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# Commercial Broadcast Stations Biennial Ownership Report (FCC Form 323)

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Purpose: **Commercial Broadcast Stations Biennial Ownership Report** | Status: **Submitted** | Status Date: **10/23/2023**

Filing Status: **Active**

## Section I - General Information

### 1. Respondent

FRN	Entity Name
0004200978	Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.

Street Address	City (and Country if non U.S. address)	State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)	Zip Code	Phone	Email
PO Box 366	Sauk Rapids	MN	53679-0366	+1 (320) 252-6200	gary.e.hoppe@tricitybroadcasting.com

### 2. Contact Representative

Name	Organization
Gary E. Hoppe	Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.

Street Address	City (and Country if non U.S. address)	State	Zip Code	Phone	Email
PO Box 366	Sauk Rapids	MN	53679-0366	+1 (320) 252-6200	gary.e.hoppe@tricitybroadcasting.com

### 3. Application Filing Fee

Question	Response
Is this application being submitted without a filing fee?	No

**Fees**

Application Type	Form Number	Fee Code	Quantity	Fee Amount	Subtotal
Biennial	Form 323	MAR	3	95	\$285.00
				Total	\$285.00

**4. Nature of Respondent**

**(a) Provide the following information about the Respondent:**

Relationship to stations/permits	Licensee
Nature of Respondent	For-profit corporation

**(b) Provide the following information about this report:**

Purpose	Biennial
"As of" date	10/01/2023
<p><b>When filing a biennial ownership report or validating and resubmitting a prior biennial ownership report, this date must be Oct. 1 of the year in which this report is filed.</b></p>	

**5. Licensee(s) and Station(s)**

Respondent is filing this report to cover the following Licensee(s) and station(s):

Licensee/Permittee Name	FRN
Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.	0004200978

Fac. ID No.	Call Sign	City	State	Service
26980	WBHR	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	AM
67694	WHMH-FM	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FM
78914	WVAL	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	AM
141856	W293CS	HINCKLEY	MN	FX
202610	W239CU	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FX
202611	W272EG	SAUK RAPIDS	MN	FX

**Section II – Biennial Ownership Information**

**1. 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3613 and Other Documents**

Licensee Respondents that hold authorizations for one or more full power television, AM, and/or FM stations should list all contracts and other instruments set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3613(a) through (c) for the facility or facilities listed on this report. In addition, attributable Local Marketing Agreements (LMAs) and attributable Joint Sales Agreements (JSAs) must be disclosed by the licensee of the brokering station on its ownership report. If the agreement is an attributable LMA, an attributable JSA, or a network affiliation agreement, check the appropriate box. Otherwise, select "Other." Non-Licensee Respondents, as well as Licensee Respondents that only hold authorizations for Class A television and/or low power television stations, should select "Not Applicable" in response to this question.

Document Information	
Description of contract or instrument	Articles of Incorporation
Parties to contract or instrument	State of Minnesota

<b>Date of execution</b>	11/1976
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Articles of Incorporation

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Amendment of Articles of Incorporation
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	State of Minnesota
<b>Date of execution</b>	03/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Articles of Incorporation

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Amended and restated Bylaws
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Shareholders
<b>Date of execution</b>	01/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Bylaws

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Cross Purchase Agreement
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust; Valeria C. Hoppe
<b>Date of execution</b>	01/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Purchase Agreement

Document Information	
<b>Description of contract or instrument</b>	Shareholder Control Agreement
<b>Parties to contract or instrument</b>	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust; Valeria C. Hoppe
<b>Date of execution</b>	04/2004
<b>Date of expiration</b>	No expiration date
<b>Agreement type</b> (check all that apply)	Other <b>Agreement Type:</b> Shareholder Control Agreement

## 2. Ownership Interests

(a) Ownership Interests. This Question requires Respondents to enter detailed information about ownership interests by generating a series of subforms. Answer each question on each subform. The first subform listing should be for the Respondent itself. If the Respondent is not a natural person, also list each of the officers, directors, stockholders, non-insulated partners, non-insulated members, and any other persons or entities with a direct attributable interest in the Respondent pursuant to the standards set forth in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555. (A "direct" interest is one that is not held through any intervening companies or entities.) List each interest holder with a direct attributable interest in the Respondent separately.

Leave the percentage of total assets (Equity Debt Plus) field blank for an interest holder unless that interest holder has an attributable interest in the Respondent solely on the basis of the Commission's Equity Debt Plus attribution standard, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555, Note 2(i).

In the case of vertical or indirect ownership structures, list only those interests in the Respondent that also represent an attributable interest in the Licensee(s) for which the report is being submitted.

Entities that are part of an organizational structure that includes holding companies or other forms of indirect ownership must file separate ownership reports. In such a structure do not report, or file a separate report for, any interest holder that does not have an attributable interest in the Licensee(s) for which the report is being submitted.

Please see the Instructions for further detail concerning interests that must be reported in response to this question.

The Respondent must provide an FCC Registration Number for each interest holder reported in response to this question. Please see the Instructions for detailed information and guidance concerning this requirement.

