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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.**

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or organization)

**52-1494660**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10706 Beaver Dam Road**

**Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030**

(Address of principal executive office, zip code)

**(410) 568-1500**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**None**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such file). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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

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Indicate the number of share outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Number of shares outstanding as of July 26, 2010</b>
Class A Common Stock	49,349,586
Class B Common Stock	30,977,859

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	<b>As of June 30, 2010</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,820	\$ 23,224
Current portion of restricted cash	22,446	27,667
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,075 and \$2,932, respectively	112,707	106,792
Affiliate receivable	67	69
Current portion of program contract costs	25,310	43,741
Income taxes receivable	7,382	8,073
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,488	6,130
Deferred barter costs	3,862	2,825
Deferred tax assets	7,277	7,277
Total current assets	228,359	225,798
PROGRAM CONTRACT COSTS, less current portion	11,603	16,417
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	281,433	296,227
RESTRICTED CASH, less current portion	386	37,216
GOODWILL	660,017	660,017
BROADCAST LICENSES	51,988	51,988
DEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	186,493	193,405
OTHER ASSETS	119,566	116,653
Total assets	\$ 1,539,845	\$ 1,597,721
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,794	\$ 3,746
Accrued liabilities	64,946	60,523
Current portion of notes payable, capital leases and commercial bank financing	37,421	40,632
Current portion of notes and capital leases payable to affiliates	3,316	2,995
Current portion of program contracts payable	63,256	91,995
Deferred barter revenues	3,481	2,810
Total current liabilities	176,214	202,701
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>		
Notes payable, capital leases and commercial bank financing, less current portion	1,235,508	1,297,964
Notes payable and capital leases to affiliates, less current portion	21,077	24,717
Program contracts payable, less current portion	36,334	48,448
Deferred tax liabilities	193,217	177,219
Other long-term liabilities	47,863	48,894

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Total liabilities	1,710,213	1,799,943
<b>EQUITY (DEFICIT):</b>		
<b>SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT):</b>		
Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 49,330,309 and 47,375,437 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	493	474
Class B Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 140,000,000 shares authorized, 30,997,859 and 32,453,859 shares issued and outstanding, respectively, convertible into Class A Common Stock	310	325
Additional paid-in capital	609,136	605,340
Accumulated deficit	(785,083)	(813,876)
Other comprehensive loss	(4,068)	(4,213)
Total Sinclair Broadcast Group shareholders' deficit	(179,212)	(211,950)
Noncontrolling interests	8,844	9,728
Total deficit	(170,368)	(202,222)
Total liabilities and equity (deficit)	\$ 1,539,845	\$ 1,597,721

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

Table of Contents**SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Station broadcast revenues, net of agency commissions	\$ 158,709	\$ 133,008	\$ 306,631	\$ 264,313
Revenues realized from station barter arrangements	17,985	13,919	32,761	25,817
Other operating divisions revenues	8,857	11,345	15,787	22,880
Total revenues	185,551	158,272	355,179	313,010
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Station production expenses	38,645	36,889	74,563	71,832
Station selling, general and administrative expenses	30,554	31,993	61,196	62,903
Expenses recognized from station barter arrangements	15,748	11,293	28,979	21,521
Amortization of program contract costs and net realizable value adjustments	15,303	19,865	31,217	40,623
Other operating divisions expenses	7,580	10,891	14,357	23,142
Depreciation of property and equipment	9,097	10,528	18,722	22,461
Corporate general and administrative expenses	7,250	6,017	13,827	12,376
Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets and other assets	4,683	6,252	9,400	11,453
Gain on asset exchange		(1,280)		(2,516)
Impairment of goodwill, intangible and other assets				130,098
Total operating expenses	128,860	132,448	252,261	393,893
Operating income (loss)	56,691	25,824	102,918	(80,883)
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>				
Interest expense and amortization of debt discount and deferred financing costs	(28,377)	(17,646)	(57,351)	(36,020)
(Loss) gain from extinguishment of debt	(149)		(438)	18,986
(Loss) income from equity and cost method investments	(1,024)	463	(481)	18
Other income, net	571	412	1,210	1,113
Total other expense	(28,979)	(16,771)	(57,060)	(15,903)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	27,712	9,053	45,858	(96,786)
<b>INCOME TAX (PROVISION) BENEFIT</b>	<b>(10,692)</b>	<b>(6,358)</b>	<b>(17,778)</b>	<b>12,442</b>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	17,020	2,695	28,080	(84,344)
<b>DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS:</b>				
Loss from discontinued operations, includes income tax provision of \$68, \$109, \$134 and \$217, respectively	(68)	(109)	(134)	(217)
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>16,952</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>27,946</b>	<b>(84,561)</b>
Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interests	321	197	847	1,689
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP</b>	<b>\$ 17,273</b>	<b>\$ 2,783</b>	<b>\$ 28,793</b>	<b>\$ (82,872)</b>
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP:</b>				
Basic earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36	\$ (1.03)
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36	\$ (1.03)



