



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**MEDIA BUREAU ESTABLISHES PLEADING CYCLE FOR APPLICATION FOR  
CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF BROADCAST TELEVISION LICENSES FROM  
INYO BROADCAST LICENSES, LLC TO ION TELEVISION LICENSE, LLC,  
AND PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE *EX PARTE* STATUS FOR THE PROCEEDING**

**MB Docket No. 26-85**

**Petition to Deny Date: May 18, 2026**

**Opposition Date: June 2, 2026**

**Reply Date: June 12, 2026**

On April 16, 2026, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) accepted for filing an application seeking consent to the assignment of 23 broadcast television station licenses from INYO Broadcast Licenses, LLC (INYO), to ION Television License, LLC, a subsidiary of the E.W. Scripps Company (Scripps, and, together with INYO, Applicants).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission's National Television Multiple Ownership Rule prohibits a single entity from owning television stations that, in the aggregate, reach more than 39% of the total television households in the United States, after taking into account a 50% discount to UHF stations.<sup>2</sup> The Applicants state that post-transaction, Scripps would serve 40.29% of the national audience, and, therefore, seek a waiver of the National Television Multiple Ownership Rule.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission's Local Television Ownership Rule<sup>4</sup> permits common ownership of two television stations in a single Nielsen Designated Market Area (DMA) without restriction.<sup>5</sup> However, the Applicants seek a waiver of the Commission's Local Television Ownership Rule with respect to the following eight DMAs in which Scripps proposes to own more than two full power television stations:<sup>6</sup>

- Phoenix: KNXV-TV, Phoenix Arizona; KASW(TV), Phoenix Arizona; and KPPX-TV, Tolleson, Arizona.
- Detroit: WXYZ-TV, Detroit, Michigan; WMYD(TV), Detroit, Michigan; and WPXD-TV, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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<sup>1</sup> The application is available in the Commission's Licensing and Management System (LMS) at <https://enterprise.filing.fcc.gov/dataentry/public/tv/publicSearchLanding.html>. See LMS File No. 0000290962 *et seq.* (Application). A complete list of the stations is provided in the Attachment. There are no non-broadcast registrations or authorizations requiring a separate assignment application.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR § 73.3555(e)(1)-(2).

<sup>3</sup> See Application, Comprehensive Exhibit (Comp. Exh.) at 5.

<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 73.3555(b) (vacated in part by *Zimmer Radio of Mid-Missouri, Inc. v. FCC, et al.*, 145 F.4th 828 (8th Cir. 2025)).

<sup>5</sup> See *Letter from Chief, Video Division, to Sinclair, Inc., et al.*, Letter Order, DA 26-108 (MB Feb. 3, 2026).

<sup>6</sup> See Application, Comp. Exh. at 3.

- Denver: KMGH-TV, Denver, Colorado; KCDO-TV, Sterling, Colorado; and KPXC-TV, Denver, Colorado.
- Cleveland-Akron (Canton): WEWS-TV, Cleveland, Ohio; WDLI-TV, Canton, Ohio; and WVPX-TV, Akron, Ohio.
- Kansas City: KSHB-TV, Kansas City, Missouri; KMCI-TV, Lawrence, Kansas; and KPXE-TV, Kansas City, Missouri.
- West Palm Beach-Fort Pierce: WPTV-TV, West Palm Beach, Florida; WHDT(TV), Stuart, Florida; and WPXP-TV, Lake Worth, Florida.
- Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News: WTKR(TV), Norfolk, Virginia; WGNT(TV), Portsmouth, Virginia; and WPXV-TV, Norfolk, Virginia.
- Lexington: WLEX-TV, Lexington, Kentucky; WTVQ-DT, Lexington, Kentucky; WUPX-TV, Richmond, Kentucky.<sup>7</sup>

### **EX PARTE STATUS OF THIS PROCEEDING**

In order to assure the staff's ability to discuss and obtain information needed to resolve the issues presented by this Public Notice and pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules (Rules),<sup>8</sup> we establish a docket for this proceeding and announce that the *ex parte* procedures applicable to permit-but-disclose proceedings will govern our consideration of these applications.<sup>9</sup>

The proceeding in this Public Notice shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>10</sup> Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda, or other filings in the proceeding, then the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum.<sup>11</sup> Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with section 1.1206(b) of the Rules.<sup>12</sup> Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>13</sup> We strongly urge parties to use the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to file *ex parte* submissions. All *ex parte* filings must be clearly labeled as such and must reference MB Docket No. 26-85.

