SBG Comments on FCC Vs. Rainbow Push Court Decision

BALTIMORE (June 10, 2003) - Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: SBGI) commented on the decision today by United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to dismiss the Rainbow/Push Coalition's appeal of the Federal Communications Commission's decision to grant a number of applications to transfer control of television broadcast licenses to subsidiaries of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. The Commission had previously granted these applications, and Sinclair subsequently closed on the acquisitions, despite petitions to deny filed by Rainbow/Push.

Kathryn Schmeltzer, Sinclair's counsel from the law firm of Shaw Pittman, LLP., noted that, "The court refused to even consider the merits of the Rainbow/Push appeal, ruling that Rainbow/Push did not have standing to appeal the Commission's earlier decision. The court's opinion concluded that Rainbow/Push 'failed to produce evidence that it (or one of its members) has suffered the injury-in-fact required.'"

David Smith, CEO and President of Sinclair, commented, "We are extremely pleased with the decision of the court to throw out the unsubstantiated appeal by Rainbow/Push. In our opinion, Rainbow/Push and its founder, Jesse Jackson, have engaged in a concerted effort to misuse the regulatory process in an attempt to promote an improper agenda. We appreciate the vindication of Sinclair's status as a proper licensee by the D.C. circuit court of appeals, as well as by the Commission in its previous decision to grant the assignment applications."

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