NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP INC Form 10-Q

November 07, 2007 **Table of Contents** 

# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	Washington, DC 20549
	FORM 10-Q
X	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
Α	ACT OF 1934
	for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007  OR
	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	for the transition period from to  Commission File Number: 000-50478
	NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Organization or Incorporation)

23-3083125 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

909 Lake Carolyn Parkway, Suite 1450

(972) 373-8800

Irving, Texas 75039 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that it was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer "

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of October 31, 2007, the Registrant had outstanding:

14,990,839 shares of Class A Common Stock

and 13,411,588 shares of Class B Common Stock

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

PART I	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	Page
ITEM 1.	Financial Statements (Unaudited)	
	Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006	1
	Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006	2
	Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders Deficit for the nine months ended September 30, 2007	3
	Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006	4
	Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements	5
ITEM 2.	Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations	32
ITEM 3.	Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk	41
ITEM 4.	Controls and Procedures	42
PART II	OTHER INFORMATION	
ITEM 1.	<u>Legal Proceedings</u>	43
ITEM 1A.	Risk Factors	43
ITEM 2.	Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds	43
ITEM 3.	Defaults Upon Senior Securities	43
ITEM 4.	Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders	43
ITEM 5.	Other Information	43
ITEM 6.	<u>Exhibits</u>	43
EXHIBIT II	NDEX	

### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### **ITEM 1. Financial Statements**

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share information)

	September 30,	December 31,
	2007	2006
		udited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,909	\$ 11,179
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,184 and \$1,061, respectively	53,362	48,539
Current portion of broadcast rights	18,279	14,740
Taxes receivable	7	247
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,453	2,261
Deferred tax asset	16	4
Total current assets	80,026	76,970
Property and equipment, net	111,464	110,903
Broadcast rights	9,240	9,869
Goodwill	151,426	149,396
FCC licenses	163,795	163,795
Other intangible assets, net	184,882	206,259
Other noncurrent assets	6,808	7,364
Deferred tax asset	662	153
Total assets	\$ 708,303	\$ 724,709
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS DEFICIT		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of debt	\$ 50,391	\$ 3,485
Current portion of broadcast rights payable	18,569	15,099
Accounts payable	7,540	10,040
Accrued expenses	12,719	14,231
Interest payable	3,140	6,657
Deferred revenue	6,565	5,586
Total current liabilities	98,924	55,098
Debt	629,087	677,650
Broadcast rights payable	10,755	10,807
Deferred tax liabilities	43,052	38,697
Deferred revenue	2,521	2,965
Deferred gain on sale of assets	5,477	5,804
Other liabilities	5,963	6,978
Total liabilities	795,779	797,999

## Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders deficit:		
Preferred stock - \$0.01 par value, authorized 200,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding at both		
September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006		
Common stock:		
Class A Common - \$0.01 par value, authorized 100,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 14,990,839 and		
14,316,810 at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	150	143
Class B Common - \$0.01 par value, authorized 20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 13,411,588 at		
both September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006	134	134
Class C Common - \$0.01 par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding none and 662,529		
at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively		7
Additional paid-in capital	395,602	394,120
Accumulated deficit	(483,362)	(467,694)
Total stockholders deficit	(87,476)	(73,290)
Total liabilities and stockholders deficit	\$ 708,303	\$ 724,709

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

1

## NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	Septem 2007	2006	Septem 2007	2006		
	(Unau		(Unau	,		
Net revenue	\$ 64,463	\$ 63,588	\$ 195,246	\$ 187,975		
Operating expenses (income): Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately						
below)	18,202	17,738	54,909	52,831		
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	21,569	20,380	63,654	61,506		
Amortization of broadcast rights	5,526	4,821	16,174	14,387		
Amortization of intangible assets	6,377	6,017	19,309	18,123		
Depreciation	5,011	4,400	15,023	13,648		
Gain on asset exchange	(500)		(1,535)			
Loss (gain) on asset disposal, net	(47)	423	(137)	503		
Total operating expenses	56,138	53,779	167,397	160,998		
Income from operations	8,325	9,809	27,849	26,977		
Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing costs	(13,787)	(13,189)	(41,278)	(38,330)		
Interest income	125	172	386	455		
Loss before income taxes	(5,337)	(3,208)	(13,043)	(10,898)		
Income tax expense	(1,507)	(733)	(4,125)	(2,698)		
moone an expense	(1,507)	(133)	(1,123)	(2,070)		
Net loss	\$ (6,844)	\$ (3,941)	\$ (17,168)	\$ (13,596)		
Net loss per common share:						
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.48)		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:	. ,		. ,	·		
Basic and diluted	28,402	28,379	28,399	28,372		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS DEFICIT

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

(in thousands, except share information)

	Common Stock					G1 G							Total	
	Class	A		Class B			Class	Class C					_	
											A	ccumulated	Sto	ckholders
	Shares	Am	ount	Shares	Ar	nount	Shares	Am	ount	Paid-In Capital		Deficit		Deficit
Balance at January 1, 2007										•				
(unaudited)	14,316,810	\$	143	13,411,588	\$	134	662,529	\$	7	\$ 394,120	\$	(467,694)	\$	(73,290)
Adjustment for the cumulative														
effect of adopting FIN No. 48												1,500		1,500
Stock-based compensation expense										1,414				1,414
Issuance of common shares related														
to exercise of stock options	9,000									56				56
Issuance of common shares related														
to restricted stock award	2,500									12				12
Exchange of Class C common														
shares for Class A common shares	662,529		7				(662,529)		(7)					
Net loss												(17,168)		(17,168)
Balance at September 30, 2007														
(unaudited)	14,990,839	\$	150	13,411,588	\$	134		\$		\$ 395,602	\$	(483,362)	\$	(87,476)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

Nine	IV.	lon	ths	En	C	le	C
------	-----	-----	-----	----	---	----	---

	September 30, 2007 2006 (Unaudited)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (17,168)	\$ (13,596)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Deferred income taxes	3,834	3,163	
Provision for bad debts	790	532	
Depreciation of property and equipment	15,023	13,648	
Amortization of intangible assets	19,309	18,123	
Amortization of debt financing costs	803	830	
Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter	6,822	6,065	
Payments for broadcast rights	(6,314)	(6,109)	
Gain on asset exchange	(1,535)		
Loss (gain) on asset disposal, net	(137)	503	
Deferred gain recognition	(327)	(327)	
Amortization of debt discount	9,957	8,918	
Stock-based compensation expense including restricted stock award	1,426	1,353	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(5,641)	(2,723)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(138)	(692)	
Taxes receivable	240	(247)	
Other noncurrent assets	(463)	(412)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,996)	1,304	
Taxes payable		(249)	
Interest payable	(3,517)	(3,490)	
Deferred revenue	535	3,064	
Other noncurrent liabilities	485	750	
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,988	30,408	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Additions to property and equipment	(13,636)	(16,741)	
Proceeds from sale of assets	323	563	
Down payment on acquisition of station	(387)		
Net cash used for investing activities	(13,700)	(16,178)	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayment of long-term debt	(11,614)	(14,614)	
Proceeds from issuance of common shares related to exercise of stock options	56		
Payments for debt financing costs		(6)	
Net cash used for financing activities	(11,558)	(14,620)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(5,270)	(390)	

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	11,179	1	3,487
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 5,909	\$ 1	3,097
Supplemental schedule of cash flow information:  Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest	\$ 34,038	\$ 3	2,061
Income taxes, net	\$ 51	\$	31
Non-cash investing activities:			
Equipment acquired from asset exchange	\$ 1,584	\$	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Organization and Business Operations

As of September 30, 2007, Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. (Nexstar) owned, operated, programmed or provided sales and other services to 49 television stations, all of which were affiliated with the NBC, ABC, CBS, Fox, MyNetworkTV or The CW television networks, in markets located in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Montana and Maryland. Through various local service agreements, Nexstar provided sales, programming and other services to stations owned and/or operated by independent third parties. Nexstar operates in one reportable television broadcasting segment. The economic characteristics, services, production process, customer type and distribution methods for Nexstar's operations are substantially similar and are therefore aggregated as a single reportable segment.

Nexstar is highly leveraged, which makes it vulnerable to changes in general economic conditions. Nexstar s ability to repay or refinance its debt will depend on, among other things, financial, business, market, competitive and other conditions, many of which are beyond Nexstar s control.

On May 17, 2007, Nexstar announced that its Board of Directors decided to engage Goldman, Sachs & Co. to assist it in reviewing strategic alternatives including, but not limited to, the sale of Nexstar. On August 3, 2007, in light of the difficult conditions in the financing markets, Nexstar s Board of Directors, in consultation with its financial advisor Goldman, Sachs & Co., decided to suspend discussions with prospective acquirers of Nexstar.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Interim Financial Statements**

The condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2007 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 are unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for the fair statement of the financial information included herein in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Nexstar s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. The balance sheet at December 31, 2006 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements.

#### **Principles of Consolidation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Nexstar and its subsidiaries. Also included in the financial statements are the accounts of independently-owned Mission Broadcasting, Inc. (Mission) (Nexstar and Mission are collectively referred to as the Company) and may include certain other entities where it is determined that the Company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity (VIE) in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 46 (revised 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an interpretation on Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 (FIN No. 46R).

All intercompany account balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Mission

Mission is included in these condensed consolidated financial statements because Nexstar is deemed to have a controlling financial interest in Mission for financial reporting purposes in accordance with FIN No. 46R as a result of (a) local service agreements Nexstar has with the Mission stations, (b) Nexstar s guarantee of the obligations incurred under Mission s senior credit facility and (c) purchase options (which expire on various dates between 2008 and 2014) granted by Mission s sole shareholder which will permit Nexstar to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission station, subject to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) consent. As of September 30, 2007, the assets of Mission consisted of current assets of \$3.5 million (excluding broadcast rights), broadcast rights of \$6.3 million, FCC licenses of \$28.7 million,

goodwill of \$17.1 million, other intangible assets of \$37.7 million, property and equipment of \$19.7 million and other noncurrent assets of \$1.0 million. Substantially all of Mission s assets, except for its FCC licenses, collateralize its secured debt obligation. See Note 14 for a presentation of condensed consolidating financial information of the Company, which includes the accounts of Mission.

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Nexstar has entered into local service agreements with Mission to provide sales and/or operating services to the Mission stations. The following table summarizes the various local service agreements Nexstar had in effect with Mission as of September 30, 2007:

Service Agreements Mission Stations

TBA Only<sup>(1)</sup> WFXP and KHMT

SSA & JSA<sup>(2)</sup> KJTL, KJBO-LP, KOLR, KCIT, KCPN-LP, KAMC, KRBC, KSAN, WUTR, WFXW, WYOU,

KODE and WTVO

Nexstar does not own Mission or Mission s television stations; however, Nexstar is deemed to have a controlling financial interest in them under U.S. GAAP while complying with the FCC s rules regarding ownership limits in television markets. In order for both Nexstar and Mission to comply with FCC regulations, Mission maintains complete responsibility for and control over programming, finances, personnel and operations of its stations.

### Variable Interest Entities

The Company may determine that a station is a VIE as a result of local service agreements entered into with the owner-operator of stations in markets in which the Company owns and operates a station. Local service agreement is a general term used to refer to a contract between two separately owned television stations serving the same market, whereby the owner-operator of one station contracts with the owner-operator of the other station to provide it with administrative, sales and other services required for the operation of its station. Nevertheless, the owner-operator of each station retains control and responsibility for the operation of its station, including ultimate responsibility over all programming broadcast on its station.

VIEs in connection with local service agreements entered into with stations in markets in which the Company owns and operates a station are discussed below.