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Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	0.21	\$	0.04	\$	0.36	\$	(1.03)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.21	\$	0.04	\$	0.36	\$	(1.03)
Weighted average common shares outstanding		80,307		79,566		80,133		80,187
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding		86,985		79,566		81,175		80,187

AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SINCLAIR

BROADCAST GROUP COMMON SHAREHOLDERS:

Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	17,341	\$	2,892	\$	28,927	\$	(82,655)
Loss from discontinued operations		(68)		(109)		(134)		(217)
Net income (loss)	\$	17,273	\$	2,783	\$	28,793	\$	(82,872)

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

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	Sinclair Broadcast Group Shareholders				Other	Noncontrolling	Total Equity
	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Comprehensive Loss	Interests	(Deficit)
BALANCE, December 31, 2009	\$ 474	\$ 325	\$ 605,340	\$ (813,876)	\$ (4,213)	\$ 9,728	\$ (202,222)
Class A Common Stock issued pursuant to employee benefit plans	4		3,796				3,800
Class B Common Stock converted into Class A Common Stock	15	(15)					
Distributions to noncontrolling interest						(37)	(37)
Amortization of net periodic pension benefit costs					145		145
Net income (loss)				28,793		(847)	27,946
BALANCE, June 30, 2010	\$ 493	\$ 310	\$ 609,136	\$ (785,083)	\$ (4,068)	\$ 8,844	\$ (170,368)

**SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)****(In thousands) (Unaudited)**

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,952	\$ 2,586	\$ 27,946	\$ (84,561)
Amortization of net periodic pension benefit costs	73	52	145	105
Comprehensive income (loss)	17,025	2,638	28,091	(84,456)
Comprehensive loss attributable to the noncontrolling interests	321	197	847	1,689
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Sinclair Broadcast Group	\$ 17,346	\$ 2,835	\$ 28,938	\$ (82,767)

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	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 27,946	\$ (84,561)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Amortization of debt discount, net of debt premium	2,521	5,578
Depreciation of property and equipment	18,857	22,649
Recognition of deferred revenue	(10,606)	(13,626)
Impairment of goodwill, intangible and other assets		130,098
Amortization of definite-lived intangible and other assets	9,400	11,453
Amortization of program contract costs and net realizable value adjustments	31,217	40,623
Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt, non-cash portion	438	(18,986)
Deferred tax provision (benefit) related to operations	15,902	(12,439)
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	(5,917)	15,351
Decrease (increase) in income taxes receivable	691	(430)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets	(260)	364
Increase in other assets	(169)	(1,986)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	17,261	818
Increase (decrease) in other long-term liabilities	60	(359)
Payments on program contracts payable	(48,833)	(42,680)
Other, net	1,657	(408)
Net cash flows from operating activities	60,165	51,459
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(4,662)	(4,882)
Purchase of alarm monitoring contracts	(3,391)	(7,618)
Decrease in restricted cash	42,051	
Dividends and distributions from equity and cost method investees	143	1,398
Investments in equity and cost method investees	(6,362)	(6,662)
Proceeds from the sale of assets		38
Loans to affiliates	(68)	(82)
Proceeds from loans to affiliates	70	82
Net cash flows from (used in) investing activities	27,781	(17,726)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from notes payable, commercial bank financing and capital leases	9,025	113,964
Repayments of notes payable, commercial bank financing and capital leases	(74,611)	(129,259)
Purchase of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interests		(3,000)
Repurchase of Class A Common Stock		(1,454)
Dividends paid on Class A and Class B Common Stock		(16,038)
Payments for deferred financing costs	(1,228)	(108)
Noncontrolling interests (distributions) contributions	(37)	226
Repayments of notes and capital leases to affiliates	(1,499)	(1,454)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(68,350)	(37,123)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>19,596</b>	<b>(3,390)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period</b>	<b>23,224</b>	<b>16,470</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 42,820</b>	<b>\$ 13,080</b>

