

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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ORDER TERMINATING PROCEEDING

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1. The above-captioned hearing proceeding was initiated by the FCC’s Media Bureau on February 24, 2023, to consider issues raised by applications that seek consent to transfer control of FCC licenses held by TEGNA, Inc. to SGCI Holdings III, LLC (SGCI), as well as related transactions.1 An initial status conference was held at FCC Headquarters in the above-captioned matter on April 26, 2023, after which the Presiding Judge ordered that the proceeding be held in abeyance until further notice.2 The Presiding Judge took this action due to representations that the underlying transactions would likely not survive beyond May 22, 2023, which provided insufficient time to conduct a hearing. She instructed SGCI Holdings III LLC and Community News Media LLC, TEGNA Inc., and CMG Media Corporation

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 Consent to Transfer Control of Certain Subsidiaries of TEGNA, Inc., et al., Order Summarizing Initial Conference, MB Docket No. 22-162, FCC 23M-09 (ALJ Apr. 27, 2023).

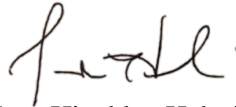
and Teton Parent Corp. to file a status report on or before June 1, 2023, to update the record.³

2. SGCI/Community News Media filed its status report on May 24, 2023. TEGNA and CMG Media/Teton Parent Corp. filed their status reports on May 25, 2023.⁴ All three status reports affirm that the merger agreement underlying the transactions that are the subject of this proceeding was terminated on May 22, 2023. Further, TEGNA and CMG Media/Teton Parent Corp. each withdraw their Notice of Appearance filed in this proceeding and state that they will no longer participate in the hearing as a party.⁵ SGCI/Community News Media indicates its willingness to continue participating in the hearing.⁶

3. The *TEGNA/SGCI HDO* tasked the Presiding Judge with determining whether the proposed transactions would lead to an increase in retransmission consent fees and would adversely affect local content and programming in light of, *inter alia*, SGCI's plans for station-level staff and investment.⁷ Because the merger arrangement has been dissolved and the underlying FCC applications are being withdrawn to the extent technically possible,⁸ the issues designated for hearing are moot. It is not in the public interest to expend the time and resources to continue this hearing as an academic exercise. This proceeding is therefore terminated.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the above-captioned hearing proceeding **IS TERMINATED**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



Jane Hinckley Halprin
Administrative Law Judge

³ *Id.* at para. 4.

⁴ SGCI Holdings III LLC and Community News Media LLC, Status Report, MB Docket No. 22-162 (filed May 24, 2023) (SGCI/CNM Status Report); TEGNA Inc. Status Report and Withdrawal of Appearance, MB Docket No. 22-162 (filed May 25, 2023) (TEGNA Status Report); CMG Media Corporation and Teton Parent Corp. Status Report and Withdrawal of Appearance, MB Docket No. 22-162 (filed May 25, 2023) (CMG/TPC Status Report).

⁵ TEGNA Status Report at 2; CMG/TPC Status Report at 2.

⁶ SGCI/CNM Status Report at 2.

⁷ *TEGNA/SGCI HDO* at para. 51.

⁸ TEGNA Status Report at 2; CMG/TPC Status Report at 2.