

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) APRIL 24, 2003

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-16914

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

OHIO  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

31-1223339  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

312 WALNUT STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

45202  
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (513) 977-3000

NOT APPLICABLE

(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

Item 5. Other Events

The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Scripps Trust"), the controlling shareholder of The E.W. Scripps Company (the "Company"), is offering 7,000,000 of the Class A Common Shares (the "Shares") of the Company through Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Underwriters") pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") dated April 24, 2003, among the Company, the Scripps Trust and the Underwriters. The Shares are registered on a Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3 of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2003 (file number 333-104008). Filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 is the Underwriting Agreement, which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:
  - 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated April 24, 2003, among The E.W. Scripps Company, The Edward W. Scripps Trust, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

By: /s/ E. John Wolfzorn

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E. John Wolfzorn  
Vice President and Treasurer

Dated: April 24, 2003

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

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7,000,000  
CLASS A COMMON SHARES  
(PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE)

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

April 24, 2003

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith  
Incorporated  
c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated  
1585 Broadway  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "SELLING SHAREHOLDER") proposes to issue and sell to the Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the "UNDERWRITERS") an aggregate of 7,000,000 Class A Common Shares (par value \$0.01 per share) (the "SHARES") of The E.W. Scripps Company (the "COMPANY"). The Class A Common Shares (par value \$0.01 per share) of the Company to be outstanding after giving effect to the sales contemplated hereby are hereinafter referred to as the "COMMON SHARES."

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "COMMISSION") a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-104008), including a prospectus, relating to the Shares. The registration statement as amended at the time it became effective, including the information (if any) deemed to be part of the registration statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "SECURITIES ACT"), is hereinafter referred to as the "REGISTRATION STATEMENT"; the prospectus in the form first used to confirm sales of Shares is hereinafter referred to as the "PROSPECTUS." If the Company has filed an abbreviated registration statement to register additional Common Shares pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the "RULE 462 REGISTRATION STATEMENT"), then any reference herein to the term "REGISTRATION STATEMENT" shall be deemed to include such Rule 462 Registration Statement.

1. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement has become effective; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the best of the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission.

(b) (i) The Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (iii) the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph do not apply to statements or omissions in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated ("MORGAN STANLEY") expressly for use therein.

(c) The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, when they became effective or at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and the regulations of the Commission thereunder or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "EXCHANGE ACT") and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, as applicable, and when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective, at the time the Prospectus was issued and on the Closing Date, as defined below, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(d) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Ohio, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole (a "MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT").

(e) Each subsidiary of the Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its

incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the issued shares of capital stock or equity interests of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable; the capital stock or equity interests of each subsidiary owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, is owned free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims; and the subsidiaries listed on Schedule II hereto are the only "significant subsidiaries" of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act).

(f) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(g) The authorized capital stock of the Company conforms as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus.

(h) The Common Shares (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder) outstanding have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE").

(i) The Company has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of its charter or by-laws or in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject except for such defaults that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; and the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by the Company and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or the passage of time or both conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any tax, lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder or any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, license, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any applicable treaty, law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its properties.

(j) No filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement or in connection with the sale and delivery of the Shares under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as may have previously been made or obtained or as may be required under the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder or state securities or blue sky laws.

(k) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (i) there has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement), whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, (ii) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and (iii) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock.

(l) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the best of the Company's knowledge, threatened to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any of the properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and are not so described or any statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are not described or filed as required.

(m) Each preliminary prospectus filed as part of the registration statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(n) The Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(o) The Company and its subsidiaries (1) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS"), (2) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (3) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval, except where such noncompliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals

or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of such permits, licenses or approvals would not, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

The Company knows of no costs or liabilities that have arisen under Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) which would, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Company, except as disclosed in the documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, or the right to require the Company to include such securities with the Shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(q) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real properties and all other properties and assets owned by them, in each case free from liens, encumbrances and defects that would materially affect the value thereof or materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them; and the Company and its subsidiaries hold any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no exceptions that would materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them.

