

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Consent to Transfer Control of Certain Subsidiaries) MB Docket No. 22-162
of TEGNA Inc. to SGCI Holdings III LLC)
) LMS File Nos. 0000186355 et al.
Consent to Transfer Control of Certain Subsidiaries)
of Community News Media LLC to CMG Media)
Operating Company, LLC) LMS File Nos. 0000186354 et al.
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Consent to Transfer Control of Television Station)
WFXT(TV), Boston, MA, from a Subsidiary of) LMS File No. 0000186353
CMG Media Operating Company, LLC to SGCI)
Holdings III LLC)
)
Consent to Assign Licenses from Certain) LMS File Nos. 0000186458 et al.
Subsidiaries of TEGNA Inc. to Subsidiaries of)
CMG Media Corporation)
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INITIAL CASE ORDER

Issued: March 29, 2023

Released: March 29, 2023

1. On February 24, 2023, the FCC’s Media Bureau released a Hearing Designation Order in the above-captioned matter.1 As directed by that order, and pursuant to section 1.221(c) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.221(c), the following parties filed a timely Notice of Appearance:

- SGCI Holdings III LLC and Community News Media LLC
TEGNA Inc.
CMG Media Corporation and Teton Parent Corp.
The News Guild-CWA and National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians-CWA
United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry
Common Cause

The Chief of the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau was made a party to the proceeding but was not required to file an appearance.2

2. Some of the Notices of Appearance do not include an email address for each person entering an appearance on behalf of a party. Nor is it clearly indicated in all Notices whether each person entering an appearance is an attorney. Therefore, each party is directed to provide an email address for each person who entered an appearance on its behalf, and to identify whether each person is an attorney

1 Consent to Transfer Control of Certain Subsidiaries of TEGNA, Inc., et al., Hearing Designation Order, MB Docket No. 22-162, DA 23-149 (MB Feb. 24, 2023) (TEGNA/SGCI HDO).

2 TEGNA/SGCI HDO at para. 55.

who may practice before the Commission.³ That information is due on or before **April 19, 2023**.

3. An initial status conference will be conducted on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at FCC Headquarters, Room 1.400, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, DC.⁴ On or before **April 19, 2023**, the parties shall submit a proposed schedule for this case, a description of the type of discovery anticipated, if any, and description of expected pre-hearing motions, if any. The proposed schedule shall, at a minimum, include the following dates and deadlines:

Deadline for Completion of Discovery
Deadline to Request Hearing on a Written Record⁵
Deadline to File Motion for Summary Decision
Deadline for Exchange of Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Written Direct Testimony
Deadline for Exchange of Witness Lists for Cross-Examination
Deadlines for Objections to Exhibits and Written Testimony and replies thereto
Pre-Hearing Motions Day⁶
Hearing Start Date
Anticipated Length of Hearing
Deadlines to file Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and replies thereto

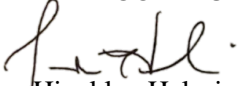
4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the initial status conference in this matter will be held at FCC Headquarters on **April 26, 2023, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**, at which a hearing schedule shall be established. All subsequent oral conferences, if needed, shall be conducted in this same manner unless otherwise directed.

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties shall submit the information required above on or before **April 19, 2023**. All written submissions in this proceeding shall be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the filing date.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that that parties shall serve filings on each other via electronic mail whenever possible.⁷

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all parties are put on notice that they are expected to be fully cognizant of Part 1 of the Commission's rules concerning Practice and Procedure, 47 CFR Part 1, Subparts A and B.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION


Jane Hinckley Halprin
Administrative Law Judge

³ See 47 CFR §§ 1.21(d), 1.23.

⁴ A transcript of the initial status conference will be included in the record of this proceeding as soon as it is available.

⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.248(b), 1.370-1.377.

⁶ This will be held live in the Commission's Hearing Room (Room 1.400) to address objections regarding exhibits, witnesses, and written direct testimony. It customarily takes place one or two days before the start of the live hearing.

⁷ Courtesy copies of pleadings, motions, and other written submissions are to be e-mailed to the Office of Administrative Law Judges at Jane.Halprin@fcc.gov and JohnB.Adams@fcc.gov.