Nexstar has determined that it has variable interests in WYZZ, the Fox affiliate in Peoria, Illinois and WUHF, the Fox affiliate in Rochester, New York, each owned by a subsidiary of Sinclair Broadcasting Group, Inc. (Sinclair), as a result of outsourcing agreements it has entered into with Sinclair. Nexstar also has determined that it has a variable interest in KTVE, the NBC affiliate in El Dorado, Arkansas, which is owned by Piedmont Television of Monroe/El Dorado LLC (Piedmont), as a result of a JSA and SSA entered into with Piedmont. Nexstar also has determined that it has a variable interest in WHP, the CBS affiliate in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which is owned by Clear Channel TV, Inc. (Clear Channel), as a result of Nexstar becoming successor-in-interest to a TBA entered into by a former owner of WLYH. Nexstar has evaluated its arrangements with Sinclair, Piedmont and Clear Channel and has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of the variable interests, and therefore, has not consolidated these stations under FIN No. 46R. Nexstar made payments to Sinclair under the outsourcing agreements of \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$2.3 million and \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Nexstar received payments from Piedmont under the JSA of \$0.3 million for both the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Nexstar received payments from Clear Channel under the TBA of \$13 thousand and \$38 thousand for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

<sup>(1)</sup> Nexstar has a time brokerage agreement ( TBA ) with each of these stations which allows Nexstar to program most of each station s broadcast time, sell each station s advertising time and retain the advertising revenue generated in exchange for monthly payments to Mission.

<sup>(2)</sup> Nexstar has both a shared services agreement (SSA) and a joint sales agreement (JSA) with each of these stations. The SSA allows the Nexstar station in the market to provide services including news production, technical maintenance and security, in exchange for Nexstar s right to receive certain payments from Mission as described in the SSAs. The JSA permits Nexstar to sell and retain a percentage of the net revenue from the station s advertising time in return for monthly payments to Mission of the remaining percentage of net revenue as described in the JSAs.

Under the outsourcing agreements with Sinclair, Nexstar pays for certain operating expenses of WYZZ and WUHF, and therefore may have unlimited exposure to any potential operating losses. Nexstar s management believes that Nexstar s minimum exposure to loss under the Sinclair outsourcing agreements consist of the fees paid to Sinclair. Additionally, Nexstar indemnifies the owners of KTVE, WHP, WYZZ and WUHF from and against all liability and claims arising out of or resulting from its activities, acts or omissions in connection with the agreements. The maximum potential amount of future payments Nexstar could be required to make for such indemnification is undeterminable at this time.

#### Basis of Presentation

Certain prior year financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

6

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for Nexstar's stock-based employee compensation plans in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123(R)), which requires companies to expense the fair value of employee stock options and other forms of stock-based employee compensation in the financial statements over the period that an employee provides service in exchange for the award. Under SFAS No. 123(R), the Company measures compensation cost related to stock options based on the grant-date fair value of the award using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and recognizes it ratably, less estimated forfeitures, over the vesting term of the award. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the grant-date fair value of its employee stock options.

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$0.5 million for both the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and \$1.4 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, which was included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company s condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company does not currently recognize a tax benefit resulting from compensation costs expensed in the financial statements because the Company provides a valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset resulting from this type of temporary difference since it expects that it will not have sufficient future taxable income to realize such benefit. Accordingly, SFAS No. 123(R) has had no impact on income tax expense reported in the financial statements.

At September 30, 2007, there was approximately \$5.0 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to stock options that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.15 years. The total intrinsic value and cash received for stock options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$26 thousand and \$56 thousand, respectively.

#### Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted loss per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Potential common shares consist of stock options and the unvested portion of restricted stock granted to employees. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 there was no difference between basic and diluted net loss per share since the effect of potential common shares were anti-dilutive, and therefore excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share.

The following table summarizes information about anti-dilutive potential common shares (not presented in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months	s Ended	
	Septembe	er 30,	September 30,		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	
(w	eighted-average sh	ares outstandingwe	ighted-average sha	ares outstanding)	
Stock options excluded as the exercise price of the options was greater than					
the average market price of the common stock	1,073,000	2,909,630	1,077,762	2,146,608	
In-the-money stock options excluded as the Company had a net loss during the period	2,503,000		2,511,989	777,600	
Unvested restricted stock		20,827	201	14,321	

7

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Adoption of FIN No. 48

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FIN No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN No. 48) which clarifies whether the benefit of tax positions taken in a filed tax return, or expected to be taken in a future tax return, should be reflected in income tax expense in the financial statements. FIN No. 48 requires that the benefit from an uncertain tax position be recognized in the financial statements only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained, based on its technical merits, upon examination by a taxing authority. The amount recognized in the financial statements from an uncertain tax position is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. To the extent a tax return position has not been reflected in the financial statements, a liability (unrecognized tax benefit) is recorded. The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense, which is consistent with its recognition of these items in prior period financial statements. As a result of adopting FIN No. 48, the Company recorded a \$1.5 million decrease to other liabilities and a cumulative-effect adjustment decreasing the January 1, 2007 balance of accumulated deficit by a corresponding amount. See Note 11 for further discussion of the Company s unrecognized tax benefits.

#### Nonmonetary Asset Exchanges

In connection with a spectrum allocation exchange ordered by the FCC within the 1.9 GHz band, Sprint Nextel Corporation (Nextel) is required to replace certain existing analog equipment with comparable digital equipment. The Company has agreed to accept the substitute equipment that Nextel will provide and in turn must relinquish its existing equipment to Nextel. Neither party will have any continuing involvement in the equipment transferred following the exchange. We account for this arrangement as an exchange of assets in accordance with Accounting Principles Board No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions, as amended by SFAS No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets. The equipment the Company receives under this arrangement is recorded at their estimated fair market value and depreciated over estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 15 years. Management is determination of the fair market value is derived from quoted prices obtained from manufacturers and vendors for the specific equipment acquired. As equipment is exchanged, the Company records a gain to the extent that the fair market value of the equipment received exceeds the carrying amount of the equipment relinquished.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157), which addresses how companies should determine fair value when they are required to use a fair value measure for recognition or disclosure purposes under generally accepted accounting principles. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Under SFAS No. 157, the definition of fair value retains the exchange price notion in earlier definitions of fair value, but clarifies that the exchange price is the price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell the asset or transfer the liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years, which is the Company s 2008 fiscal year. The Company will adopt this Statement in the first quarter 2008. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157, but does not presently anticipate it will have a material effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB No. 115 (SFAS No. 159), which provides a fair value measurement option for eligible financial assets and liabilities. Under SFAS No. 159, an entity is permitted to elect to apply fair value accounting to a single eligible item, subject to certain exceptions, without electing it for other identical items. Subsequent unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected will be included in earnings. The fair value option established by this Statement is irrevocable, unless a new election date occurs. This standard reduces the complexity in accounting for financial instruments and mitigates volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. SFAS No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity s first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007 which for the Company is January 1, 2008. The Company will adopt the provisions of this Statement beginning in fiscal

2008. Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will have on the Company s consolidated financial statements, but does not presently anticipate it will have a material effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

8

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 3. Pending Transaction with Mission

On April 11, 2006, Nexstar and Mission filed an application with the FCC for consent to assignment of the license of KFTA Channel 24 (Ft. Smith, Arkansas) from Nexstar to Mission. Consideration for this transaction is set at \$5.6 million. On August 28, 2006, Nexstar and Mission entered into a local service agreement whereby (a) Mission pays Nexstar \$5 thousand per month for the right to broadcast Fox programming on KFTA during the Fox network programming time periods and (b) Nexstar pays Mission \$20 thousand per month for the right to sell all advertising time on KFTA within the Fox network programming time periods. Also in 2006, Mission entered into an affiliation agreement with the Fox network which provides Fox programming to KFTA. The local service agreement between Nexstar and Mission will terminate upon assignment of KFTA s FCC license from Nexstar to Mission. Upon completing the assignment of KFTA s license, Mission plans to enter into a JSA and SSA with Nexstar-owned KNWA in Fort Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Arkansas, whereby KNWA will provide local news, sales and other non-programming services to KFTA. Nexstar s KNWA Channel 51, licensed to Rogers, Arkansas, has renewed its affiliation agreement for KNWA to continue as the NBC affiliate in Ft. Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Arkansas through 2014.

In May 2006, two affiliates of Equity Broadcasting Corporation ( Equity ) filed a petition to deny against the KFTA assignment application alleging that Nexstar improperly controls Mission and its stations. Nexstar and Mission submitted a joint opposition to Equity s petition to deny. The FCC is currently considering the KFTA assignment application. In September 2006, Equity submitted a petition to deny Nexstar s applications for the renewal of the KFTA and KNWA FCC licenses. Nexstar has filed its response to Equity s petition to deny the license renewals. Although Nexstar s and Mission s management believe that the petitions have no merit, it is not possible to predict what action the FCC will take on the petitions to deny, or when it will take such action.

#### 4. Pending Acquisition

On June 27, 2007, Mission entered into a purchase agreement to acquire substantially all the assets of KTVE, the NBC affiliate serving the Monroe, Louisiana / El Dorado, Arkansas market, for \$7.7 million in cash from Piedmont Television Holdings LLC. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Mission made a down payment of \$0.4 million against the purchase price in June 2007. Mission intends to finance the acquisition through borrowings under its senior secured credit facility. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2007, subject to FCC consent. Upon closing the purchase of KTVE, Mission will enter into a JSA and SSA with Nexstar-owned KARD, the Fox affiliate in the market, whereby KARD will provide local news, sales and other non-programming services to KTVE.

#### 5. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets subject to amortization consisted of the following:

	Estimated	<b>September 30, 2007</b>				December 31, 2006				
	useful life						Acc	cumulated		
	(years)	Gross Accumulated Amortization (in thousands)		Net	Gross	Amortization (in thousands)		Net		
Network affiliation agreements	15	\$ 355,878	\$	(176,914)	\$ 178,964	\$ 355,878	\$	(159,112)	\$ 196,766	
Other definite-lived intangible assets	1-15	15,689		(9,771)	5,918	20,636		(11,143)	9,493	
Total intangible assets subject to amortization		\$ 371,567	\$	(186,685)	\$ 184,882	\$ 376,514	\$	(170,255)	\$ 206,259	

Total amortization expense from definite-lived intangibles was \$6.4 million and \$6.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$19.3 million and \$18.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company s estimate of amortization expense for definite-lived intangible assets recorded on its books as of September 30, 2007 is approximately \$25

million for each year for the years of 2007 through 2011.

The aggregate carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets, consisting of FCC licenses and goodwill, was \$315.2 million and \$313.2 million at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not subject to amortization, but are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired. As of September 30, 2007, the Company did not identify any events that would trigger an impairment assessment.

9

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 5. Intangible Assets and Goodwill (Continued)

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was as follows:

	September 30, 2007
	(in thousands)
Beginning balance	\$ 149,396
Reclassification of asset	2,072
Adjustment	(42)
•	
Ending balance	\$ 151,426

The Company reclassified certain amounts representing goodwill that were improperly classified as other intangible assets. In addition, an adjustment to the estimated fair value of WTAJ assets which were acquired in 2006 was recorded in 2007.

#### 6. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2007 (in tho	nber 31, 006
Compensation and related taxes	\$ 4,608	\$ 4,348
Sales commissions	1,467	1,389
Employee benefits	1,342	1,327
Property taxes	1,138	595
Other accruals related to operating expenses	4,164	6,572
	\$ 12.719	\$ 14.231

#### 7. Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2007 (in tho	December 31, 2006 usands)
Term loans	\$ 329,530	\$ 332,144
Revolving credit facilities	29,000	38,000
7% senior subordinated notes due 2014, net of discount of \$2,041 and \$2,228	197,959	197,772
11.375% senior discount notes due 2013, net of discount of \$7,011 and \$16,781	122,989	113,219

Less: current portion	679,478 (50,391)	681,135 (3,485)
	\$ 629,087	\$ 677,650

#### The Nexstar Senior Secured Credit Facility

The Nexstar senior secured credit facility (the Nexstar Facility) consists of a Term Loan B and a \$82.5 million revolving loan. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, Nexstar had \$160.3 million and \$161.6 million, respectively, outstanding under its Term Loan B and \$29.0 million and \$38.0 million, respectively, outstanding under its revolving loan.

The Term Loan B, which matures in October 2012, is payable in consecutive quarterly installments amortized at 0.25% quarterly, with the remaining 93.25% due at maturity. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, repayments of Nexstar s Term Loan B totaled \$1.3 million, all of which were scheduled maturities. The revolving loan is not subject to incremental reduction and matures in April 2012. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, repayments of Nexstar s revolving loan totaled \$9.0 million.

