

LIN TV and Barrington Broadcasting Announce Sale of Flint Television Station

PROVIDENCE, R.I. & HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 13, 2004-- LIN TV Corp. (NYSE: TVL) and Barrington Broadcasting announced today that LIN TV has agreed to sell all the assets of WEYI-TV, the NBC affiliate serving Flint-Saginaw, Michigan. The sale is subject to FCC approval.

"We look forward to working with the management and staff of WEYI and feel strongly about the potential of the station in the Flint-Saginaw Bay City market," Jim Yager, CEO of Barrington said in making the announcement. "The station fits perfectly with our strategy of acquiring network affiliates in mid-sized markets across the country."

Gary R. Chapman, Chairman President and CEO of LIN TV, said, "WEYI is a terrific station and we are pleased for its staff and the Flint community that Jim Yager and his team will have the opportunity to help the station achieve its fullest potential. Upon completion of this transaction, LIN TV will be completely focused on its duopoly strategy of participating in markets where we can realize the financial and operational benefits of operating more than one television station."

Barrington Broadcasting was formed in 2003 to acquire and operate television stations in mid-sized markets across the country. Since March of last year, Barrington has operated eight network-affiliated stations under a management contract with Chelsey and recently announced the purchase of two television stations from Chelsey. Barrington's Chief Executive Officer is K. James Yager, former President of Benedek Broadcasting, which owned and operated 28 network-affiliated stations in medium-sized markets until its merger with Gray Television in late 2002. He is a former Chairman of the NAB's Television Board and a past Joint Board Chairman of the NAB. Yager is joined at Barrington by Chris Cornelius as Chief Operating Officer and President, Keith Bland as Senior Vice President, Acquisition and Development, and Mary Flodin as Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration. Cornelius, Bland and Flodin worked with Yager in senior management assignments at Benedek.

Following completion of the sale, LIN TV will operate 23 stations in 13 markets including two stations under Local Marketing Agreements. LIN TV owns approximately 20% of KXAS-TV in Dallas, Texas and KNSD-TV in San Diego, California through a joint venture with NBC, and is a 50% non-voting investor in Banks Broadcasting, Inc., which owns KWCV-TV in Wichita, Kansas and KNIN-TV in Boise, Idaho. LIN TV is also a one-third owner of WAND-TV, the ABC affiliate in Decatur, Illinois, which it manages pursuant to a management services agreement. Financial information and overviews of LIN TV's stations are available on the Company's website at www.lintv.com.

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