(r) The Company and its subsidiaries possess adequate and effective certificates, authorities, permits and licenses issued by appropriate governmental agencies, regulatory authorizations or bodies (including all licenses required by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC")) necessary to conduct the business now operated by them and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authority, permit or license that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect, and each of the Company and its subsidiaries are presently conducting their respective businesses in substantial compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the FCC, and each of them has made all material filings required under any federal, state, local or other law, regulation or rule (including any material filings required by the FCC) and has obtained all material authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to conduct its respective business.

(s) No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any subsidiary exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent that might have a Material Adverse Effect.

(t) The Company and each member of its Control Group (as defined below) is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and the



regulations and published interpretations thereunder; no "reportable event" (for which a filing is required with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation) (as defined in ERISA and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder) has occurred with respect to any material "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder) established or maintained by the Company or any member of its Control Group; neither the Company nor any member of its Control Group has incurred nor expects to incur any material liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of a "pension plan" or withdrawal from any multiemployer "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder) or (ii) Section 412 or 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "CODE"); and each material "pension plan" established or maintained by the Company that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects and has received a favorable determination letter as to its qualifications and nothing has occurred, whether by action or failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification. For purposes of this subsection, "Control Group" is defined to include any entity which is part of a group which includes the Company and is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

(u) The Company and its subsidiaries own, possess or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate trademarks, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property (collectively, "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS") necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, or presently employed by them, and have not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any intellectual property rights that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.

(v) There are no pending actions, suits or proceedings against or affecting the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Shares; and no such actions, suits or proceedings are, to the Company's knowledge, threatened or contemplated.

(w) The accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement are independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(x) The financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus present fairly the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations and cash flows for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States applied on a consistent basis; any schedules included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement present fairly the information required to be stated therein.

2. Representations and Warranties of the Selling Shareholder. The Selling Shareholder represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) The Selling Shareholder is a trust duly formed and validly existing pursuant to Ohio law.

(b) To the best knowledge of the Selling Shareholder, the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 1 hereof are true and correct. The Selling Shareholder has reviewed and is familiar with the Registration Statement and the Prospectus with respect to all information contained therein and with respect to such information neither the Prospectus nor any amendments or supplements thereto includes any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Selling Shareholder is not prompted to sell the Shares to be sold by it under this Agreement by any information concerning the Company or any subsidiary of the Company which is not set forth in the Prospectus.

(c) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Selling Shareholder.

(d) The Selling Shareholder has the full right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to sell, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by it hereunder. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by it and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by the Selling Shareholder with its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by the Selling Shareholder and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any tax, lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder or any property or assets of the Selling Shareholder pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, license, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Selling Shareholder is a party or by which the Selling Shareholder may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Selling Shareholder is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the trust agreement of the Selling Shareholder, or any applicable treaty, law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Selling Shareholder or any of its properties.

(e) The Selling Shareholder has not taken, and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed to or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(f) No filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the performance by the Selling Shareholder of its obligations under this Agreement or in connection with the sale and delivery of the

Shares under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as may have previously been made or obtained or as may be required under the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder or state securities or blue sky laws.

(g) Neither the Selling Shareholder nor any of its affiliates directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, or has any other association with (within the meaning of Article I, Section 1(q) of the By-laws of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.), any member firm of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

(h) The Selling Shareholder agrees to deliver to the Underwriters on or prior to the Closing Date a properly completed and executed United States Treasury Department Form W-9 (or other applicable form or statement specified by Treasury Department regulations in lieu thereof).

(i) The Selling Shareholder has, and on the Closing Date will have, valid title to, or a valid "security entitlement" within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code (the "UCC") in respect of, the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens, equities or other encumbrances and the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to enter into this Agreement and to sell, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder or a security entitlement in respect of such Shares.