The total weighted-average interest rate of the Nexstar Facility was 6.87% and 7.33% at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Interest is payable periodically based on the type of interest rate selected. Additionally, Nexstar is required to pay quarterly commitment fees on the unused portion of its revolving loan commitment ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% per annum, based on the consolidated senior leverage ratio of Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. (Nexstar Broadcasting), an indirect subsidiary of Nexstar, and Mission for that particular quarter.

10

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 7. Debt (Continued)

#### The Mission Senior Secured Credit Facility

The Mission senior secured credit facility (the Mission Facility) consists of a Term Loan B and a \$15.0 million revolving loan. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, Mission had \$169.2 million and \$170.5 million, respectively, outstanding under its Term Loan B and no borrowings were outstanding under its revolving loan.

Terms of the Mission Facility, including repayment, maturity and interest rates, are the same as the terms of the Nexstar Facility described above. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, repayments of Mission s Term Loan B totaled \$1.3 million, all of which were scheduled maturities. The total weighted average interest rate of the Mission Facility was 6.95% and 7.11% at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

#### Unused Commitments and Borrowing Availability

Based on covenant calculations, as of September 30, 2007, all \$68.5 million of total unused revolving loan commitments under the Nexstar and Mission credit facilities were available for borrowing.

#### **Debt Covenants**

The Nexstar Facility contains covenants which require the Company to comply with certain financial covenant ratios, including (1) a maximum total combined leverage ratio of Nexstar Broadcasting and Mission of 7.00 times the last twelve months operating cash flow (as defined in the credit agreement) at September 30, 2007, (2) a maximum combined senior leverage ratio of Nexstar Broadcasting and Mission of 5.00 times the last twelve months operating cash flow at September 30, 2007, (3) a minimum combined interest coverage ratio of 1.50 to 1.00, and (4) a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.15 to 1.00. The covenants, which are formally calculated on a quarterly basis, are based on the combined results of Nexstar Broadcasting and Mission. Mission s bank credit facility agreement does not contain financial covenant ratio requirements, but does provide for default in the event Nexstar does not comply with all covenants contained in its credit agreement.

The senior subordinated notes and senior discount notes contain restrictive covenants customary for borrowing arrangements of this type.

#### Collateralization and Guarantees of Debt

The bank credit facilities described above are collateralized by a security interest in substantially all the combined assets, excluding FCC licenses, of Nexstar and Mission. Nexstar and its subsidiaries guarantee full payment of all obligations incurred under the Mission Facility in the event of Mission s default. Similarly, Mission is a guaranter of the Nexstar Facility and the senior subordinated notes issued by Nexstar Broadcasting.

In consideration of Nexstar s guarantee of Mission s senior credit facility, the sole shareholder of Mission has granted Nexstar a purchase option to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission station, subject to FCC consent. These option agreements (which expire on various dates between 2008 and 2014) are freely exercisable or assignable by Nexstar without consent or approval by the sole shareholder of Mission.

#### 8. Common Stock

In May 2007, Banc of America Capital Investors L.P. converted 662,529 non-voting shares of Nexstar Class C common stock into an equivalent number of voting shares of Nexstar Class A common stock.

#### 9. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Nexstar s employee compensation plans (the Equity Plans ) provide for the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and performance awards to directors, employees of Nexstar or consultants. A maximum of 4,500,000 shares of Nexstar s Class A common stock can be issued under the Equity Plans and as of September 30, 2007, a total of 885,000 shares were available for future grant. Employee stock options are granted with an exercise price at least equal to the fair market value of the underlying shares of common stock on the date of the grant, vest over five years and expire ten years from the date of grant.

11

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 10. Gain on Asset Exchange

In 2004, the FCC approved a spectrum allocation exchange between Sprint Nextel Corporation (Nextel) and public safety entities to eliminate interference being caused to public safety radio licensees by Nextel s operations. As part of this spectrum exchange, the FCC granted Nextel the right to certain spectrum within the 1.9 GHz band that is currently used by television broadcasters. In order to utilize this spectrum, Nextel is required to relocate the broadcasters to new spectrum by replacing all analog equipment currently used by broadcasters with comparable digital equipment. The Company has agreed to accept the substitute equipment that Nextel will provide and in turn must relinquish its existing equipment back to Nextel. This transition began on a market by market basis beginning in the second quarter of 2007. The equipment the Company receives under this arrangement is recorded at their estimated fair market value and depreciated over estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 15 years. Management is determination of the fair market value is derived from quoted prices obtained from manufacturers and vendors for the specific equipment acquired. As equipment is exchanged, the Company records a gain to the extent that the fair market value of the equipment received exceeds the carrying amount of the equipment relinquished. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company recognized a gain of \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, from the exchange of this equipment.

#### 11. Income Taxes

The Company s provision for income taxes is primarily comprised of deferred income taxes created by an increase in the deferred tax liabilities position during the year resulting from the amortization of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for income tax purposes which are not amortized for financial reporting purposes. These deferred tax liabilities do not reverse on a scheduled basis and are not used to support the realization of deferred tax assets. The Company s deferred tax assets primarily result from federal and state net operating loss carryforwards ( NOLs ). The Company s NOLs are available to reduce future taxable income if utilized before their expiration. The Company has provided a valuation allowance for certain deferred tax assets as it believes they may not be realized through future taxable earnings.

On June 15, 2007, the Texas Governor signed legislation that provided various technical corrections to the Texas Margin Tax. Based on the changes provided in this newly enacted tax law, the Company adjusted its temporary credit for Texas business loss carryovers to be used as an offset to the Margin Tax and a related deferred tax asset during the second quarter of 2007. The effect of the revision made to the temporary credit increased the Company s deferred tax assets position resulting in approximately a \$0.5 million reduction in the deferred state income tax provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

At January 1, 2007, the Company had gross unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$4.2 million, which did not materially change as of September 30, 2007. The Company has not accrued interest on the unrecognized tax benefits as an unfavorable outcome upon examination would not result in a cash outlay, but would reduce NOLs subject to a valuation allowance. As a result of the expiration of a statute of limitations, \$0.1 million of unrecognized tax benefits were recognized for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, resulting in a positive effect on the Company s effective tax rate.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. The Company is subject to U.S. federal tax examinations for years after 2003. Additionally, any NOLs that were generated in prior years and will be utilized in the future may also be subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. State jurisdictions that remain subject to examination are not considered significant.

#### 12. FCC Regulatory Matters

Television broadcasting is subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Communications Act ). The Communications Act prohibits the operation of television broadcasting stations except under a license issued by the FCC, and empowers the FCC, among other things, to issue, revoke and modify broadcasting licenses, determine the location of television stations, regulate the equipment used by television stations, adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Communications Act and impose penalties for the violation of such regulations. The FCC s ongoing rule making proceedings could have a significant future impact on the television industry and on the operation of the Company s stations and the stations it provides services to. In addition, the U.S. Congress may act to amend the Communications Act in a manner that could impact the Company s stations, the stations it provides services to and the television broadcast industry in general.

Some of the more significant FCC regulatory matters impacting the Company s operations are discussed below.

## Digital Television ( DTV ) Conversion

Television broadcasting in the United States is moving from an analog transmission system to a digital transmission system. For the transition period, the FCC allotted each licensed television station a second channel for broadcast of a DTV signal. In 2006,

12

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 12. FCC Regulatory Matters (Continued)

President Bush signed into law legislation that establishes February 17, 2009 as the deadline for television broadcasters to broadcast on a single DTV channel and return their analog channel to the FCC. Prior to February 17, 2009, television stations must broadcast with both analog and DTV signals.

Except for stations that have requested waiver of the FCC s deadline for construction, broadcast television stations are required to be broadcasting a full-power DTV signal. As of September 30, 2007, Mission s stations WUTR, WTVO, WYOU, KOLR and KRBC and Nexstar s stations WBRE, WROC, KARK, KNWA, KFTA, WMBD, WTAJ, WLYH, KSFX, WQRF, KTAL, WCIA, WTVW and KTAB are broadcasting with full-power DTV signals. The FCC has authorized Nexstar and Mission to operate DTV facilities for its remaining stations at low-power until November 18, 2007. Requests to extend the authority to broadcast low-power DTV signals for Nexstar and Mission s remaining stations will be filed with the FCC before November 18, 2007. Under the FCC s rules, these stations will be allowed to continue to operate at low-power until action is taken on the extension requests. If the FCC denies this further request for the extension of time, the stations may lose interference protection for their signals outside their low-power coverage area.

DTV conversion expenditures were \$6.8 million and \$9.5 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. The Company will incur various capital expenditures to modify the remaining Nexstar and Mission stations DTV transmitting equipment for full-power DTV operations, including costs for the transmitter, transmission line, antenna and installation, and estimated costs for tower upgrades and/or modifications. The Company anticipates these expenditures will be funded through available cash on hand and cash generated from operations as incurred in future years.

### Media Ownership

In 2006, the FCC initiated a rulemaking proceeding which provides for a comprehensive review of all of its media ownership rules, as required by the Communications Act. The Commission is considering rules relating to ownership of two or more TV stations in a market, ownership of local TV and radio stations by daily newspapers in the same market, cross-ownership of local TV and radio stations, and changes to how the national TV ownership limits are calculated. The proceeding, which includes several public hearings to be held throughout the country, has extended into 2007. At this time, it is not possible to predict the outcome of any changes, if any, to the FCC s media ownership rules.

#### 13. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Guarantee of Mission Debt

Nexstar and its subsidiaries guarantee full payment of all obligations incurred under Mission s senior secured credit facility agreement. In the event that Mission is unable to repay amounts due under its credit facility, Nexstar will be obligated to repay such amounts. The maximum potential amount of future payments that Nexstar would be required to make under this guarantee would be generally limited to the amount of borrowings outstanding under the Mission credit facility. At September 30, 2007, Mission had \$169.2 million outstanding under its senior credit facility.

### Indemnification Obligations

In connection with certain agreements that the Company enters into in the normal course of its business, including local service agreements, business acquisitions and borrowing arrangements, the Company enters into contractual arrangements under which the Company agrees to indemnify the third party to such arrangement from losses, claims and damages incurred by the indemnified party for certain events as defined within the particular contract. Such indemnification obligations may not be subject to maximum loss clauses and the maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification arrangements may be unlimited. Historically, payments made related to these indemnifications have been immaterial and the Company has not incurred significant costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements.

### Litigation

From time to time, the Company is involved with claims that arise out of the normal course of its business. In the opinion of management, any resulting liability with respect to these claims would not have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial position or results of operations.

13

#### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

#### Senior Discount Notes

On March 27, 2003, Nexstar Finance Holdings, Inc. (Nexstar Finance Holdings), a 100% owned subsidiary of Nexstar, issued 11.375% senior discount notes (11.375% Notes) due in 2013. The 11.375% Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Nexstar.

The following condensed consolidating financial information presents the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its 100%, directly or indirectly, owned subsidiaries. This information is presented in lieu of separate financial statements and other related disclosures of Nexstar Finance Holdings pursuant to Regulation S-X Rule 3-10 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or being Registered .

The Nexstar column presents the parent company s financial information. Nexstar is also the guarantor. The Nexstar Finance Holdings column presents the issuer s financial information. The Non-Guarantor Subsidiary column presents the financial information of Nexstar Broadcasting, a 100% owned subsidiary of Nexstar Finance Holdings. Nexstar Broadcasting s financial information includes the accounts of Mission Broadcasting, Inc., an entity which Nexstar Broadcasting is required to consolidate as a VIE under FIN No. 46R (see Note 2).