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**SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

*Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and variable interest entities (VIEs) for which we are the primary beneficiary. Noncontrolling interests represent a minority owner's proportionate share of the equity in certain of our consolidated entities. All significant intercompany transactions and account balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Interim Financial Statements*

The consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, such financial statements have been presented on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of operations and consolidated statements of cash flows for these periods as adjusted for the adoption of recent accounting pronouncements discussed below.

As permitted under the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures normally included with audited consolidated financial statements and, accordingly, should be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the SEC. The consolidated statements of operations presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are not necessarily representative of operations for an entire year.

*Variable Interest Entities*

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued amended guidance on the consolidation of variable interest entities (VIEs). The intent of this guidance is to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with VIEs and to provide more relevant and reliable information to users of financial statements. The new guidance will require a number of new disclosures and companies are required to perform ongoing reassessments of whether they are the primary beneficiary of a VIE for financial reporting purposes. This guidance is effective as of the beginning of each reporting entity's first annual reporting period that begins after November 15, 2009, for interim periods within that first annual reporting period and for interim and annual reporting periods thereafter.

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In determining whether we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE for financial reporting purposes, we consider whether we have the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and whether we have the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns that would be significant to the VIE. We consolidate VIEs when we are the primary beneficiary. The assets of our consolidated VIEs can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIE. All the liabilities including debt held by our VIEs are non-recourse to us. However the VIE debt of Cunningham Broadcasting Corporation (Cunningham) contains cross-default provisions under our senior secured credit facility (Bank Credit Agreement). See *Note 4, Related Person Transactions* for more information.

We have a Local Marketing Agreement (LMA) to provide programming, sales and managerial services to Cunningham, the license owner for six television stations. We pay LMA fees to Cunningham and also reimburse all operating expenses. We also have an acquisition agreement in which we have a purchase option to buy the license assets of the television stations which includes the FCC license and certain other assets used to operate the station (License Assets). Our applications to acquire the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses are pending approval. We have determined that the Cunningham stations are VIEs and that based on the terms of the agreements, we are the primary beneficiary of the variable interests because we have the power to direct the activities which significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE through the sales and managerial services we provide and we absorb losses and returns that would be considered significant to Cunningham. See *Note 4, Related Person Transactions* for more information on our arrangements with Cunningham.

We have outsourcing agreements with other license owners, which we provide certain non-programming related sales, operational and administrative services. We pay a fee to the license owner based on a percentage of broadcast cash flow and we reimburse all operating expenses. We also have a purchase option to buy the License Assets. For the same reasons noted above regarding the LMA, we have determined that the outsourced license station assets are VIEs and we are the primary beneficiary.

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As of the dates indicated, the carrying amounts and classification of the assets and liabilities of the VIEs mentioned above which have been included in our consolidated balance sheets were as follows (in thousands):

	As of June 30,		As of December 31,	
	2010		2009	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,826	\$	4,127
Income taxes receivable		29		33
Current portion of program contract costs		364		430
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		177		129
Deferred tax assets		27		27
Total current asset		5,423		4,746
PROGRAM CONTRACT COSTS, less current portion		512		649
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net		7,848		8,239
GOODWILL		6,357		6,357
BROADCAST LICENSES		4,320		4,320
DEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net		7,225		7,393
OTHER ASSETS		176		213
Total assets	\$	31,861	\$	31,917
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable	\$	37	\$	37
Accrued liabilities		514		774
Current portion of notes payable, capital leases and commercial bank financing		11,047		11,039
Current portion of program contracts payable		479		576
Total current liabilities		12,077		12,426
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>				
Notes payable, capital leases and commercial bank financing, less current portion		19,015		24,540
Program contracts payable, less current portion		284		444
Deferred tax liabilities		218		218
Total liabilities	\$	31,594	\$	37,628