(j) Upon payment for the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement, delivery of the Shares, as directed by the Underwriters, to Cede & Co. ("CEDE") or such other nominee as may be designated by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), registration of the Shares in the name of Cede or such other nominee and the crediting of the Shares on the books of DTC to securities accounts of the Underwriters (assuming that neither DTC nor any such Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the UCC) to the Shares), (A) DTC shall be a "protected purchaser" of the Shares within the meaning of Section 8-303 of the UCC, (B) under Section 8-501 of the UCC, the Underwriters will acquire a valid security entitlement in respect of the Shares and (C) no action based on any "adverse claim", within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC, to the Shares may be asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlement; for purposes of this representation, the Selling Shareholder may assume that when such payment, delivery and crediting occur, (x) the Shares will have been registered in the name of Cede or another nominee designated by DTC, in each case on the Company's share registry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, code of regulations and applicable law, (y) DTC will be registered as a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC and (z) appropriate entries to the accounts of the Underwriters on the records of DTC will have been made pursuant to the UCC.

3. Agreements to Sell and Purchase. The Selling Shareholder hereby agrees to sell to the Underwriters, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees, severally and not

jointly, to purchase from the Selling Shareholder at \$75.512 a share (the "PURCHASE PRICE") the number of Shares set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter.

The Company hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period ending 90 days after the date of the Prospectus, (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any common shares of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common shares of the Company or (ii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of common shares of the Company, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of common shares of the Company or such other securities, in cash or otherwise.

The restrictions contained in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to (A) the Shares to be sold hereunder, (B) transactions by any person other than the Company or the Selling Shareholder relating to common shares or other securities of the Company, (C) the grant of options or common shares of the Company under the Company's stock and incentive plans as in effect on the date hereof or the issuance of common shares of the Company under the Company's non-employee director stock plan, (D) the issuance by the Company of common shares of the Company upon the exercise of an option or a warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof disclosed in the Prospectus, or (E) the issuance by the Company of unregistered securities in connection with acquisitions, which securities will not be registered for resale before the end of the 90-day period.

The Selling Shareholder hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period ending 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any common shares of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common shares of the Company or (ii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of common shares of the Company, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of common shares of the Company or such other securities, in cash or otherwise.

The restrictions contained in the preceding paragraph shall not apply to the Shares to be sold hereunder. In addition, the Selling Shareholder agrees that, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period ending 180 days after the date of the Prospectus, make any demand for, or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any Common Shares or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Shares.

4. Terms of Public Offering. The Company and the Selling Shareholder are advised by you that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Shares as soon after this Agreement has become effective as in your judgment is advisable. The

Company and the Selling Shareholder are further advised by you that the Shares are to be offered to the public initially at \$77.25 a share (the "PUBLIC OFFERING PRICE").

5. Payment and Delivery. Payment for the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder shall be made to the Selling Shareholder in Federal or other funds immediately available in New York City against delivery of such Shares for the respective accounts of the Underwriters at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on April 30, 2003, or at such other time on the same or such other date, not later than May 7, 2003, as shall be designated in writing by you. The time and date of such payment are hereinafter referred to as the "CLOSING DATE."

The Shares shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as you shall request in writing not later than one full business day prior to the Closing Date. The Shares shall be delivered to you on the Closing Date for the respective accounts of the Underwriters, with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the transfer of the Shares to the Underwriters duly paid, against payment of the Purchase Price therefor.

6. Conditions to the Underwriters' Obligations. The obligations of the Selling Shareholder to sell the Shares to the Underwriters and the several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Shares on the Closing Date are subject to the following conditions:

(a) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:

(i) there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any of the Company's securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) under the Securities Act; and

(ii) there shall not have occurred any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, from that set forth in the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement) that, in your judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in your judgment, impracticable to market the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(b) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Company, to the effect set forth in Section 6(a)(i) above and to the effect that (i) since the date of this Agreement and since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus, there has not occurred any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business and operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and (iii) the Company has complied with all of the

agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The officer signing and delivering such certificate may rely upon the best of his or her knowledge as to proceedings threatened.

(c) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by a trustee or an officer of the Selling Shareholder, to the effect that (i) the representations and warranties of the Selling Shareholder contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and (ii) the Selling Shareholder has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The trustee or officer signing and delivering such certificate may rely upon the best of his or her knowledge as to proceedings threatened.