14

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Balance Sheet**

### **September 30, 2007**

 $(in\ thousands)$ 

	Nexstar		exstar Finance Non-Guarantor Holdings Subsidiary Eliminations				onsolidated Company	
ASSETS								
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$		\$	5,909	\$	\$	5,909
Other current assets	145		6		74,110	(144	)	74,117
Total current assets	145		6		80,019	(144	)	80,026
Investments in subsidiaries eliminated upon consolidation	7,351		130,534			(137,885	)	
Amounts due from parents eliminated upon consolidation					3,068	(3,068	)	
Property and equipment, net					111,464			111,464
Goodwill					151,426			151,426
FCC licenses					163,795			163,795
Other intangible assets, net					184,882			184,882
Other noncurrent assets	1		1,775		14,946	(12	)	16,710
Total assets	\$ 7,497	\$	132,315	\$	709,600	\$ (141,109	) \$	708,303
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT) Current liabilities: Current portion of debt	\$	\$	46,906	\$	3,485	\$	\$	50,391
Other current liabilities	φ	φ	40,900	φ	48,678	(145		48,533
			46.006		,,,,,,			,
Total current liabilities			46,906		52,163	(145	)	98,924
Debt	1.005		76,083		553,004	(2.060		629,087
Amounts due to subsidiary eliminated upon consolidation	1,095		1,973		65.550	(3,068		(5.5(0)
Other noncurrent liabilities			1		67,778	(11	)	67,768
Total liabilities	1,095		124,963		672,945	(3,224	)	795,779
Stockholders equity (deficit):								
Common stock	284							284
Other stockholders equity (deficit)	6,118		7,352		36,655	(137,885	)	(87,760)
Total stockholders equity (deficit)	6,402		7,352		36,655	(137,885	)	(87,476)
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 7,497	\$	132,315	\$	709,600	\$ (141,109)	) \$	708,303

15

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Balance Sheet**

### December 31, 2006

 $(in\ thousands)$ 

	Nexstar		star Finance Holdings	Non-Guarantor Subsidiary		Eliminations	 Consolidated Company	
ASSETS	110.150012	_	201411190		and statut y	233333344	ompung	
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$		\$	11,179	\$	\$ 11,179	
Other current assets	40		6		65,785	(40)	65,791	
Total current assets	40		6		76,964	(40)	76,970	
Investments in subsidiaries eliminated upon consolidation	21,214		134,386			(155,600)		
Amounts due from parents eliminated upon consolidation					4,550	(4,550)		
Property and equipment, net					110,903		110,903	
Goodwill					149,396		149,396	
FCC licenses					163,795		163,795	
Other intangible assets, net					206,259		206,259	
Other noncurrent assets	1		2,016		15,381	(12)	17,386	
Total assets	\$ 21,255	\$	136,408	\$	727,248	\$ (160,202)	\$ 724,709	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)								
Current liabilities:								
Current portion of debt	\$	\$		\$	3,485	\$	\$ 3,485	
Other current liabilities					51,654	(41)	51,613	
Total current liabilities					55,139	(41)	55,098	
Debt			113,219		564,431	` ′	677,650	
Amounts due to subsidiary eliminated upon consolidation	2,577		1,973			(4,550)		
Other noncurrent liabilities			2		65,261	(12)	65,251	
Total liabilities	2,577		115,194		684,831	(4,603)	797,999	
Stockholders equity (deficit):								
Common stock	284						284	
Other stockholders equity (deficit)	18,394		21,214		42,417	(155,599)	(73,574)	
Total stockholders equity (deficit)	18,678		21,214		42,417	(155,599)	(73,290)	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 21,255	\$	136,408	\$	727,248	\$ (160,202)	\$ 724,709	

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Statement of Operations**

### For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007

### (in thousands)

	Nexstar	 r Finance dings	Non-Guarantor Subsidiary				- 10-1- 0-11-11-1		Consolida ons Compa	
Net revenue	\$	\$	\$	64,463	\$		\$	64,463		
Operating expenses (income):										
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and										
amortization shown separately below)				18,202				18,202		
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive										
of depreciation and amortization shown separately										
below)	(135)			21,704				21,569		
Amortization of broadcast rights				5,526				5,526		
Amortization of intangible assets				6,377				6,377		
Depreciation				5,011				5,011		
Gain on asset exchange				(500)				(500)		
Gain on asset disposal, net				(47)				(47)		
Total operating expenses (income)	(135)			56,273				56,138		
T C	125			0.100				0.225		
Income from operations	135			8,190				8,325		
Interest expense, including amortization of debt		(2.207)		(10.200)				(12.707)		
financing costs	(5.522)	(3,397)		(10,390)		7.647		(13,787)		
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(5,522)	(2,125)		125		7,647		105		
Other income, net				125				125		
Loss before income taxes	(5,387)	(5,522)		(2,075)		7,647		(5,337)		
Income tax expense		•		(1,507)				(1,507)		
Net loss	\$ (5,387)	\$ (5,522)	\$	(3,582)	\$	7,647	\$	(6,844)		

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Statement of Operations**

### For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2006

### (in thousands)

	Non-Guarantor								
			r Finance						solidated
	Nexstar		ldings		ıbsidiary		ninations		ompany
Net revenue	\$	\$		\$	63,588	\$		\$	63,588
Operating expenses:									
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and									
amortization shown separately below)					17,738				17,738
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive									
of depreciation and amortization shown separately									
below)	33				20,347				20,380
Amortization of broadcast rights					4,821				4,821
Amortization of intangible assets					6,017				6,017
Depreciation					4,400				4,400
Loss on asset disposal, net					423				423
Total operating expenses	33				53,746				53,779
1 2 1					,				,
Income (loss) from operations	(33)				9,842				9,809
Interest expense, including amortization of debt	(33)				>,012				,,007
financing costs			(3,049)		(10,140)				(13,189)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries	(2,525)		524		(10,110)		2,001		(10,10))
Other income, net	(=,===)				172		_,		172
Loss before income taxes	(2,558)		(2,525)		(126)		2,001		(3,208)
Income tax expense	(2,330)		(2,323)		(733)		2,001		(733)
пеоте их ехрепзе					(133)				(133)
NI-4 I	¢ (2.550)	¢.	(2.525)	¢	(950)	ď	2.001	ď	(2.041)
Net loss	\$ (2,558)	\$	(2,525)	\$	(859)	\$	2,001	\$	(3,941)

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Statement of Operations**

### For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

### (in thousands)

		Non-Guarantor							
	Nexstar	Nexstar I Holdi		Sı	ıbsidiary	Eliminations			nsolidated Company
Net revenue	\$	\$	8.	\$	195,246	\$			195,246
Operating expenses (income):									
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and									
amortization shown separately below)					54,909				54,909
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive									
of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	(105)				63,759				63,654
Amortization of broadcast rights					16,174				16,174
Amortization of intangible assets					19,309				19,309
Depreciation					15,023				15,023
Gain on asset exchange					(1,535)				(1,535)
Gain on asset disposal, net					(137)				(137)
Total operating expenses (income)	(105)				167,502				167,397
Income from operations	105				27,744				27,849
Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing					,				,
costs		(1	0,011)		(31,267)				(41,278)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(13,863)	(	(3,852)				17,715		
Other income, net					386				386
Loss before income taxes	(13,758)	(1	3,863)		(3,137)		17,715		(13,043)
Income tax expense			•		(4,125)				(4,125)
-									
Net loss	\$ (13,758)	\$ (1	3,863)	\$	(7,262)	\$	17,715	\$	(17,168)

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

### **Statement of Operations**

### For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

(in thousands)

	Non-Guarantor								
			ar Finance						nsolidated
	Nexstar		oldings		ıbsidiary		minations		Company
Net revenue	\$	\$		\$	187,975	\$		\$	187,975
Operating expenses:									
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and									
amortization shown separately below)					52,831				52,831
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive of									
depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	101				61,405				61,506
Amortization of broadcast rights					14,387				14,387
Amortization of intangible assets					18,123				18,123
Depreciation					13,648				13,648
Loss on asset disposal, net					503				503
Total operating expenses	101				160,897				160,998
5 · 1 · · · ·					,				,
Income (loss) from operations	(101)				27,078				26,977
Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing					,,,,,,				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
costs			(8,986)		(29,344)				(38,330)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(9,786)		(800)		( - )-		10,586		(= = )= = = )
Other income, net	, i		, ,		455				455
·									
Loss before income taxes	(9,887)		(9,786)		(1,811)		10,586		(10,898)
Income tax expense					(2,698)				(2,698)
•									( , - )
Net loss	\$ (9,887)	\$	(9,786)	\$	(4,509)	\$	10,586	\$	(13,596)

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

(in thousands)

		Non-Guarantor									
	Nexstar			idiary	Eliminations		nsolidated ompany				
Cash flows provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ (56)	\$	\$	20,044	\$	\$	19,988				
Cash flows from investing activities:											
Additions to property and equipment, net			(	13,636)			(13,636)				
Other investing activities				(64)			(64)				
Net cash used for investing activities			(	13,700)			(13,700)				
Cash flows from financing activities:											
Repayment of long-term debt			(	11,614)			(11,614)				
Other financing activities	56						56				
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	56		(	11,614)			(11,558)				
			`								
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents				(5,270)			(5,270)				
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period				11,179			11,179				
Cash and Cash equivalents at beginning of period				11,177			11,179				
Cook and each agriculants at and of named	¢	¢	¢	5 000	¢	¢	5 000				
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$	\$	5,909	\$	\$	5,909				

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

(in thousands)

	Non-Guarantor									
	Nexstar	Nexstar Finance Holdings	Su	bsidiary	Eliminations		nsolidated ompany			
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$	\$	\$ 30,408		\$	\$	30,408			
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Additions to property and equipment				(16,741)			(16,741)			
Other investing activities				563			563			
Net cash used for investing activities				(16,178)			(16,178)			
Cash flows from financing activities:										
Repayment of long-term debt				(14,614)			(14,614)			
Other financing activities				(6)			(6)			
Net cash used for financing activities				(14,620)			(14,620)			
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents				(390)			(390)			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period				13,487			13,487			
cush and cush equivalents at beginning of period				13, 107			13,407			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$	\$	13,097	\$	\$	13,097			
1	-	•			•		•			

### NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

#### Senior Subordinated Notes

On December 30, 2003 and April 1, 2005, Nexstar Broadcasting, a 100% owned subsidiary of Nexstar Finance Holdings, issued 7% senior subordinated notes (7% Notes) due in January 2014. The 7% Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Nexstar.

The following condensed consolidating financial information presents the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Nexstar and its 100%, directly or indirectly, owned subsidiaries and independently-owned Mission Broadcasting, Inc. This information is presented in lieu of separate financial statements and other related disclosures of Nexstar Broadcasting pursuant to Regulation S-X Rule 3-10 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or being Registered .

The Nexstar column presents the parent company s financial information. Nexstar is also a guarantor. The Nexstar Broadcasting column presents the issuer s financial information. The Mission column presents the financial information of Mission Broadcasting, Inc., an entity which Nexstar Broadcasting is required to consolidate as a VIE under FIN No. 46R (see Note 2). Mission is also a guarantor of the senior subordinated notes issued by Nexstar Broadcasting. The Non-Guarantor Subsidiary column presents the financial information of Nexstar Finance Holdings, the parent of Nexstar Broadcasting.

