

Public Interest Statement

The instant application requests Commission consent to the *pro forma* assignment of license for transmit earth station E190036¹ from WLEX Communications, LLC (“WLEX”) to Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (“SBH”). An application for transfer of control of WLEX from Cordillera Communications, LLC (“Cordillera”) to Scripps Media, Inc. (“Scripps”) is being filed concurrently.

This application, and the previously filed transfer of control application, is part of a larger transaction between Cordillera and Scripps for which multiple Form 312 applications were filed on November 9, 2018 and November 13, 2018. A list of the pending Form 312 applications and earth station licenses (the “Stations”) associated with the transaction is included in Attachment A.

Cordillera is the parent of WLEX, as well as the other licensees listed on Attachment A (collectively, the “Licensees”). The Stations are used in connection with the associated television stations for the reception and transmission of programming. Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement between Cordillera and Scripps dated October 27, 2018 the parties propose a two-step transaction:

- transfer of control of the Licensees from Cordillera to Scripps, followed immediately after consummation of that transfer by
- *pro forma* assignment of the Stations’ licenses via a second set of Form 312 applications to SBH, a wholly-owned Scripps subsidiary. (See diagram in Attachment B.)

The instant application is part of the second set of applications that seeks approval of the *pro forma* assignments.

FCC Form 315 and Form 316 applications for the transfer of control and *pro forma* assignment of the associated broadcast television stations were also filed November 9, 2018 and November 13, 2018 and are currently pending with the Media Bureau.

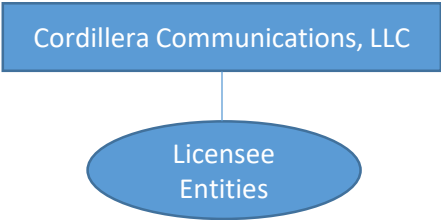
Grant of the instant application will serve the public interest by allowing the continued use of E190036 for the gathering and provision of news and information, and coverage of local community events.

¹ WLEX Communications, LLC filed an application for a new temporary-fixed earth station on October 26, 2018. The application (file no. SES-LIC-20181026-03649) was granted March 22, 2019.

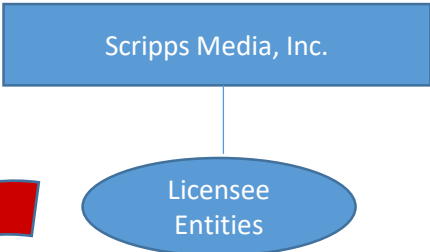
ATTACHMENT A

Licensee	Call Sign	Station Location	Pending Form312 Applications File Nos.	Associated TV Station
KPAX Communications, LLC	E140084	Missoula, MT	SES-T/C-20181109-03165 SES-ASG-20181113-03303	KPAX-TV
KTVQ Communications, LLC	E960412	Billings, MT	SES-T/C-20181109-03163 SES-ASG-20181113-03305	KTVQ(TV)
KXLF Communications, LLC	E910526	Butte, MT	SES-T/C-20181109-03614 SES-ASG-20181113-03306	KXLF-TV
Sangre de Cristo Communications, LLC	E030018	Pueblo, CO	SES-T/C-20181109-03165 SES-ASG-20181113-03307	KOAA-TV

Current Ownership Structure

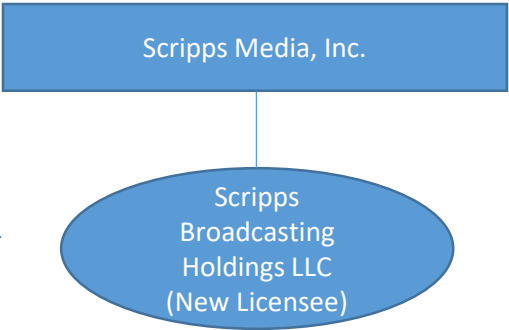


Step 1 – Transfers of Control



Scripps Media, Inc. acquires 100% interest in licensee entities from Cordillera Communications, LLC.

Step 2 – Pro Forma Assignments



Licenses are assigned from current Licensee Entities to Scripps Broadcasting Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scripps Media, Inc.