The amounts above represent the consolidated assets and liabilities of the VIEs related to our LMA and outsourcing agreements and have been aggregated as they all relate to our broadcast business. In addition the risk and reward characteristics of the VIEs are similar.

Under the previously applicable accounting guidance for consolidation, we had determined that we had a variable interest in four real estate ventures and that we were the primary beneficiary of those VIEs and should consolidate the assets and liabilities of those entities. However, under the new accounting guidance for consolidation which is effective January 1, 2010, we no longer consider one of these investments to be a VIE since the investment does not meet the VIE criteria under the new accounting guidance. We still consolidate the assets and liabilities of this entity pursuant to other accounting guidance based on voting-interests. Under the new accounting guidance for consolidation, we no longer consider ourselves the primary beneficiary of the other three real estate ventures since as the manager of the venture, the other partner holds the power to direct activities that significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and can participate in returns that would be considered significant to the VIE. The effect of this change is not material to our consolidated financial statements.



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We have investments in other real estate ventures and investment companies which are considered VIEs. However, we do not participate in the management of these entities including the day-to-day operating decisions or other decisions which allow us to control the entity, and therefore, we are not considered the primary beneficiary of the VIE. We account for these entities using the equity or cost method of accounting.

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The carrying amounts of our investments in these VIEs for which we are not the primary beneficiary as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

	As of June 30, 2010		As of December 31, 2009	
	Carrying amount	Maximum exposure	Carrying amount	Maximum exposure
Investments in real estate ventures	\$ 8,379	\$ 8,379	\$ 8,796	\$ 8,796
Investments in investment companies	23,953	23,953	21,108	21,108
Total	\$ 32,332	\$ 32,332	\$ 29,904	\$ 29,904

The carrying amounts above are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. The income and loss related to these investments are recorded in (loss) income from equity and cost method investments in the consolidated statement of operations. We recorded a loss of \$0.4 million and income of \$0.1 million in the quarters ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We recorded income of \$0.5 million and a loss of \$0.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Our maximum exposure is equal to the carrying value of our investments. As of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, our unfunded commitments totaled \$14.8 million and \$16.8 million, respectively.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In September 2009, the FASB ratified the Emerging Issues Task Force's amended guidance on accounting for revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. The amended guidance allows the use of an estimated selling price for the undelivered units of accounting in transactions in which vendor-specific objective evidence (VSOE) or third-party evidence (TPE) does not exist. The amended guidance no longer allows the use of the residual method when allocating arrangement consideration between the delivered and undelivered units of accounting if VSOE and TPE of the selling price does not exist for all units of accounting. Entities are required to estimate the selling price of the deliverables, when VSOE and TPE are not available, and then allocate the consideration based on the relative selling prices of the deliverables. This guidance also requires additional disclosures including the amount of revenue recognized each reporting period and the amount of deferred revenue as of the end of each reporting period under this guidance. This guidance is effective for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2010 and should be applied on a prospective basis. We have not determined the impact that this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB amended the guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures to add two new disclosure provisions to the current fair value disclosure guidance, including (1) details of transfers in and out of level 1 and level 2 measurements, and (2) gross presentation of activity within the level 3 roll forward. The guidance also amends two existing fair value disclosure requirements so that entities are required to disclose (1) the valuation techniques and inputs used to develop fair value measurements for assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on both a recurring basis and nonrecurring basis in periods subsequent to initial recognition and (2) fair value measurement disclosures for each class of assets and liabilities. A class is defined as a subset of assets or liabilities within a line item in the statement of financial position. The guidance is for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the changes to the level 3 roll forward which are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. We have added the required disclosures under this guidance to our consolidated financial statements beginning with the first quarter of 2010.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in the consolidated financial statements and in the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Restricted Cash and Debt Redemptions*