23

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Balance Sheet**

## **September 30, 2007**

 $(in\ thousands)$ 

		Non-Guarantor							
	Nexstar	Nexstar padcasting	N	Mission	Sı	ıbsidiary	E	liminations	 nsolidated Company
ASSETS		······							,
Current assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 3,378	\$	2,531	\$		\$		\$ 5,909
Due from Mission		18,754						(18,754)	
Other current assets	145	69,445		4,714		6		(193)	74,117
Total current assets	145	91,577		7,245		6		(18,947)	80,026
Investments in subsidiaries eliminated upon consolidation	7,351	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		,		130,534		(137,885)	,
Amounts due from parents eliminated upon consolidation	. ,	3,068				,		(3,068)	
Property and equipment, net		91,810		19,665				(11)	111,464
Goodwill		134,304		17,122				,	151,426
FCC licenses		135,059		28,736					163,795
Other intangible assets, net		147,182		37,700					184,882
Other noncurrent assets	1	11,444		3,502		1,775		(12)	16,710
		,		- ,		,		( )	- ,
Total assets	\$ 7,497	\$ 614,444	\$	113,970	\$	132,315	\$	(159,923)	\$ 708,303
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)									
Current liabilities:									
Current portion of debt	\$	\$ 1,758	\$	1,727	\$	46,906	\$		\$ 50,391
Due to Nexstar Broadcasting		·		18,754		,		(18,754)	·
Other current liabilities		42,735		5,992				(194)	48,533
		·		,				, ,	·
Total current liabilities		44,493		26,473		46,906		(18,948)	98,924
Debt		385,485		167,519		76,083		(10,510)	629,087
Amounts due to subsidiary eliminated upon consolidation	1,095	303,103		107,517		1,973		(3,068)	027,007
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,075	53,932		13,846		1,773		(11)	67,768
Other moneument habitutes		33,732		13,040		1		(11)	07,700
Total liabilities	1,095	483,910		207,838		124,963		(22,027)	795,779
Stockholders equity (deficit):									
Common stock	284								284
Other stockholders equity (deficit)	6,118	130,534		(93,868)		7,352		(137,896)	(87,760)
Total stockholders equity (deficit)	6,402	130,534		(93,868)		7,352		(137,896)	(87,476)

Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit) \$7,497 \$ 614,444 \$113,970 \$ 132,315 \$ (159,923) \$ 708,303

24

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Balance Sheet**

## December 31, 2006

 $(in\ thousands)$ 

		Non-Guarantor								
	Nexstar		Nexstar oadcasting		Mission	Sı	ıbsidiary	E	liminations	nsolidated ompany
ASSETS			J							1 V
Current assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	7,602	\$	3,577	\$		\$		\$ 11,179
Due from Mission			20,167						(20,167)	
Other current assets	40		62,100		3,685		6		(40)	65,791
Total current assets	40		89,869		7,262		6		(20,207)	76,970
Investments in subsidiaries eliminated upon										
consolidation	21,214						134,386		(155,600)	
Amounts due from parents eliminated upon										
consolidation			4,550						(4,550)	
Property and equipment, net			90,505		20,420				(22)	110,903
Goodwill			132,745		16,651					149,396
FCC licenses			135,059		28,736					163,795
Intangible assets, net			164,058		42,201					206,259
Other noncurrent assets	1		12,925		2,456		2,016		(12)	17,386
Total assets	\$ 21,255	\$	629,711	\$	117,726	\$	136,408	\$	(180,391)	\$ 724,709
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)										
Current liabilities:										
Current portion of debt	\$	\$	1,758	\$	,	\$		\$		\$ 3,485
Due to Nexstar Broadcasting					20,167				(20,167)	
Other current liabilities			46,262		5,392				(41)	51,613
Total current liabilities			48,020		27,286				(20,208)	55,098
Debt			395,617		168,814		113,219			677,650
Amounts due to subsidiary eliminated upon										
consolidation	2,577						1,973		(4,550)	
Other noncurrent liabilities			51,688		13,573		2		(12)	65,251
Total liabilities	2,577		495,325		209,673		115,194		(24,770)	797,999
Stockholders equity (deficit):										
Common stock	284									284

Edgar Filing: NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP INC - Form 10-Q

Other stockholders equity (deficit)	18,394	134,386	(91,947)	21,214	(155,621)	(73,574)
Total stockholders equity (deficit)	18,678	134,386	(91,947)	21,214	(155,621)	(73,290)
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 21,255 \$	629,711	\$ 117,726	\$ 136,408	\$ (180,391)	\$ 724,709

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Statement of Operations**

## For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007

## (in thousands)

		Non-Guarantor							
	••	Nexsta							 ısolidated
Net broadcast revenue	Nexstar	Broadcas \$ 62.	_	Mission	Sul \$	osidiary		ninations	\$ ompany
Revenue between consolidated entities	\$	+,	784 965	\$ 1,679	\$		\$	(0.171)	\$ 64,463
Revenue between consondated entities		1,	903	7,206				(9,171)	
Net revenue		64,	749	8,885				(9,171)	64,463
Operating expenses (income):									
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation									
and amortization shown separately below)		16,	910	1,292					18,202
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		10,	710	1,272					10,202
(exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown									
separately below)	(135)	21,	152	552					21,569
Local service agreement fees between consolidated	(133)	21,	132	332					21,509
entities		7.	206	1,965				(9,171)	
Amortization of broadcast rights			249	1,277				(>,1/1)	5,526
Amortization of intangible assets			)45	1,332					6,377
Depreciation		,	208	807				(4)	5,011
Gain on asset exchange			183)	(317)				( )	(500)
Gain on asset disposal, net		`	(46)	(1)					(47)
1 /			` ,	. ,					,
Total operating expenses (income)	(135)	58,	541	6,907				(9,175)	56,138
Total operating expenses (meome)	(133)	50,	, , ,	0,507				(),175)	50,150
Income from energions	135	6	200	1,978				4	0 225
Income from operations Interest expense, including amortization of debt	133	0,	208	1,978				4	8,325
financing costs		(7)	284)	(3,106)		(3,397)			(13,787)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(5,522)	(7,	204)	(3,100)		(3,397) $(2,125)$		7,647	(13,707)
Other income, net	(3,322)		102	23		(2,123)		7,047	125
Other medine, net			102	23					123
	(5.207)		27.4	(1.105)		(5.500)		7.651	(5.227)
Loss before income taxes	(5,387)	,	974)	(1,105)		(5,522)		7,651	(5,337)
Income tax expense		(1,	151)	(356)					(1,507)
Net loss	\$ (5,387)	\$ (2,	125)	\$ (1,461)	\$	(5,522)	\$	7,651	\$ (6,844)

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

# NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

# **Statement of Operations**

## For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2006

(in thousands)

		Non-Guarantor								
		Nexstar							ısolidated	
	Nexstar	Broadcasti	0		sidiary		minations		ompany	
Net broadcast revenue	\$	\$ 62,18	. ,	\$		\$		\$	63,588	
Revenue between consolidated entities		1,95	5 7,836				(9,791)			
Net revenue		64,13	9 9,240				(9,791)		63,588	
Operating expenses:										
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation										
and amortization shown separately below)		16,54	9 1,189						17,738	
Selling, general, and administrative expenses			-,,-						21,100	
(exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown										
separately below)	33	19,72	1 626						20,380	
Local service agreement fees between consolidated		12,72	. 020						20,200	
entities		7,83	6 1,955				(9,791)			
Amortization of broadcast rights		3,70					(,,,,,,)		4,821	
Amortization of intangible assets		4,66							6,017	
Depreciation		3,58	,				(4)		4,400	
Loss on asset disposal, net		42							423	
Total operating expenses	33	56,48	8 7,053				(9,795)		53,779	
Income (loss) from operations	(33)	7,65	1 2,187				4		9,809	
Interest expense, including amortization of debt										
financing costs		(6,88	3) (3,257)	(	3,049)				(13,189)	
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries	(2,525)				524		2,001			
Other income, net		15	7 15						172	
Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,558)	92	5 (1,055)	(	2,525)		2,005		(3,208)	
Income tax expense		(40	1) (332)						(733)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,558)	\$ 52	4 \$ (1,387)	\$ (	2,525)	\$	2,005	\$	(3,941)	

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

# **Statement of Operations**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

## (in thousands)

		Non-Guarantor								
			Nexstar						Consolidated	
	Nexstar		adcasting	Mission		bsidiary		minations		ompany
Net broadcast revenue	\$	\$	190,241	\$ 5,005	\$		\$		\$	195,246
Revenue between consolidated entities			5,895	22,352				(28,247)		
Net revenue			196,136	27,357				(28,247)		195,246
Operating expenses (income):										
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and										
amortization shown separately below)			51,101	3,808						54,909
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately										
below)	(105)		62,044	1,715						63,654
Local service agreement fees between consolidated										
entities			22,352	5,895				(28,247)		
Amortization of broadcast rights			13,014	3,160						16,174
Amortization of intangible assets			15,279	4,030						19,309
Depreciation			12,564	2,470				(11)		15,023
Gain on asset exchange			(1,218)	(317)						(1,535)
Loss (gain) on asset disposal, net			(141)	4						(137)
Total operating expenses (income)	(105)		174,995	20,765				(28,258)		167,397
	, ,									
Income from operations	105		21,141	6,592				11		27,849
Interest expense, including amortization of debt										
financing costs			(21,957)	(9,310)		(10,011)				(41,278)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(13,863)					(3,852)		17,715		
Other income, net			325	61						386
Loss before income taxes	(13,758)		(491)	(2,657)		(13,863)		17,726		(13,043)
Income tax expense			(3,361)	(764)						(4,125)
•										
Net loss	\$ (13,758)	\$	(3,852)	\$ (3,421)	\$	(13,863)	\$	17,726	\$	(17,168)

28

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

# **Statement of Operations**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

## (in thousands)

	Nexstar	Nexstar Broadcasting	Mission	Non-Guarantor Subsidiary	Eliminations	Consolidated Company
Net broadcast revenue	\$	\$ 183,823	\$ 4,152	\$	\$	\$ 187,975
Revenue between consolidated entities		5,855	22,620		(28,475)	. ,
Net revenue		189,678	26,772		(28,475)	187,975
Operating expenses:						
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and						
amortization shown separately below)		49,338	3,493			52,831
Selling, general, and administrative expenses (exclusive						
of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	101	59,689	1,716			61,506
Local service agreement fees between consolidated						
entities		22,620	5,855		(28,475)	
Amortization of broadcast rights		11,458	2,929			14,387
Amortization of intangible assets		14,076	4,047			18,123
Depreciation		11,187	2,472		(11)	13,648
Loss on asset disposal, net		496	7			503
Total operating expenses	101	168,864	20,519		(28,486)	160,998
			,		(==, ==)	
Income (loss) from operations	(101)	20,814	6,253		11	26,977
Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing						
costs		(20,215)	(9,129)	(8,986)		(38,330)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(9,786)			(800)	10,586	
Other income, net		415	40			455
Income (loss) before income taxes	(9,887)	1,014	(2,836)	(9,786)	10,597	(10,898)
Income tax expense		(1,814)	(884)			(2,698)
Net loss	\$ (9,887)	\$ (800)	\$ (3,720)	\$ (9,786)	\$ 10,597	\$ (13,596)

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

(in thousands)

			Non-Guarantor							
	Nexstar		_	lexstar adcasting	Mission	Subsidiary	Eliminations		nsolidated ompany	
Cash flows provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ (5	6)	\$	18,006	\$ 2,038	\$	\$	\$	19,988	
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Additions to property and equipment, net				(12,227)	(1,409)				(13,636)	
Other investing activities				316	(380)				(64)	
Net cash used for investing activities				(11,911)	(1,789)				(13,700)	
Cash flows from financing activities:										
Repayment of long-term debt				(10,319)	(1,295)				(11,614)	
Other financing activities	5	6							56	
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	5	6		(10,319)	(1,295)				(11,558)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents				(4,224)	(1,046)				(5,270)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period				7,602	3,577				11,179	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	:	\$	3,378	\$ 2,531	\$	\$	\$	5,909	

# NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# 14. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information (Continued)

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

(in thousands)

			Non-Guarantor						
		Nexstar				Consolidated			
	Nexstar	Broadcasting	Mission	Subsidiary	Eliminations	Company			
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$	\$ 28,343	\$ 2,065	\$	\$	\$ 30,408			
Cash flows from investing activities:									
Additions to property and equipment		(15,540)	(1,201)			(16,741)			
Other investing activities		553	10			563			
Net cash used for investing activities		(14,987)	(1,191)			(16,178)			
Cash flows from financing activities:									
Repayment of long-term debt		(13,319)	(1,295)			(14,614)			
Other financing activities		(6)				(6)			
Net cash used for financing activities		(13,325)	(1,295)			(14,620)			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		31	(421)			(390)			
` '			` ′			` ′			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		12,083	1,404			13,487			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$ 12,114	\$ 983	\$	\$	\$ 13,097			

#### ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2007, unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, unaudited condensed statement of changes in stockholders deficit for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006

As used in the report, unless the context indicates otherwise, Nexstar refers to Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries Nexstar Finance Holdings, Inc. and Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., and Mission refers to Mission Broadcasting, Inc. All references to we, our, and us refer to Nexstar. All references to the Company refer to Nexstar and Mission collectively.

