

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
450 5th Street, N.W., Suite 7000
Washington, D.C. 20530

Plaintiff,

v.

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.
545 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 700
Irving, Texas 75062

MISSION BROADCASTING, INC.
30400 Detroit Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
OF AMERICA
700 Saint John Street, Suite 300
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

and

SILVER POINT CAPITAL FUND, L.P.
2 Greenwich Plaza, 1st Floor
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

Defendants.

Case:

HOLD SEPARATE STIPULATION AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the undersigned parties, subject to approval and entry by the Court, that:

I. Definitions

As used in this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order:

A. “Acquirer” means the entity to which the defendants divest the Divestiture Assets.

B. “Nexstar” means defendant Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Irving, Texas, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.

C. “Mission” means defendant Mission Broadcasting, Inc. a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Westlake, Ohio, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.

D. “CCA” means Communications Corporation of America, a Delaware corporation headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.

E. “Silver Point” means Silver Point Capital Fund, L.P, a limited partnership headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships and joint ventures, and their directors, officers, managers, agents, and employees.

F. “WEVV-TV” means the broadcast television station located in the Evansville, Indiana DMA owned by defendant CCA operating on virtual Channel 44.

G. “Divestiture Assets” means all of the assets, tangible or intangible, used in the operation of WEVV-TV, including, but not limited to, all real property (owned or leased) used in the operation of the station, all broadcast equipment, office equipment, office furniture, fixtures, materials, supplies, and other tangible property used in the operation of the station; all licenses, permits, authorizations, and applications therefore issued by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and other government agencies related to that station; all contracts (including programming contracts and rights), agreements, network affiliation agreements, leases and commitments and understandings of defendant CCA relating to the operation of WEVV-TV; all trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, patents, slogans, programming materials, and promotional materials relating to WEVV-TV; all customer lists, contracts, accounts, and credit records; and all logs and other records maintained by defendant CCA in connection with WEVV-TV.

H. “DMA” means designated market area as defined by A.C. Nielsen Company based upon viewing patterns and used by the *Investing In Television BIA Market Report 2013* (1st ed.). DMAs are ranked according to the number of households therein and are used by broadcasters, advertisers and advertising agencies to aid in evaluating television audience size and composition.

II. Objectives

The proposed Final Judgment filed in this case is meant to ensure defendants’ prompt divestiture of the Divestiture Assets for the purpose of preserving competition in the sale of broadcast television spot advertising in the Evansville, Indiana DMA in order to remedy the effects that the United States alleges would otherwise result from Nexstar’s acquisition of CCA.

This Hold Separate Stipulation and Order ensures that competition is maintained during the pendency of the ordered divestitures and that the Divestiture Assets remain independent, economically viable, and ongoing business concerns will remain independent and uninfluenced by Nexstar or Mission.

III. Jurisdiction and Venue

The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over each of the parties hereto, and venue of this action is proper in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IV. Compliance with and Entry of Final Judgment

A. The parties stipulate that a Final Judgment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A may be filed with and entered by the Court, upon the motion of any party or upon the Court's own motion, at any time after compliance with the requirements of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act (APPA), 15 U.S.C. § 16, and without further notice to any party or other proceedings, provided that the United States has not withdrawn its consent, which it may do at any time before the entry of the proposed Final Judgment by serving notice thereof on defendants and by filing that notice with the Court.

B. Defendants agree to arrange, at their expense, publication as quickly as possible of the newspaper notice required by the APPA, which shall be drafted by the United States in its sole discretion. The publication shall be arranged no later than three (3) business days after defendants' receipt from the United States of the text of the notice and identity of the newspaper within which the publication shall be made. Defendants shall promptly send to the United States

(1) confirmation that publication of the newspaper notice has been arranged; and (2) the certification of the publication prepared by the newspaper within which the notice was published.

C. Defendants shall abide by and comply with the provisions of the proposed Final Judgment, pending the entry of the Final Judgment by the Court, or until expiration of time for all appeals of any Court ruling declining entry of the proposed Final Judgment, and shall, from the date of the signing of this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order by the parties, comply with all the terms and provisions of the proposed Final Judgment. The United States shall have the full rights and enforcement powers in the proposed Final Judgment, including Section X of the proposed Final Judgment, as though the same were in full force and effect as an order of the Court.

D. Defendants shall not consummate the transaction sought to be enjoined by the Complaint herein before the Court has signed this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order.

E. This Hold Separate Stipulation and Order shall apply with equal force and effect to any amended proposed Final Judgment agreed upon in writing by the parties and submitted to the Court.

F. In the event: (1) the United States has withdrawn its consent, as provided in Paragraph IV(A) above; or (2) the proposed Final Judgment is not entered pursuant to this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, the time has expired for all appeals of any Court ruling declining entry of the proposed Final Judgment, and the Court has not otherwise ordered continued compliance with the terms and provisions of the proposed Final Judgment, then the parties are released from all further obligations under this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, and the

making of this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order shall be without prejudice to any party in this or any other proceeding.