(d) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Baker & Hostetler LLP, counsel for the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that:

(i) the Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Ohio, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, and to such counsel's knowledge is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a Material Adverse Effect;

(ii) each subsidiary of the Company identified in Schedule II hereto (each, a "SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARY") has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, and to such counsel's knowledge is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a Material Adverse Effect;

(iii) all of the issued shares of capital stock or equity interests of each Significant Subsidiary have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable; and the capital stock or equity interests of each subsidiary owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, is, to the best of such counsel's knowledge, owned free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims;

(iv) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(v) the authorized capital stock of the Company conforms as to legal matters to the description thereof contained in the Prospectus;

(vi) the Common Shares (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder) outstanding have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable;

(vii) the sale of the Shares by the Selling Shareholder is not subject to statutory preemptive rights or, to the best of such counsel's knowledge, similar rights of any securityholder of the Company;

(viii) the Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has been declared effective under the Securities Act; any required filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); and, to the best of such counsel's knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement has been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or threatened by the Commission;

(ix) the Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and the Rule 430A Information, as applicable, the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, and each amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement and Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of their respective effective or issue dates (other than the financial statements and financial schedules and other financial data included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder;

(x) the documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and financial schedules and other financial data included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which such counsel need express no opinion), when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder;

(xi) the form of certificate used to evidence the Common Shares complies in all material respects with all applicable statutory requirements, with any applicable requirements of the charter and code of regulations of the Company and the requirements of the NYSE;

(xii) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, there is not pending or threatened any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party, or to which the property of the Company or any subsidiary is subject, before or brought by any court or governmental agency

or body, domestic or foreign, which might reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the properties or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement or the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder;

(xiii) the information contained or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus under "Description of Capital Stock" and "Business - Federal Regulation of Broadcasting" and in the Registration Statement under Item 15, to the extent that it constitutes matters of law, summaries of legal matters, the Company's charter and code of regulations or legal proceedings, or legal conclusions, has been reviewed by such counsel and is correct in all material respects;

(xiv) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, there are no statutes or regulations that are required to be described in the Prospectus that are not described as required;

(xv) all descriptions in the Registration Statement of contracts and other documents to which the Company or its subsidiaries are a party are accurate in all material respects; to the best of such counsel's knowledge, there are no franchises, contracts, indentures, mortgages, loan agreements, notes, leases or other instruments required to be described or referred to in the Prospectus or the Registration Statement or to be filed as exhibits thereto other than those described or referred to therein or filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits thereto, and the descriptions thereof or references thereto are correct in all material respects;

(xvi) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, neither the Company nor any subsidiary is in violation of its charter or by-laws and no default by the Company or any subsidiary exists in the due performance or observance of any material obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument known to such counsel to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, except for such defaults that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(xvii) no filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign (other than under the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, which have been obtained, or as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) is necessary or required in connection with the due authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement or for the offering, sale or delivery of the Shares;



(xviii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement (including the sale of the Shares) and compliance by the Company with its obligations under this Agreement do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument, known to such counsel, to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary is subject (except for such conflicts, breaches or defaults or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not have a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any subsidiary, or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree, known to such counsel, of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary or any of their respective properties, assets or operations;

(xix) each of the Company and its subsidiaries has obtained all material licenses required by the FCC for the conduct and operation of its respective businesses, and such licenses are in full force and effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently conducting their respective businesses in substantial compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the FCC;

(xx) the Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; and

(xxi) nothing has come to the attention of such counsel that causes such counsel to believe that (A) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein (except for the financial statements and financial schedules and other financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any belief), do not comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder or the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, as applicable, (B) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus included therein, including the documents incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein (except for the financial statements and financial schedules and other financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any belief), at the time the Registration Statement became effective contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (C)

the Prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein (except for the financial statements and financial schedules and other financial and statistical data included therein, as to which such counsel need not express any belief), as of its date or as of the Closing Date contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(e) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Baker & Hostetler LLP, counsel for the Selling Shareholder, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that:

(i) the Selling Shareholder is a trust duly formed and validly existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio;

(ii) no filing with, or consent, approval, authorization, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, (other than the issuance of the order of the Commission declaring the Registration Statement effective and such authorizations, approvals or consents as may be necessary under the state securities or blue sky laws, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) is necessary or required to be obtained by such Selling Shareholder for the performance by such Selling Shareholder of its obligations under this Agreement or in connection with the offer, sale or delivery of the Shares;