As a result of our controlling financial interest in Mission under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) and in order to present fairly our financial position, results of operations and cash flows, we consolidate the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Mission as if it were a wholly-owned entity. We believe this presentation is meaningful for understanding our financial performance. As discussed in Note 2 to our condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we have considered the method of accounting under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an interpretation on Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 (FIN No. 46) as revised in December 2003 (FIN No. 46R) and have determined that we are required to continue consolidating Mission s financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Therefore, the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations includes Mission s financial position and results of operations.

#### **Executive Summary**

#### Third Quarter 2007 Highlights

Net revenue increased 1.4% during the third quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily from increases in local and national advertising revenue, retransmission compensation and new media revenue, partially offset by a decrease in political advertising revenue. Gross local and national advertising revenue increased \$3.4 million, or 6.1% during the third quarter of 2007 due in large part to our newly acquired television station WTAJ as discussed below. Total revenue from the retransmission consent agreements was approximately \$4.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 (which included approximately \$3.1 million of retransmission compensation and approximately \$1.4 million of advertising revenue generated from the retransmission consent agreements), compared to \$3.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 (which included approximately \$2.3 million of retransmission compensation and approximately \$1.2 million of advertising revenue generated from the retransmission consent agreements). New media revenue increased by \$1.7 million during the third quarter of 2007 as a result of all markets having implemented this new web-based revenue source as of June 2007 compared to only a few initial markets implemented in 2006.

On September 28, 2007, we and Mission in total made repayments of \$5.9 million under the senior secured credit facilities, of which \$5.0 million was a repayment of Nexstar s revolving loans and \$0.9 million were scheduled term loan maturities.

On December 29, 2006, we completed our acquisition of WTAJ, the CBS affiliate in Johnstown-Altoona, Pennsylvania, and WLYH, The CW affiliate in Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, Pennsylvania. The financial results for WTAJ and WLYH are included in three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, but not in the corresponding periods of 2006.

#### Overview of Operations

We owned and operated 32 television stations as of September 30, 2007. Through various local service agreements, we programmed or provided sales and other services to 17 additional television stations, including 15 television stations owned and operated by Mission as of September 30, 2007. All of the stations we program or provide sales and other services to, including Mission, are 100% owned by independent third parties.

The following table summarizes the various local service agreements we had in effect as of September 30, 2007 with Mission:

Service Agreements Mission Stations

**TBA Only**<sup>(1)</sup> WFXP and KHMT

SSA & JSA<sup>(2)</sup> KJTL, KJBO-LP, KOLR, KCIT, KCPN-LP, KAMC, KRBC, KSAN, WUTR,

WFXW, WYOU, KODE and WTVO

<sup>(1)</sup> We have a time brokerage agreement (TBA) with each of these stations which allows us to program most of each station s broadcast time, sell each station s advertising time and retain the advertising revenue generated in exchange for monthly payments to Mission.

<sup>(2)</sup> We have both a shared services agreement (SSA) and a joint sales agreement (JSA) with each of these stations. The SSA allows us to provide certain services including news production, technical maintenance and security, in exchange for our right to receive certain payments from Mission as described in the SSAs.

The JSA permits us to sell and retain a percentage of the net revenue from the station s advertising time in return for monthly payments to Mission of the remaining percentage of net revenue as described in the JSAs.

Our ability to receive cash from Mission is governed by these agreements. The arrangements under the local service agreements have had the effect of us receiving substantially all of the available cash, after Mission s payments of operating costs and debt service, generated by the stations listed above. We anticipate that, through these local service agreements, we will continue to receive substantially all of the available cash, after Mission s payments of operating costs and debt service, generated by the stations listed above.

We also guarantee all obligations incurred under Mission s senior secured credit facility. Similarly, Mission is a guarantor of our senior secured credit facility and the senior subordinated notes we have issued. In consideration of our guarantee of Mission s senior credit facility, the sole shareholder of Mission has granted us a purchase option to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission station, subject to FCC consent, for consideration equal to the greater of (1) seven times the station s cash flow, as defined in the option agreement, less the amount of its indebtedness as defined in the option agreement, or (2) the amount of its indebtedness. These option agreements (which expire on various dates between 2008 and 2014) are freely exercisable or assignable by us without consent or approval by the sole shareholder of Mission.

We do not own Mission or Mission s television stations. However, as a result of our guarantee of the obligations incurred under Mission s senior credit facility, our arrangements under the local service agreements and purchase option agreements with Mission, we are deemed under U.S. GAAP to have a controlling financial interest in Mission while complying with the FCC s rules regarding ownership limits in television markets. In order for both us and Mission to comply with FCC regulations, Mission maintains complete responsibility for and control over programming, finances, personnel and operations of its stations.

#### Seasonality

Advertising revenue is positively affected by strong local economies, national and regional political election campaigns, and certain events such as the Olympic Games or the Super Bowl. The stations advertising revenue is generally highest in the second and fourth quarters of each year, due in part to increases in consumer advertising in the spring and retail advertising in the period leading up to, and including, the holiday season. In addition, advertising revenue is generally higher during even-numbered years resulting from political advertising and advertising aired during the Olympic Games.

#### **Industry Trends**

The Television Bureau of Advertising has forecasted U.S. television spot advertising revenue (total of local and national advertising revenue, excluding political advertising revenue) in 2007 to decline by approximately 1% to 3% compared to 2006.

Our net revenue increased 3.9% to \$195.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$188.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 primarily due the inclusion of approximately \$8.4 million from our newly acquired television station WTAJ. This increase was partially offset by the loss of advertising revenue generated during the coverage of the Olympic Games in 2006 and a decrease in political advertising revenue in 2007 due to the decline in the volume of advertising time purchased by campaigns for elective offices and for political issues.

Political advertising revenue was \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a significant decrease from the \$10.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The demand for political advertising is generally higher in even-numbered years, when congressional and presidential elections occur, than in odd-numbered years when there are no federal elections scheduled. During an election year, political advertising revenue makes up a significant portion of the increase in revenue in that year. Since 2006 was an election year, a significant percentage of the Company s revenue growth in 2006 was attributable to political revenue. However, even during an election year, political revenue is influenced by geography and the competitiveness of the election races. Since 2007 is a non-election year, we expect nominal political advertising revenue to be reported in 2007 in relation to the amount of political advertising reported in 2006.

Automotive-related advertising, our largest advertising category, represented approximately 23.7% and 24.5% of our core local and national advertising revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Our automotive-related advertising decreased approximately 3.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to the same period in 2006. Automotive-related advertising on a quarter-to-quarter comparison to the prior year has followed a consistent downward trend over the last two years. This trend is primarily due to the current condition of the automotive industry and resulting decline in the demand for advertising from this business category. A continued pattern of deterioration in advertising revenue from this source could materially affect our future results of operations.

#### **Recent Developments**

On June 27, 2007, Mission entered into a purchase agreement to acquire substantially all the assets of KTVE, the NBC affiliate serving the Monroe, Louisiana / El Dorado, Arkansas market, for \$7.7 million in cash from Piedmont Television Holdings LLC. Pursuant to the terms of the

agreement, Mission made a down payment of \$0.4 million against the purchase price in June 2007. Mission intends to finance the acquisition through borrowings under its senior secured credit facility. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2007, subject to FCC consent. Upon closing the purchase of KTVE, Mission will enter into a JSA and SSA with Nexstar-owned KARD, the Fox affiliate in the market, whereby KARD will provide local news, sales and other non-programming services to KTVE.

33

On May 17, 2007, Nexstar announced that its Board of Directors decided to engage Goldman, Sachs & Co. to assist it in reviewing strategic alternatives including, but not limited to, the sale of Nexstar. On August 3, 2007, in light of the difficult conditions in the financing markets, Nexstar s Board of Directors, in consultation with its financial advisor Goldman, Sachs & Co., decided to suspend discussions with prospective acquirers of Nexstar.

On April 18, 2006, we and Mission filed an application with the FCC for consent to assignment of the license of KFTA Channel 24 (Ft. Smith, Arkansas) from us to Mission. Consideration for this transaction is set at \$5.6 million. On August 28, 2006, we and Mission entered into a local service agreement whereby (a) Mission pays us \$5 thousand per month for the right to broadcast Fox programming on KFTA during the Fox network programming time periods and (b) we pay Mission \$20 thousand per month for the right to sell all advertising time on KFTA within the Fox network programming time periods. The local service agreement between us and Mission will terminate upon assignment of KFTA s FCC license from us to Mission. Upon completing the assignment of KFTA s license, Mission plans to enter into a JSA and SSA with our station KNWA in Fort Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Arkansas, whereby KNWA will provide local news, sales and other non-programming services to KFTA. Our station KNWA Channel 51, licensed to Rogers, Arkansas, has renewed its affiliation agreement for KNWA to continue as the NBC affiliate in Ft. Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Arkansas through 2014.

In May, 2006, two subsidiaries of Equity Broadcasting Corporation ( Equity ) filed a petition to deny against the KFTA assignment application alleging that we improperly control Mission and its stations. We and Mission submitted a joint opposition to Equity s petition to deny. The FCC is currently considering the KFTA assignment application. In September 2006, Equity submitted a petition to deny Nexstar s applications for renewal of the KFTA and KNWA FCC licenses. Nexstar subsequently filed its response to the petition. Although Nexstar s and Mission s management believe that the petitions have no merit, it is not possible to predict what action the FCC will take on the petitions to deny, or when it will take such action.

#### **Historical Performance**

#### Revenue

The following table sets forth the principal types of revenue earned by the Company s stations for the periods indicated and each type of revenue (other than trade and barter) as a percentage of total gross revenue, as well as agency commissions:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006				Nine Mor 2007	,		
	Amount	· %	Amount	%	Amount	%	2006 Amount	%
	(in thous	ands, ex	cept percen	tages)	(in thous	ands, ex	cept percenta	ages)
Local	\$41,281	61.1	\$ 38,657	57.6	\$ 128,904	63.1	\$ 120,794	61.1
National	18,612	27.6	17,801	26.5	55,287	27.1	54,473	27.5
Political	808	1.2	6,284	9.4	2,478	1.2	10,344	5.2
Retransmission compensation	3,143	4.6	2,253	3.3	8,691	4.2	6,306	3.2
Network compensation	1,087	1.6	1,063	1.6	3,409	1.7	3,151	1.6
New media revenue	1,679	2.5	11		2,828	1.4	11	
Other	922	1.4	1,055	1.6	2,691	1.3	2,781	1.4
Total gross revenue	67,532	100.0	67,124	100.0	204,288	100.0	197,860	100.0
Less: Agency commissions	7,591	11.2	7,894	11.8	23,208	11.4	23,280	11.8
Net broadcast revenue	59,941	88.8	59,230	88.2	181,080	88.6	174,580	88.2
Trade and barter revenue	4,522		4,358		14,166		13,395	
Net revenue	\$ 64,463		\$ 63,588		\$ 195,246		\$ 187,975	

#### **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth a summary of the Company s operations for the periods indicated and their percentages of net revenue:

Edgar Filing: NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP INC - Form 10-Q

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006			Nine Mor 2007	nths End		d September 30, 2006	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
	(in thousands, except percentages)			(in thousands, except percentages)				
Net revenue	\$ 64,463	100.0	\$ 63,588	100.0	\$ 195,246	100.0	\$ 187,975	100.0
Operating expenses (income):								
Corporate expenses	3,074	4.8	3,163	5.0	9,295	4.8	10,132	5.4
Station direct operating expenses, net of trade	17,003	26.4	16,173	25.4	50,766	26.0	47,847	25.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses	18,495	28.7	17,217	27.1	54,359	27.8	51,374	27.3
Gain on asset exchange	(500)	(0.8)			(1,535)	(0.8)		
Loss (gain) on asset disposal, net	(47)	(0.1)	423	0.7	(137)	(0.1)	503	0.3
Trade and barter expense	4,131	6.4	4,304	6.8	13,495	6.9	13,306	7.1
Depreciation and amortization	11,388	17.7	10,417	16.4	34,332	17.6	31,771	16.9
Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter	2,594	4.0	2,082	3.3	6,822	3.5	6,065	3.2
	ŕ		·		,		,	
Income from operations	\$ 8,325		\$ 9,809		\$ 27,849		\$ 26,977	

Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2006.