Ownership Information			
<b>FRN</b>	0004200978		
<b>Entity Name</b>	Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.		
<b>Address</b>	<b>PO Box</b>	366	
	<b>Street 1</b>		
	<b>Street 2</b>		
	<b>City</b>	Sauk Rapids	
	<b>State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)</b>	MN	
	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	53679-0366	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Respondent		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Respondent		
<b>Tribal Nation or Tribal Entity</b>	Interest holder is not a Tribal nation or Tribal entity		
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	0.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No
	<b>Equity</b>	0.0%	
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	0.0%	
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>			No

Ownership Information		
<b>FRN</b>	0020089744	
<b>Name</b>	Mark A. Hoppe	
<b>Address</b>	<b>PO Box</b>	16318
	<b>Street 1</b>	
	<b>Street 2</b>	
	<b>City</b>	St. Paul

	<b>State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)</b>	MN	
	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	55116	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Other Interest Holder		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Director, Other - Trustee		
<b>Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	US	
	<b>Gender</b>	Male	
	<b>Ethnicity</b>	Not Hispanic or Latino	
	<b>Race</b>	White	
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	100.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No
	<b>Equity</b>	0.0%	
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	0.0%	
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>			Yes

#### Ownership Information

<b>FRN</b>	0020089694		
<b>Name</b>	Valeria C. Hoppe		
<b>Address</b>	<b>PO Box</b>	366	
	<b>Street 1</b>		
	<b>Street 2</b>		
	<b>City</b>	Sauk Rapids	
	<b>State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)</b>	MN	
	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	56379-0366	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Other Interest Holder		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Officer, Director, Stockholder, Other - Non-Voting		
<b>Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	US	
	<b>Gender</b>	Female	
	<b>Ethnicity</b>	Not Hispanic or Latino	
	<b>Race</b>	White	
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	0.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No

	<b>Equity</b>	49.0%
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	49.0%
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>		No

**Ownership Information**

<b>FRN</b>	0020089710		
<b>Name</b>	Gary E. Hoppe		
<b>Address</b>	<b>PO Box</b>	366	
	<b>Street 1</b>		
	<b>Street 2</b>		
	<b>City</b>	Sauk Rapids	
	<b>State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)</b>	MN	
	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	56379-0366	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Other Interest Holder		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Director		
<b>Citizenship, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race Information (Natural Persons Only)</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	US	
	<b>Gender</b>	Male	
	<b>Ethnicity</b>	Not Hispanic or Latino	
	<b>Race</b>	White	
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	0.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No
	<b>Equity</b>	0.0%	
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	0.0%	
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>		Yes	

**Ownership Information**

<b>FRN</b>	0027937648		
<b>Entity Name</b>	Herbert M. Hoppe Revocable Trust		
<b>Address</b>	<b>PO Box</b>		
	<b>Street 1</b>	366	
	<b>Street 2</b>		
	<b>City</b>	Sauk Rapids	
	<b>State ("NA" if non-U.S. address)</b>	MN	

	<b>Zip/Postal Code</b>	56379-0366	
	<b>Country (if non-U.S. address)</b>	United States	
<b>Listing Type</b>	Other Interest Holder		
<b>Positional Interests</b> (check all that apply)	Stockholder		
<b>Tribal Nation or Tribal Entity</b>	Interest holder is not a Tribal nation or Tribal entity		
<b>Interest Percentages</b> (enter percentage values from 0.0 to 100.0)	<b>Voting</b>	0.0%	<b>Jointly Held?</b> No
	<b>Equity</b>	51.0%	
	<b>Total assets (Equity Debt Plus)</b>	51.0%	
<b>Does interest holder have an attributable interest in one or more broadcast stations that do not appear on this report?</b>			Yes

<b>(b) Respondent certifies that any interests, including equity, financial, or voting interests, not reported in this filing are non-attributable.</b> If "No," submit as an exhibit an explanation.	Yes
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<b>(c) Are any of the individuals listed as an attributable interest holder in the Respondent married to each other or related to each other as parentchild or as siblings?</b>  If " <u>Yes</u> ," provide the following information for each such the relationship.	Yes
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Family Relationships			
<b>FRN</b>	0020089744	<b>Name</b>	Mark A Hoppe
<b>FRN</b>	0020089694	<b>Name</b>	Valeria C Hoppe
<b>Relationship</b>	Parent/Child		

Family Relationships			
<b>FRN</b>	0020089710	<b>Name</b>	Gary E Hoppe
<b>FRN</b>	0020089744	<b>Name</b>	Mark A Hoppe
<b>Relationship</b>	Siblings		

Family Relationships			
<b>FRN</b>	0020089710	<b>Name</b>	Gary E Hoppe
<b>FRN</b>	0020089694	<b>Name</b>	Valeria C Hoppe
<b>Relationship</b>	Parent/Child		

<b>(d) Is Respondent seeking an attribution exemption for any officer or director with duties wholly unrelated to the Licensee(s)?</b>  If " <u>Yes</u> ," complete the information in the required fields and submit an Exhibit fully describing	No
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that individual's duties and responsibilities, and explaining why that individual should not be attributed an interest.	
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**3. Organizational Chart (Licensees Only)**

Attach a flowchart or similar document showing the Licensee's vertical ownership structure including the Licensee and all entities that have attributable interests in the Licensee. Licensees with a single parent entity may provide a brief explanatory textual Exhibit in lieu of a flowchart or similar document. Licensees without parent entities should so indicate in a textual Exhibit.

**Non-Licensee Respondents should select "N/A" in response to this question.**

Licensee is a simple stock corporation with shareholders as outlined in this report below.

**Section III - Certification**

**Certification**

Section	Question	Response
<b>Authorized Party to Sign</b>	WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND /OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE --OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).	
<b>Certification</b>	I certify that I have examined this report and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements in this report are true, correct and complete.	Official Title: <b>CEO</b> Exact Legal Title or Name of Respondent: <b>Tri-County Broadcasting, Inc.</b> Name: <b>Gary E Hoppe</b> Phone: <b>3202526200</b>  10/23/2023