(iii) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by or on behalf of the Selling Shareholder;

(iv) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the sale and delivery of the Shares and the consummation of the transaction contemplated in this Agreement and the Registration Statement and compliance by the Selling Shareholder with its obligation under this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Selling Shareholder and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under or result in the creation or imposition of any tax, lien, charge or encumbrance upon the Shares or any property or assets of the Selling Shareholder pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, license, lease or other instrument or agreement known to such counsel to which the Selling Shareholder is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Selling Shareholder may be subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the trust agreement of the Selling Shareholder, or any law, administrative regulation, judgment or order of any governmental agency or body or any administrative or court decree having jurisdiction over the Selling Shareholder or any of its properties;

(v) to the best of such counsel's knowledge, the Selling Shareholder has valid title to, or a valid security entitlement in respect of, the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder free and clear of all security interests, claims, liens, equities and other encumbrances, and the Selling Shareholder has the legal right and power, and all authorization and approval required by law, to enter into this Agreement and to sell, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder or a security entitlement in respect of such Shares; and

(vi) upon payment for the Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement, delivery of the Shares, as directed by the Underwriters, to Cede or such other nominee as may be designated by DTC, registration of the Shares in the name of Cede or such other nominee and the crediting of the Shares on the books of DTC to securities accounts of the Underwriters (assuming that neither DTC nor any such Underwriter has notice of any adverse claim within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the UCC to such Shares), (A) DTC shall be a "protected purchaser" of such Shares within the meaning of Section 8-303 of the UCC, (B) under Section 8-501 of the UCC, the Underwriters will acquire a valid security entitlement in respect of the Shares and (C) no action based on any "adverse claim" (within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC) to the Shares may be asserted against the Underwriters with respect to such security entitlement; in giving this opinion, counsel for the Selling Shareholder may assume that when such payment, delivery and crediting occur, (x) the Shares will have been registered in the name of Cede or another nominee designated by DTC, in each case on the Company's share registry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, code of regulations and applicable law, (y) DTC will be registered as a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC and (z) appropriate entries to the accounts of the Underwriters on the records of DTC will have been made pursuant to the UCC.

(f) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date, with respect to such matters as you shall reasonably request.

(g) With respect to Section 6(d)(xxi) above, Baker & Hostetler LLP may state that its belief is based upon its participation in the preparation of the Registration Statement and Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and review and discussion of the contents thereof, but are without independent check or verification, except as specified in its opinion.

(h) The Underwriters shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a letter dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof.

7. Covenants of the Company. In further consideration of the agreements of the Underwriters herein contained, the Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) To furnish to you, without charge, three signed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) a conformed copy of the Registration Statement (without exhibits thereto) and to furnish to you in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 7(c) below, as many copies of the Prospectus and any supplements and amendments thereto or to the Registration Statement as you may reasonably request.

(b) Before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, to furnish to you a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object, and to file with the Commission within the applicable period specified in Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act any prospectus required to be filed pursuant to such Rule.

(c) If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Shares as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters the Prospectus is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses you will furnish to the Company) to which Shares may have been sold by you on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with law.

(d) To endeavor to qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as you shall reasonably request.

(e) The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the Exchange Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act.

(f) The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act within the time periods required by the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

8. Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Selling Shareholder agrees to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel, the Company's accountants and counsel for the Selling Shareholder in connection with the registration and delivery of the Shares under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing, including all printing costs associated therewith, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers, in the quantities hereinabove specified, (ii) all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, including any transfer or other taxes payable thereon, (iii) the cost of printing or producing any Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares under state securities or blue sky laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale under state securities or blue sky laws as provided in Section 7(d) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky or Legal Investment memorandum, (iv) the cost of printing certificates representing the Shares, (v) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depository, (vi) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Shares, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations with the prior approval of the Company, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show, (vii) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement and (viii) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section. It is understood, however, that except as provided in this Section, Section 9 entitled "Indemnity and Contribution", and the last paragraph of Section 11 below, the Underwriters will pay all of their costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of their counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Shares by them and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

The provisions of this Section shall not supersede or otherwise affect any agreement that the Company and the Selling Shareholder may otherwise have for the allocation of such expenses among themselves.