#### Revenue

Gross local advertising revenue was \$41.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$38.7 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$2.6 million, or 6.8%. Gross national advertising revenue was \$18.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$17.8 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 4.6%. The combined net increase in gross local and national advertising revenue of \$3.4 million was primarily the result of (1) the inclusion of local and national advertising revenue of approximately \$2.8 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ and (2) advertising revenue generated from the retransmission consent agreements which increased by approximately \$0.2 million compared to the same period in 2006. Advertising revenue from the Telecommunications and Furniture business categories, which increased by approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million during the third quarter of 2007 compared to the prior year, respectively, were offset by declines in advertising revenue from the Insurance, Paid Programming, Automotive and Fast Foods/Restaurants business categories, which decreased by approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million during the third quarter of 2007 compared to the prior year, respectively.

Gross political advertising revenue was \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$6.3 million for the same period in 2006, a decrease of \$5.5 million, or 87.1%. The decrease in gross political revenue was attributed to statewide and/or local races (primarily in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and New York) that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to nominal political advertising during the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Retransmission compensation was \$3.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$2.3 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 39.5%. The increase in retransmission compensation was primarily the result of (1) additional subscriber base for certain content distributors in 2007 compared to 2006, (2) annual rate increases in 2007 for certain retransmission consent agreements and (3) a few additional markets under retransmission consent agreements in 2007.

New media revenue, representing revenue generated from non-television web-based advertising, was \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$11 thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in new media revenue was a result of having all of our markets complete implementation of this digital media platform initiative as of June 2007 compared to only a few initial markets implemented in 2006.

#### Operating Expenses

Corporate expenses, related to costs associated with the centralized management of Nexstar's and Mission's stations, were \$3.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or 2.8%. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2007 was primarily attributed to approximately \$0.2 million less of audit and tax preparation fees and \$0.2 million less of non-income related taxes incurred in 2007 than in 2006, partially offset by \$0.2 million of additional incentive compensation recognized in 2007 than in 2006.

Station direct operating expenses, consisting primarily of news, engineering and programming, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses were \$35.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$33.4 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$2.1 million, or 6.3%. The increase in station direct operating expenses, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was primarily attributed to (1) the inclusion of such expenses totaling approximately \$1.4 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ, (2) additional payroll costs incurred in 2007 mainly as a result of annual merit increases and costs associated with a new department created to develop web-based revenue, and (3) an increase in the amount of healthcare-related claims incurred during 2007.

Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter, was \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$2.1 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.5 million, or 24.6%. The increase was primarily attributed to the amortization of broadcast rights of approximately \$0.2 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$6.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$6.0 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.4 million, or 6.0%. The increase was primarily related to the amortization of intangible assets of approximately \$0.5 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

Depreciation of property and equipment was \$5.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$4.4 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.6 million, or 13.9%. The increase was primarily attributed to the depreciation of assets of approximately \$0.4

million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

For the three months ended September 30, 2007, we recognized a gain of \$0.5 million from the exchange of equipment under an arrangement we first transacted with Sprint Nextel Corporation in the third quarter of 2007.

35

#### **Income from Operations**

Income from operations was \$8.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$9.8 million for the same period in 2006, a decrease of \$1.5 million, or 15.1%. The decrease was primarily the result of an increase in operating expenses, particularly in station direct operating expenses, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, partially offset by the increase in net revenue and gain on asset exchange as described above.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing costs, was \$13.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$13.2 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.6 million, or 4.5%. The increase in interest expense was primarily attributed to a greater amount of debt outstanding in 2007 under our senior credit facility resulting from the borrowing in connection with our acquisition of WTAJ and WLYH in December 2006, partially offset by lower average interest rates incurred during the third quarter of 2007 compared to the third quarter of 2006 under our and Mission senior credit facilities.

#### Income Taxes

Income tax expense was \$1.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$0.7 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 105.6%. The increase was primarily due to (1) the recognition of a \$0.5 million benefit from a prior year tax position in the third quarter of 2006, (2) a provision for current state income tax of \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2007 related to the Texas Margin Tax and (3) \$0.2 million of income tax expense in the third quarter of 2007 related to the increase in deferred tax liabilities in 2007 associated with our newly acquired television station WTAJ. The increase was partially offset by the recognition of a \$0.1 million benefit from a prior year tax position in the third quarter of 2007. Our provision for income taxes is primarily created by an increase in the deferred tax liabilities position during the year arising from the amortizing of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for income tax purposes which are not amortized for financial reporting purposes. This expense has no impact on our cash flows. No tax benefit was recorded with respect to the losses for 2007 and 2006, as the utilization of such losses is not likely to be realized in the foreseeable future.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006.

### Revenue

Gross local advertising revenue was \$128.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$120.8 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$8.1 million, or 6.7%. Gross national advertising revenue was \$55.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$54.5 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 1.4%. The combined net increase in gross local and national advertising revenue of \$8.9 million was primarily the result of (1) the inclusion of local and national advertising revenue of approximately \$8.2 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ and (2) advertising revenue generated from the retransmission consent agreements which increased by approximately \$0.6 million compared to the same period in 2006. Advertising revenue from the Telecommunications and Furniture business categories, which increased by approximately \$1.2 million and \$0.4 million during the first nine months of 2007 compared to the prior year, respectively, were offset by declines in advertising revenue from the Automotive, Insurance, Fast Foods/Restaurants and Department and Retail Stores business categories, which decreased by approximately \$1.4 million, \$0.8 million, \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million during the first nine months of 2007 compared to the prior year, respectively.

Gross political advertising revenue was \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$10.3 million for the same period in 2006, a decrease of \$7.8 million, or 76.0%. The decrease in gross political revenue was attributed to statewide and/or local races (primarily in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, New York and Arkansas) that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to nominal political advertising during the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Retransmission compensation was \$8.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$6.3 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$2.4 million, or 37.8%. The increase in retransmission compensation was primarily the result of (1) additional subscriber base for certain content distributors in 2007 compared to 2006, (2) annual rate increases in 2007 for certain retransmission consent agreements and (3) a few additional markets under retransmission consent agreements in 2007.

New media revenue, representing revenue generated from non-television web-based advertising, was \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$11 thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in new media revenue was a result of having all of our markets complete implementation of this digital media platform initiative as of June 2007 compared to only a few initial

markets implemented in 2006.

# **Operating Expenses**

Corporate expenses, related to costs associated with the centralized management of Nexstar's and Mission's stations, were \$9.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$10.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, a decrease of \$0.8 million, or 8.3%. The decrease during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was primarily attributed to (1)

36

approximately \$0.4 million less incentive compensation recognized in 2007 than in 2006, (2) \$0.3 million less of non-income related taxes incurred in 2007 and (3) \$0.3 million less of audit and tax preparation fees incurred in 2007.

Station direct operating expenses, consisting primarily of news, engineering and programming, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses were \$105.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$99.2 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$5.9 million, or 6.0%. The increase in station direct operating expenses, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was primarily attributed to the inclusion of such expenses totaling approximately \$4.0 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ and additional payroll costs incurred in 2007 mainly as a result of annual merit increases and costs associated with a new department created to develop web-based revenue.

Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter, was \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$6.1 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.7 million, or 12.5%. The increase was primarily attributed to the amortization of broadcast rights of approximately \$0.5 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$19.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$18.1 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 6.5%. The increase was primarily related to the amortization of intangible assets of approximately \$1.4 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

Depreciation of property and equipment was \$15.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$13.6 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$1.4 million, or 10.1%. The increase was primarily attributed to the depreciation of assets of approximately \$1.2 million for 2007 from newly acquired television station WTAJ.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, we recognized a gain of \$1.5 million from the exchange of equipment under an arrangement we first transacted with Sprint Nextel Corporation during the second and third quarters of 2007.

#### **Income from Operations**

Income from operations was \$27.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$27.0 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 3.2%. The increase was primarily the result of the increase in net revenue and gain on asset exchange for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses, particularly in station direct operating expenses, net of trade, and selling, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization of intangible assets as described above.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense, including amortization of debt financing costs, was \$41.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$38.3 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$3.0 million, or 7.7%. The increase in interest expense was primarily attributed to (1) higher average interest rates in incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006 under our and Mission s senior credit facilities and (2) a greater amount of debt outstanding in 2007 under our senior credit facility resulting from the borrowing in connection with our acquisition of WTAJ and WLYH in December 2006.

#### **Income Taxes**

Income tax expense was \$4.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$2.7 million for the same period in 2006, an increase of \$1.4 million, or 52.9%. The increase was primarily due to (1) the recognition of a \$0.5 million benefit from a prior year tax position in the third quarter of 2006, (2) a \$0.5 million reduction in our net deferred tax liabilities position resulting from enactment of the Texas Margin Tax recorded in the second quarter of 2006, (3) a provision for current state income tax of \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 related to the Texas Margin Tax and (4) \$0.6 million of income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 related to the increase in deferred tax liabilities in 2007 associated with our newly acquired television station WTAJ. The increase was partially offset by (1) a \$0.5 million reduction in our deferred state income tax provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 resulting from the enactment of recent legislation revising the Texas Margin Tax and its computation of the temporary credit for Texas business loss carryovers and (2) the recognition of a \$0.1 million benefit from a prior year tax position in the third quarter of 2007. Our provision for income taxes is primarily created by an increase in the deferred tax liabilities position during the year arising from the amortizing of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for income tax purposes which are not amortized for financial reporting purposes. This expense has no impact on our cash flows. No tax benefit was recorded with respect to the losses for 2007 and 2006, as the utilization of such losses is not likely to be realized in the foreseeable future.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We and Mission are highly leveraged, which makes the Company vulnerable to changes in general economic conditions. Our and Mission s ability to meet the future cash requirements described below depends on our and Mission s ability to generate cash in the future, which is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other conditions, many of which are beyond our and Mission s control. Based on current operations and anticipated future growth, we believe that our and Mission s available cash, anticipated cash flow from operations and available borrowings under the Nexstar and Mission senior credit facilities will be sufficient to fund working capital, capital expenditure requirements, interest payments and scheduled debt principal payments for at

least the next twelve months. In order to meet future cash needs we may, from time to time, borrow under credit facilities or issue other long- or short-term debt or equity, if the market and the terms of our existing debt arrangements permit, and Mission may, from time to time, borrow under its available credit facility. We will continue to evaluate the best use of Nexstar s operating cash flow among its capital expenditures, acquisitions and debt reduction.

On May 17, 2007, Nexstar announced that its Board of Directors decided to engage Goldman, Sachs & Co. to assist it in reviewing strategic alternatives including, but not limited to, the sale of Nexstar. On August 3, 2007, in light of the difficult conditions in the financing markets, Nexstar s Board of Directors, in consultation with its financial advisor Goldman, Sachs & Co., decided to suspend discussions with prospective acquirers of Nexstar.

#### Overview

The following tables present summarized financial information management believes is helpful in evaluating the Company s liquidity and capital resources:

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2007 (in thou	2006 usands)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 19,988	\$ 30,408	
Net cash used for investing activities	(13,700)	(16,178)	
Net cash used for financing activities	(11,558)	(14,620)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (5,270)	\$ (390)	
Cash paid for interest	\$ 34,038	\$ 32,061	
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$ 51	\$ 31	

	September 30,	Dec	December 31,	
	2007	2007 2000		
	(in the	(in thousands)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,909	\$	11,179	
Long-term debt including current portion	\$ 679,478	\$	681,135	
Unused commitments under senior credit facilities (1)	\$ 68,500	\$	59,500	

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on covenant calculations, as of September 30, 2007, all \$68.5 million of total unused revolving loan commitments under the Nexstar and Mission credit facilities were available for borrowing.

### Cash Flows Operating Activities

The comparative net cash flows provided by operating activities decreased by \$10.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The decrease was primarily due to (1) a decrease of \$5.3 million resulting from the timing of payments for accounts payable and accrued expenses, (2) a decrease of \$2.9 million resulting from the timing of collections of accounts receivable and (3) a decrease of \$2.5 million in cash flows from deferred revenue.

