

TEGNA/Sander STA

Public Interest Statement

TEGNA Inc. (“TEGNA”), formerly known as Gannett Co., Inc. (“Gannett”), has exercised through subsidiaries its options to acquire certain television station licensees ultimately owned and controlled by Jack Sander.¹ Sander Operating Co. I LLC d/b/a WHAS Television is the licensee of WHAS-TV, Louisville, Kentucky. Sander Operating Co. III LLC d/b/a KGW Television is the licensee of KGW, Portland, Oregon. The Commission has approved the transfer of control of these licensees.² Following the closing of the transaction, which the parties anticipate consummating on or about December 3, 2015, the licensees will be owned by indirect subsidiaries of TEGNA.

Each of WHAS-TV and KGW uses certain earth station authorizations in connection with its operations, including three authorizations granted shortly before or shortly after the *TEGNA/Sander Grant*.³ The instant and related requests for Special Temporary Authority seek authorization for the TEGNA transferees to control these recently authorized earth stations pending the Commission’s review of the concurrently filed Form 312 applications seeking the Commission’s formal consent to transfer control of these recently granted earth station authorizations. No change in the operation or use of the earth stations will occur as a result of the grant of this proposed transfer of control of the licenses to the transferees. Accordingly, and in light of the Commission’s determination in the *TEGNA/Sander Grant* that the underlying transfer of control of the Sander licensees is in the public interest, it is likewise in the public interest to permit the recently approved earth stations addressed in these applications to operate under TEGNA’s control in connection with TEGNA’s assumption of control of the main station licenses.

¹ TEGNA is the new name of the company formerly known as Gannett. Effective prior to the instant filing, TEGNA has spun off the publishing and certain other parts of the company to a new entity. That new entity has taken the Gannett name.

² *Sander Holdings Co., LLC*, Letter, DA 15-1344 (MB Vid. Div. Nov. 23, 2015) (“*TEGNA/Sander Grant*”).

³ See *Satellite Communications Services Information*, Report No. SES-01801, at 3 (IB Nov. 25, 2015) (showing grant of E150124 and E150127 as of Nov. 17, 2015, and Nov. 18, 2015, respectively). The Commission’s IBFS records show that earth station authorization E150129 was granted as of Nov. 24, 2015, though no Public Notice has yet been issued.