In October 2009, we established a cash collateral account with the proceeds from the sale of 9.25% Senior Subordinated Second Lien Notes due 2017 (the 9.25% Notes). The cash collateral account restricted the use of cash therein to repurchase our 3.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2027 (the 3.0% Notes) and 4.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the 4.875% Notes) upon, or prior to, the expiration of the put periods for such notes in May 2010 and January 2011, respectively. Upon expiration of such put periods, the unused cash is released to us to be used for general corporate purposes.

During the first quarter of 2010, we completed tender offers to purchase for cash any and all of the outstanding 3.0% Notes and 4.875% Notes at 100% of the face value of such notes. We used \$26.6 million of restricted cash to pay for such redemptions. We redeemed approximately \$12.3 million and \$14.3 million of the 3.0% and 4.875% Notes, respectively. During the second quarter of 2010, the put right period for the 3.0% Notes expired and holders representing \$10.0 million in principal amount of the 3.0% Notes

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exercised their put rights. We used \$10.0 million of restricted cash to pay for such exercises. After the expiration of the 3.0% Notes put rights \$5.4 million of unused funds from the cash collateral account were released to us for general corporate purposes. Additionally, during the second quarter of 2010, we made an early repayment of \$25.0 million on our Term Loan B and repurchased, on the open market, \$6.1 million of the 6.0% Notes. As of June 30, 2010, we held \$22.4 million in the restricted cash collateral account to be used for the redemption of the remaining \$22.7 million aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Notes. Any unused funds in the cash collateral account after expiration of the put period in January 2011 with respect to the 4.875% Notes will be released to us and used for general corporate purposes. All of the restricted cash classified as current as of June 30, 2010 relates to the January 2011 put option. Additionally, under the terms of certain lease agreements, as of June 30, 2010, we are required to hold \$0.4 million of restricted cash related to the removal of analog equipment from some of our leased towers. As of December 31, 2009, we were required to hold \$0.5 million of restricted cash related to the removal of analog tower equipment.

***Income Taxes***

Our income tax provision for all periods consists of federal and state income taxes. The tax provision for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, is based on the estimated effective tax rate applicable for the full year after taking into account discrete tax items and the effects of the noncontrolling interests.

***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior years consolidated financial statements to conform to the current year s presentation.

**2. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:**

***Litigation***

We are party to lawsuits and claims from time to time in the ordinary course of business. Actions currently pending are in various preliminary stages and no judgments or decisions have been rendered by hearing boards or courts in connection with such actions. After reviewing developments to date with legal counsel, our management is of the opinion that the outcome of our pending and threatened matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of operations or consolidated statements of cash flows.

***FCC License Renewals***

In May 2010, the FCC granted the license renewal application of WUCW-TV in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

*Network Affiliation Agreements*

Our ABC network affiliation agreements were scheduled to expire December 31, 2009. We extended these affiliation agreements until March 31, 2010, while we continued negotiations. On March 25, 2010, we agreed to terms on a renewal of the ABC network affiliation agreements, expiring August 31, 2015. Pursuant to the terms we are required to pay an annual license fee to ABC for network programming.

Our FOX affiliation agreements require us to receive FOX's consent prior to entering into retransmission consent agreements that include content provided by FOX. FOX has recently begun conditioning its consent on its affiliates agreeing to pay FOX compensation related to such retransmission consent agreements. Sinclair, and other FOX affiliates, are currently negotiating with FOX on this issue. As of June 30, 2010, the net book value of our FOX network affiliation assets was \$31.8 million.

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The following table reconciles income (loss) (numerator) and shares (denominator) used in our computations of earnings (loss) per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Income (Loss) (Numerator)</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 17,020	\$ 2,695	\$ 28,080	\$ (84,344)
Income impact of assumed conversion of the 4.875% Notes, net of taxes	166		332	
Income impact of assumed conversion of the 6.0% Debentures, net of taxes	1,151			
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests included in continuing operations	321	197	847	