Cash paid for interest increased by \$2.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increase was due to an increase in cash payments of interest on our and Mission s bank debt. Cash payments of interest on our and Mission s senior credit facilities were \$20.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$18.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, an increase of \$2.0 million. The increase was due to higher average interest rates incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006 and a greater amount of debt outstanding in 2007 on the respective credit facilities.

Nexstar and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return. Mission files its own separate federal income tax return. Additionally, Nexstar and Mission file their own state and local tax returns as are required. Due to our and Mission s recent history of net operating losses, we

and Mission currently do not pay any federal income taxes. These net operating losses may be carried forward, subject to expiration and certain limitations, and used to reduce taxable earnings in future years. Through the use of available loss carryforwards, it is possible that we and Mission may not pay significant amounts of federal income taxes in the foreseeable future.

### Cash Flows Investing Activities

The comparative net cash used for investing activities decreased by \$2.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in purchases of property and equipment, partially offset by an increase in acquisition-related payments.

Capital expenditures were \$13.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$16.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease was primarily attributable to digital conversion expenditures, which was \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$9.5 million for the same period in 2006. We project that 2007 full-year capital expenditures will be approximately \$18 million.

38

Acquisition-related payments for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 consisted of the initial payment of \$0.4 million, exclusive of transaction costs, for Mission s pending acquisition of KTVE.

## Cash Flows Financing Activities

The comparative net cash used for financing activities decreased by \$3.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, due to the decrease in repayments during 2007 under our and Mission s senior secured credit facilities.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, there were \$11.6 million of repayments under our and Mission s senior secured credit facilities, consisting of scheduled term loan maturities of \$2.6 million and a repayment of \$9.0 million of Nexstar s revolving loans.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, there were \$14.6 million of repayments under our and Mission s senior secured credit facilities, consisting of scheduled term loan maturities of \$2.6 million and voluntary repayments of \$12.0 million of Nexstar s term loans.

Although the Nexstar and Mission senior credit facilities allow for the payment of cash dividends to common stockholders, we and Mission do not currently intend to declare or pay a cash dividend.

#### Future Sources of Financing and Debt Service Requirements

As of September 30, 2007, Nexstar and Mission had total combined debt of \$679.5 million, which represented 114.8% of Nexstar and Mission s combined capitalization. Our and Mission s high level of debt requires that a substantial portion of cash flow be dedicated to pay principal and interest on debt which reduces the funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes.

The following table summarizes the approximate aggregate amount of principal indebtedness scheduled to mature for the periods referenced as of September 30, 2007:

	R	Remainder			
	Total	of 2007	2008- 2009 (in thousand	2010- 2011 (s)	Thereafter
Nexstar senior credit facility	\$ 189,284	\$ 440	\$ 3,516	\$3,516	\$ 181,812
Mission senior credit facility	169,246	432	3,454	3,454	161,906
7% senior subordinated notes due 2014	200,000				200,000
11.375% senior discount notes due 2013	130,000		46,906		83,094
	\$ 688,530	\$ 872	\$ 53,876	\$6,970	\$ 626,812

On April 1, 2008, Nexstar is required to redeem a principal amount of 11.375% senior discount notes ( 11.375% Notes ) outstanding sufficient to ensure that the 11.375% Notes will not be applicable high yield discount obligations within the meaning of Section 163(i)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Nexstar anticipates this principal payment to be approximately \$46.9 million and expects to fund the payment with cash generated from operations and from borrowings under its senior secured credit facility.

We make semiannual interest payments on our 7% Notes of \$7.0 million on January 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The 11.375% senior discount notes ( 11.375% Notes ) will not begin to accrue cash interest until April 1, 2008. Commencing October 1, 2008 we will make semiannual interest payments on our 11.375% Notes on April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Interest payments on our and Mission s senior credit facilities are generally paid every one to three months and are payable based on the type of interest rate selected.

The terms of the Nexstar and Mission senior credit facilities, as well as the indentures governing our publicly-held notes, limit, but do not prohibit us or Mission from incurring substantial amounts of additional debt in the future.

We do not have any rating downgrade triggers that would accelerate the maturity dates of our debt. However, a downgrade in our credit rating could adversely affect our ability to renew existing, or obtain access to, new credit facilities or otherwise issue debt in the future and could

increase the cost of such facilities.

### **Debt Covenants**

Our bank credit facility agreement contains covenants which require us to comply with certain financial ratios, including: (a) maximum total and senior leverage ratios, (b) a minimum interest coverage ratio, and (c) a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. The covenants, which are formally calculated on a quarterly basis, are based on the combined results of Nexstar Broadcasting and Mission. The senior subordinated notes and senior discount notes contain restrictive covenants customary for borrowing arrangements of this type. Mission s bank credit facility agreement does not contain financial covenant ratio requirements, but does provide for default in the event Nexstar does not comply with all covenants contained in its credit agreement.

39

As of September 30, 2007, we were in compliance with all covenants contained in the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facility and the indentures governing the publicly-held notes. We anticipate compliance with all the covenants through December 31, 2007. For a discussion of the financial ratio requirements of these covenants, we refer you to Note 7 of our condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### Cash Requirements for Digital Television ( DTV ) Conversion

Television broadcasting in the United States is moving from an analog transmission system to a digital transmission system. The conversion from broadcasting in the analog format to the digital format is expensive. The Company s conversion to a low-power DTV signal required an average initial capital expenditure of approximately \$0.2 million per station. All of the television stations that we and Mission own and operate are broadcasting at least a low-power digital television signal.

Except for stations that have requested waiver of the FCC s deadline for construction, broadcast television stations are required to be broadcasting a full-power DTV signal. As of September 30, 2007, Mission s stations WUTR, WTVO, WYOU, KOLR and KRBC and Nexstar s stations WBRE, WROC, KARK, KNWA, KFTA, WMBD, WTAJ, WLYH, KSFX, WQRF, KTAL, WCIA, WTVW and KTAB are broadcasting with full-power DTV signals. The FCC has authorized Nexstar and Mission to operate DTV facilities for its remaining stations at low-power until November 18, 2007. Requests to extend the authority to broadcast low-power DTV signals for Nexstar and Mission s remaining stations will be filed with the FCC before November 18, 2007. Under the FCC s rules, these stations will be allowed to continue to operate at low-power until action is taken on the extension requests. If the FCC denies this further request for the extension of time, the stations may lose interference protection for their signals outside their low-power coverage area.

DTV conversion expenditures were \$6.8 million and \$9.5 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. We estimate that it will require an average capital expenditure of approximately \$1.5 million per station (for 25 stations as of September 30, 2007) to modify our and Mission s remaining stations DTV transmitting equipment for full-power DTV operations, including costs for the transmitter, transmission line, antenna and installation, and estimated costs for tower upgrades and/or modifications. We anticipate these expenditures will be funded through available cash on hand and cash generated from operations as incurred in future years.

## Cash Requirements for Pending Acquisition

On June 27, 2007, Mission entered into a purchase agreement to acquire substantially all of the assets of KTVE, the NBC affiliate serving the Monroe, Louisiana/El Dorado Arkansas market for \$7.7 million in cash. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Mission made a down payment of \$0.4 million against the purchase price in June 2007. Mission intends to finance this acquisition through borrowings under its senior secured credit facility.

## No Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At September 30, 2007, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. All of our arrangements with Mission are on-balance sheet arrangements. We are, therefore, not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP which requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to intangible assets, bad debts, broadcast rights, trade and barter, income taxes, commitments and contingencies. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year.

Information with respect to our critical accounting policies which we believe could have the most significant effect on our reported results and require subjective or complex judgments by management is contained on pages 51 through 54 in Part II, Item 7, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. The information presented below updates, and should be read in conjunction with, the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed in our

2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# Nonmonetary Asset Exchanges

In connection with a spectrum allocation exchange ordered by the FCC within the 1.9 GHz band, Sprint Nextel Corporation ( Nextel ) is required to replace certain existing analog equipment with comparable digital equipment. The Company has agreed to

40

accept the substitute equipment that Nextel will provide and in turn must relinquish its existing equipment to Nextel. Neither party will have any continuing involvement in the equipment transferred following the exchange. We account for this arrangement as an exchange of assets in accordance with Accounting Principles Board No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions , as amended by SFAS No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets .

These transactions are recorded at the estimated fair market value of the equipment received. We derive our estimate of fair market value from quoted prices obtained from manufacturers and vendors for the specific equipment we acquire. As equipment is exchanged, the Company records a gain to the extent that the fair market value of the equipment received exceeds the carrying amount of the equipment relinquished.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 2 of our condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of our adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN No. 48) and other recently issued accounting pronouncements, including our expected date of adoption and effects on results of operations and financial position.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including: any projections or expectations of earnings, revenue, financial performance, liquidity and capital resources or other financial items; any assumptions or projections about the television broadcasting industry; any statements of our plans, strategies and objectives for our future operations, performance, liquidity and capital resources or other financial items; any statements concerning proposed new products, services or developments; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements may include the words may, would. predicts, potential, continue, expects, anticipates, believes. words.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in any of our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ from this projection or assumption in any of our forward-looking statements. Our future financial position and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and inherent risks and uncertainties, including those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date hereof, and we do not have or undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances unless otherwise required by law.

#### ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

### Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our long-term debt obligations.

All term loan borrowings at September 30, 2007 under the senior credit facilities bear interest at 6.95%, which represented the base rate, or LIBOR, plus the applicable margin, as defined. All revolving loan borrowings at September 30, 2007 under the senior credit facilities bear interest at 6.45%, which represented the base rate, or LIBOR, plus the applicable margin, as defined. Interest is payable in accordance with the credit agreements.

The following table estimates the changes to cash flow from operations as of September 30, 2007 if interest rates were to fluctuate by 100 or 50 basis points, or BPS (where 100 basis points represents one percentage point), for a twelve-month period:

Interest rate
No change to
decrease
100 BPS 50 BPS interest rate

Interest rate
increase
50 BPS 100 BPS

(in thousands)

Senior credit facilities \$21,181 \$22,973 \$ 24,766 \$26,559 \$28,351

Our 7% senior subordinated notes due 2014 and our 11.375% senior discount notes due 2013 are fixed rate debt obligations and therefore do not result in a change in our cash flow from operations. As of September 30, 2007, we have no financial instruments in place to hedge against changes in the benchmark interest rates on this fixed rate debt.

In the past, we have used derivative instruments to manage our exposures to interest rate risks. As of September 30, 2007, we had no derivative financial instruments. Our objective for holding derivatives is to minimize these risks using the most effective methods to eliminate or reduce the impacts of these exposures. We used interest rate swap arrangements, not designated as hedging instruments under SFAS No. 133, in connection with our variable rate senior credit facilities. We do not use derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

41

#### **Table of Contents**

### Impact of Inflation

We believe that our results of operations are not affected by moderate changes in the inflation rate.

#### ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer along with our Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report of the effectiveness of the design and operation of Nexstar s disclosure controls and procedures.

Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report our controls and procedures (i) were effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting material information required to be included in our periodic filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms; and (ii) include controls and other procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed with the SEC was accumulated and communicated to management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarterly period as of the end of the period covered by this report, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Nexstar s internal control over financial reporting.

42

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### **ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, Nexstar and Mission are involved in litigation that arises from the ordinary operations of business, such as contractual or employment disputes or other general actions. In the event of an adverse outcome of these proceedings, Nexstar and Mission believe the resulting liabilities would not have a material adverse effect on Nexstar s and Mission s financial condition or results of operations.

### ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There are no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

### ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

**ITEM 5. Other Information** 

None.

## ITEM 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No. 31.1	Exhibit Index Certification of Perry A. Sook pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
31.2	Certification of Matthew E. Devine pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
32.1	Certification of Perry A. Sook pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350.*
32.2	Certification of Matthew E. Devine pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350.*

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith

43

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

/s/ Perry A. Sook

By: Perry A. Sook

Its: President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ MATTHEW E. DEVINE

By: Matthew E. Devine

Its: Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

Dated: November 7, 2007

44