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<sup>7</sup> An application seeking consent to the assignment of the license of WTVQ-DT from WTVQ-TV, LLC, to a subsidiary of Scripps remains pending. See LMS File No. 0000294404.

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200(a).

<sup>9</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.1206.

<sup>10</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1206(b).

<sup>13</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The application for assignment of licenses referred to in this Public Notice has been accepted for filing upon initial review. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's Rules or policies. Interested persons must file petitions to deny no later than May 18, 2026. Oppositions to petitions to deny must be filed no later than June 2, 2026. Replies must be filed no later than June 12, 2026. Persons and entities that properly file petitions to deny become parties to the proceeding.

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. Replies may only address matters raised in oppositions.<sup>14</sup>

All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to MB Docket No. 26-85.

Submissions in this matter must be filed electronically (*i.e.*, through ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
  - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
  - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.
  - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

In addition, one copy of each submission must be sent to the following:

- David Brown, Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau, e-mail [David.Brown@fcc.gov](mailto:David.Brown@fcc.gov)
- Chris Robbins, Deputy Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau, e-mail [Chris.Robbins@fcc.gov](mailto:Chris.Robbins@fcc.gov)
- Jeremy Miller, Video Division, Media Bureau, e-mail [Jeremy.Miller@fcc.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Miller@fcc.gov)
- Joel Rabinovitz, Transaction Team, Office of General Counsel, e-mail [Joel.Rabinovitz@fcc.gov](mailto:Joel.Rabinovitz@fcc.gov)

Any submission that is e-mailed to David Brown, Chris Robbins, Jeremy Miller, and Joel Rabinovitz should include in the subject line of the e-mail: (1) MB Docket No. 26-85; (2) the name of the submitting party; (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (*e.g.*, MB Docket No. 26-85, Assignment of INYO Licenses, *Ex Parte* Notice).

*Availability of Documents.* Applications in this proceeding are available electronically through LMS at the file numbers in the Attachment. Any petitions to deny, oppositions, replies, and *ex parte* submissions will be publicly available online via ECFS.

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<sup>14</sup> 47 CFR § 1.45(c).

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For further information, contact David Brown at (202) 418-1645 or Jeremy Miller at (202) 418-1507. For press inquiries, contact Nancy Murphy at (202) 418-1043 or [Nancy.Murphy@fcc.gov](mailto:Nancy.Murphy@fcc.gov).

This action is taken by the Chief, Media Bureau, pursuant to authority delegated by sections 0.61 and 0.283 of the Commission's rules.<sup>15</sup>

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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<sup>15</sup> 47 CFR §§ 0.61; 0.283.

Attachment

<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Facility ID No.</b>	<b>Community of License</b>	<b>LMS File No.</b>
KPXO-TV	77483	KANEOHE, HI	0000290962
WPXP-TV	27290	LAKE WORTH, FL	0000290963
WPXH-TV	73312	HOOVER, AL	0000290964
WPXV-TV	67077	NORFOLK, VA	0000290965
WGPX-TV	65074	BURLINGTON, NC	0000290966
KPXE-TV	33337	KANSAS CITY, MO	0000290967
WHPX-TV	51980	NEW LONDON, CT	0000290968
WCLJ-DT	68007	BLOOMINGTON, IN	0000290969
WIPX-TV	10253	BLOOMINGTON, IN	0000290970
WLWC	3978	NEW BEDFORD, MA	0000290971
KPXC-TV	68695	DENVER, CO	0000290972
KOPX-TV	2566	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	0000290973
KTRV-TV	28230	NAMPA, ID	0000290974
WPXD-TV	5800	ANN ARBOR, MI	0000290975
WPXX-TV	21726	MEMPHIS, TN	0000290976
WVPX-TV	70491	AKRON, OH	0000290977
KPPX-TV	26655	TOLLESON, AZ	0000290978
WDLI-TV	67893	CANTON, OH	0000290979
KGFX-TV	81694	SPOKANE, WA	0000290980
WZPX-TV	71871	BATTLE CREEK, MI	0000290981
WPXJ-TV	2325	BATAVIA, NY	0000290982
WYPX-TV	13933	AMSTERDAM, NY	0000290983
WUPX-TV	23128	RICHMOND, KY	0000290984