9. Indemnity and Contribution. (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state

therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through Morgan Stanley expressly for use therein.

(b) The Selling Shareholder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, the Company, the directors of the Company, the officers of the Company who sign the Registration Statement, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter or the Company within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but only with reference to information relating to the Selling Shareholder furnished in writing by or on behalf of the Selling Shareholder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto.

(c) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Selling Shareholder, the directors of the Company, the officers of the Company who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company or the Selling Shareholder within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but only with reference to information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter through Morgan Stanley expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto.

(d) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 9(a), 9(b) or 9(c), such person (the "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "INDEMNIFYING PARTY") in writing and the indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified

party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (i) the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Underwriters and all persons, if any, who control any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or who are affiliates of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, (ii) the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Company, its directors, its officers who sign the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of either such Section and (iii) the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for the Selling Shareholder and all persons, if any, who control the Selling Shareholder within the meaning of either such Section, and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. In the case of any such separate firm for the Underwriters and such control persons and affiliates of any Underwriters, such firm shall be designated in writing by Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated. In the case of any such separate firm for the Company, and such directors, officers and control persons of the Company, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Company. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second and third sentences of this paragraph, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding.

(e) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 9(a), 9(b) or 9(c) is unavailable to an indemnified party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party under such

paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (1) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party or parties on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause 9(e)(i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause 9(e)(i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and of the indemnified party or parties on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Shareholder on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the Selling Shareholder and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate Public Offering Price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Company and the Selling Shareholder on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and the Selling Shareholder or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several in proportion to the respective number of Shares they have purchased hereunder, and not joint.

(f) The Company, the Selling Shareholder and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in Section 9(e). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 9 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.



(g) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 9 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the Selling Shareholder contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (a) any termination of this Agreement, (b) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, any person controlling any Underwriter or any affiliate of any Underwriter, any Selling Shareholder or any person controlling the Selling Shareholder, or the Company, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (c) acceptance of and payment for any of the Shares.

10. Termination. The Underwriters may terminate this Agreement by notice given by you to the Company, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, any of the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade, (ii) trading of any securities of the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market, (iii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, (iv) any moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities or (v) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis that, in your judgment, is material and adverse and which, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (v), makes it, in your judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

11. Effectiveness; Defaulting Underwriters. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

If, on the Closing Date, either of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares that it has agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Shares which such defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriter shall be obligated to purchase the Shares which such defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; provided that in no event shall the number of Shares that either Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to this Agreement be increased pursuant to this Section 11 by an amount in excess of one-ninth of such number of Shares without the written consent of such Underwriter. If, on the Closing Date, either Underwriter shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares and the aggregate number of Shares with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of Shares to be purchased, and arrangements satisfactory to you, the Company and the Selling Shareholder for the purchase of such Shares are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter, the Company or the Selling Shareholder. In any such case either you or the Selling Shareholder shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement and in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters, or any of them, because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Selling Shareholder to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Selling Shareholder shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Selling Shareholder will reimburse the Underwriters or such Underwriters as have so terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves, severally, for all out-of-pocket expenses (including the fees and disbursements of their counsel) reasonably incurred by such Underwriters in connection with this Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder.

12. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

13. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

14. Headings. The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.

Very truly yours,

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

By: /s/ E. John Wolfzorn

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Name: E. John Wolfzorn  
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

THE EDWARD W. SCRIPPS TRUST

By: /s/ Donald E. Maihaus

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Name: Donald E. Maihaus  
Title: Secretary-Treasurer

Accepted as of the date hereof

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith

Incorporated

By: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

By: /s/ William L. Blais

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Name: William L. Blais  
Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE I

UNDERWRITER	NUMBER OF SHARES TO BE PURCHASED
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated .....	3,500,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated .....	3,500,000
Total .....	7,000,000

SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARIES

Memphis Publishing Company

Scripps Texas Newspapers, L.P.

Collier County Publishing Company

Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company

Scripps Networks, Inc.