G. Defendants represent that the divestitures ordered in the proposed Final Judgment can and will be made expeditiously, and that defendants will later raise no claim of mistake, hardship or difficulty of compliance as grounds for asking the Court to modify any of the provisions contained therein.

V. Hold Separate Provisions

Until the divestitures required by the Final Judgment have been accomplished:

A. Defendants shall preserve, maintain, and continue to operate the Divestiture Assets as independent, ongoing, economically viable competitive businesses, with management, sales and operations of such assets held entirely separate, distinct and apart from those of Nexstar's or Mission's other operations. Defendants will take all steps necessary to preserve and maintain the value and goodwill of the Divestiture Assets. Nexstar and Mission shall not coordinate the marketing of, or sales by, any of the Divestiture Assets. Within twenty (20) days after the entry of the Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, defendants will inform the United States of the steps defendants have taken to comply with this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order.

B. Defendants shall take all steps necessary to ensure that: (1) the Divestiture Assets will be maintained and operated as independent, ongoing, economically viable and active competitors in sale of broadcast television spot advertising; (2) the management of the Divestiture Assets will not be influenced by Nexstar or Mission; and (3) the books, records, competitively sensitive sales, marketing and pricing information, and decision-making concerning the Divestiture Assets will be kept separate and apart from Nexstar's and Mission's other operations.

C. Defendants shall preserve, in accordance with current practice, the existing relationships with each broadcast television spot advertising customer and with others doing business with any of the Divestiture Assets.

D. Defendants shall use all reasonable efforts to maintain and increase the sales and revenues of the Divestiture Assets, and shall maintain at 2013 or previously approved levels for 2014, whichever are higher, all promotional, advertising, sales, technical assistance, marketing, and merchandising support for the Divestiture Assets.

E. Defendants shall provide sufficient working capital and lines and sources of credit to continue to maintain the Divestiture Assets as economically viable and competitive, ongoing businesses, consistent with the requirements of Paragraphs V(A) and V(B).

F. Defendants shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the Divestiture Assets are fully maintained in operable condition at no less than current capacity and sales, and shall maintain and adhere to normal repair and maintenance schedules for the Divestiture Assets.

G. Defendants shall not, except as part of a divestiture approved by the United States in accordance with the terms of the proposed Final Judgment, remove, sell, lease, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of any of the Divestiture Assets.

H. Defendants shall maintain, in accordance with sound accounting principles, separate, accurate and complete financial ledgers, books, and records that report on a periodic basis, such as the last business day of every month, consistent with past practices, the assets, liabilities, expenses, revenues, and income of the Divestiture Assets.

I. Defendants shall take no action that would jeopardize, delay, or impede the sale of the Divestiture Assets to an Acquirer acceptable to the United States in its sole discretion.

J. Defendants' employees with primary responsibility for the Divestiture Assets shall not be transferred or reassigned to other areas within defendants' business, except for transfer bids initiated by employees pursuant to defendants' regular, established job posting policy. Defendants shall provide the United States with ten (10) calendar days' notice of any such transfer.

K. Defendants shall appoint a person or persons, subject to the approval of the United States, to oversee the Divestiture Assets, and who will be responsible for defendants' compliance with this section. This person shall have complete managerial responsibility for the Divestiture Assets, subject to the provisions of the proposed Final Judgment. In the event such person is unable to perform his duties, defendants shall appoint, subject to the approval of the United States, a replacement within ten (10) working days. Should defendants fail to appoint a replacement acceptable to the United States within this time period, the United States shall appoint a replacement.

L. Defendants shall take no action that would interfere with the ability of any trustee appointed pursuant to the proposed Final Judgment to complete the divestitures pursuant to the proposed Final Judgment to an Acquirer acceptable to the United States.

VI. Duration of Hold Separate and Asset Preservation Obligations

Defendants' obligations under Section V of this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order shall remain in effect until (1) consummation of the divestitures required by the proposed Final Judgment; (2) further order of the Court; or (3) the United States' voluntary dismissal of the Complaint in this matter.

Dated: November 26, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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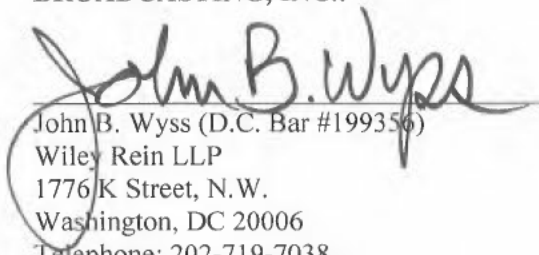
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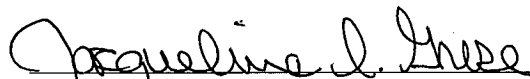
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED by the Court, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

United States District Judge