be submitted in a special XML Spreadsheet format with the appropriate structure that is specified in the documentation. For instructions on how to use the spreadsheet option to complete this question (including templates to start with), please <a href="#">Click Here</a>.</p> <p>If using the subform, leave the percentage of total assets (Equity Debt Plus) field blank for an interest holder unless that interest holder has an attributable interest in the newspaper entity solely on the basis of the Commission's Equity Debt Plus attribution standard, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555, Note 2(i). If using an XML Spreadsheet, enter "NA" into the percentage of total assets (Equity Debt Plus) field for an interest holder unless that interest holder has an attributable interest in the newspaper entity solely on the basis of the Commission's Equity Debt Plus attribution standard.</p> <p>The Respondent must provide an FCC Registration Number for each interest holder reported in response to this question. Please see the Instructions for detailed information and guidance concerning this requirement.</p>	No
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(d) Are any of the individuals listed as an attributable interest holder in the Respondent married to each other or related to each other as parentchild or as siblings?	Yes
If " <u>Yes</u> ," provide the following information for each such the relationship.	

Family Relationships			
FRN	0020089710	Name	Gary E Hoppe
FRN	0020089744	Name	Mark A Hoppe
Relationship	Siblings		

Family Relationships			
FRN	0020089744	Name	Mark A Hoppe
FRN	0020089694	Name	Valeria C Hoppe
Relationship	Parent/Child		

Family Relationships			
FRN	0020089710	Name	Gary E Hoppe
FRN	0020089694	Name	Valeria C Hoppe
Relationship	Parent/Child		

(e) Is Respondent seeking an attribution exemption for any officer or director with duties wholly unrelated to the Licensee(s)?	No
If " <u>Yes</u> ," complete the information in the required fields and submit an Exhibit fully describing that individual's duties and responsibilities, and explaining why that individual should not be attributed an interest.	

3. Organizational Chart (Licensees Only)

Attach a flowchart or similar document showing the Licensee’s vertical ownership structure including the Licensee and all entities that have attributable interests in the Licensee. Licensees with a single parent entity may provide a brief explanatory textual Exhibit in lieu of a flowchart or similar document. Licensees without parent entities should so indicate in a textual Exhibit.

**Non-Licensee Respondents should select “N/A” in response to this question.**

The Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust has a 51% equity interest in Licensee Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.

Section III - Certification

Certification

Section	Question	Response
Authorized Party to Sign	WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND /OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE --OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).	
Certification	I certify that I have examined this report	Official Title: <b>C.E.O.</b>



	and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements in this report are true, correct and complete.	Exact Legal Title or Name of Respondent: <b>Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.</b> Name: <b>Gary E. Hoppe</b> Phone: <b>3202526200</b>  11/18/2021
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