

Court Decides to Remain With 8-Voices Remand Decision; Denies Sinclair's
Petition to Vacate Duopoly Rules

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI) reported today that on August 12, 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied Sinclair's May 17, 2002 petition asking the Court to reconsider its April 2, 2002 decision, in which the Court ruled to not vacate the duopoly rules that limit the number of television stations that broadcasters can own in a market. The Court's decision this week does not impact its April 2, 2002 decision ruling in favor of Sinclair. In that decision, the Court remanded the television station duopoly rules to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for further consideration and instructed the FCC to justify its decision to not include newspapers, cable and other media outlets in its definition of "voices" for purposes of the "eight voices test."

Commenting on the recent decision by the Court of Appeals, David Smith, CEO of Sinclair, said, "We were not surprised by the recent decision of the Court. We knew that asking a court to reconsider its original decision is generally an uphill battle. We remain gratified that the Court initially ruled in our favor in finding that the FCC's duopoly rules were arbitrary and capricious and in remanding the rules to the FCC for further consideration."

Sinclair currently programs four stations under Local Marketing Agreements (LMA) entered into on or after November 5, 1996 that the FCC's duopoly rules would have required be divested by August 5, 2001. As reported previously, on June 21, 2001, the Court granted Sinclair's motion for stay of the August 5, 2001 divestiture deadline. Sinclair will continue to program these stations under the LMAs pending the FCC's proposed rulemakings regarding a number of the television ownership rules, including duopoly.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies, owns and operates, programs, or provides sales services to 62 television stations in 39 markets. Sinclair's television group includes FOX, WB, ABC, CBS, NBC, and UPN affiliates and reaches approximately 23.9% of all U.S. television households. For more information, please visit Sinclair's website at www.sbgi.net.

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