

CITADEL BROADCASTING CORP

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

OR

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

Commission file number: 001-31740

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**CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

City Center West, Suite 400  
7201 West Lake Mead Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

**51-0405729**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(702) 804-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Large Accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

As of May 7, 2007, net of shares held in treasury, there were 112,133,256 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share, outstanding.

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FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION	

Certain matters in this Form 10-Q, including, without limitation, certain matters discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), its directors or its officers with respect to, among other things, future events and financial trends affecting the Company.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by the words believes, expects, anticipates, continues, intends, likely, may, plans, will, and similar expressions, whether in the negative or the affirmative. All statements other than the statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for the purpose of federal and state securities laws, including, without limitation, any projections on pro forma statements of earnings, revenues or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations, including the proposed business combination with ABC Radio; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of belief; and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements.

Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that matters referred to in such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, the impact of current or pending legislation and regulation, antitrust considerations, the impact of pending or future litigation or claims, and other risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: changes in economic conditions in the U.S.; fluctuations in interest rates; changes in market conditions that could impair the Company's goodwill or intangible assets; changes in industry conditions; changes in governmental regulations; changes in policies or actions or in regulatory bodies; changes in uncertain tax positions and tax rates; changes in dividend policy; changes in capital expenditure requirements; the risk that the proposed business combination with ABC Radio may be delayed or not close or may be less favorable for the Company than originally expected; as well as those matters discussed under the captions Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors in Citadel Broadcasting Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.



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All forward-looking statements in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Table of Contents****PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)  
CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets****(in thousands, except share and per share data)****(unaudited)**

	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>December 31, 2006</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,310	\$ 3,747
Accounts receivable, net	65,628	77,852
Prepaid expenses and other current assets (including deferred income tax assets of \$6,552 and \$7,512 as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively)	10,711	9,585
Total current assets	79,649	91,184
Property and equipment, net	79,406	83,934
FCC licenses	1,327,305	1,327,305
Goodwill	639,747	637,742
Other assets, net	33,847	33,531
Total assets	\$ 2,159,954	\$ 2,173,696
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other liabilities	\$ 31,039	\$ 40,746
Long-term liabilities:		
Senior debt	412,000	401,000
Convertible subordinated notes (net of discount of \$1,910 and \$2,037 as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively)	328,090	327,963
Other long-term liabilities, less current portion	19,963	21,951
Deferred income tax liabilities	272,244	257,728
Total liabilities	1,063,336	1,049,388
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value authorized, 200,000,000 shares at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006; no shares issued or outstanding at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006		
Common stock, \$.01 par value authorized, 500,000,000 shares at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006; issued, 138,947,785 and 138,276,712 shares at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively; outstanding, 112,383,856 and 113,439,059 shares at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	1,389	1,383
Additional paid-in capital	1,568,062	1,582,858
Treasury stock, at cost, 26,563,929 and 24,837,653 shares at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	(340,641)	(323,879)

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Accumulated deficit	(132,192)	(136,054)
Total shareholders' equity	1,096,618	1,124,308
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,159,954	\$ 2,173,696

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

**Table of Contents****CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations**

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Net broadcasting revenue	\$ 92,920	\$ 93,999
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of revenues, exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below	28,385	28,519
Selling, general and administrative	29,508	30,061
Corporate general and administrative	10,218	6,075
Local marketing agreement fees	326	313
Depreciation and amortization	2,804	5,533
Other, net	(3,895)	10
Operating expenses	67,346	70,511
Operating income	25,574	23,488
Interest expense, net	7,474	6,857
Income before income taxes	18,100	16,631
Income tax expense	11,338	7,106
Net income	\$ 6,762	\$ 9,525
Net income per share basic	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.09
Net income per share diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	110,489	111,595
Diluted	124,359	127,362

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.



**Table of Contents****CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows****(in thousands)****(unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 6,762	\$ 9,525
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	2,804	5,533
Non-cash debt related amounts	(332)	458
Provision for bad debts	647	665
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(3,876)	8
Deferred income taxes	10,839	6,283
Stock-based compensation expense	5,333	4,195
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:</b>		
Accounts receivable	11,540	6,434
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,348)	(1,340)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other obligations	(6,532)	(5,170)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>24,837</b>	<b>26,591</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(2,051)	(2,162)
Cash paid to acquire stations		(9,012)
Proceeds from sale of assets	7,445	1
Other assets, net	(3,784)	(1,222)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>(12,395)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from senior debt	36,000	75,000
Principal payments on senior debt	(25,000)	(12,500)
Purchase of shares held in treasury	(17,527)	(58,219)
Dividends paid to holders of common stock	(20,362)	(20,903)
Principal payments on other long-term obligations	(24)	(107)
Repayment of shareholder notes	29	29
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(26,884)</b>	<b>(16,700)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(437)</b>	<b>(2,504)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,747	4,220
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 3,310</b>	<b>\$ 1,716</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.



**Table of Contents****CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)****(in thousands)****(unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<i>Supplemental schedule of cash flow information</i>		
Cash Payments:		
Interest	\$ 9,461	\$ 7,353
Income taxes	437	219
Barter Transactions:		
Equipment purchases through barter	32	23
Barter Revenue included in net broadcasting revenue	2,089	2,009
Barter Expenses included in cost of revenues	2,061	1,940
Other Non-Cash Transactions:		
Accrual of capital expenditures	593	
Accrual of other assets	632	
Accrual of treasury stock repurchases	689	14,052
Dividends declared but not paid		19,983
Accrual of dividend gross-up obligation	269	
Issuance of treasury shares for 401(k) plan employer match	650	
FIN 48 liability	4,906	

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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**CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements**

**(unaudited)**

**1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

*Description of the Company*

In January 2001, Citadel Broadcasting Corporation, formed by affiliates of Forstmann Little & Co. ( FL&Co. ), entered into an agreement with Citadel Communications Corporation ( Citadel Communications ) to acquire substantially all of the outstanding common stock of Citadel Communications (the 2001 Acquisition ) in a leveraged buyout transaction. Citadel Broadcasting Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel Communications, is referred to as Citadel Broadcasting, and in July 2004, Citadel Communications was liquidated into Citadel Broadcasting Corporation (the Company ).

In connection with the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, Alphabet Acquisition Corp. was incorporated in Delaware on January 24, 2006 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation.

On February 6, 2006, the Company and Alphabet Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with The Walt Disney Company ( TWDC ) and ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., formerly known as ABC Chicago FM Radio, Inc. ( ABC Radio ), a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of TWDC (the Merger ). The Agreement and Plan of Merger was subsequently amended as of November 19, 2006. In these notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements, the Company refers to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, as amended, as the ABC Radio Merger Agreement. Pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company will combine its business with ABC Radio, which includes 22 radio stations and the ABC Radio Network. The combination is structured as a reverse Morris Trust transaction. Prior to the Merger, TWDC will distribute ownership of ABC Radio to TWDC shareholders in a spin-off transaction. As of November 19, 2006, the transaction was expected to be valued at approximately \$2.6 billion, which was comprised of \$1.5 billion in Company common stock to be received by TWDC shareholders and cash to be retained by TWDC. The cash amount represents the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off from TWDC, which debt is expected to be refinanced by the Company at or following the closing. The amount of the cash to be retained by TWDC is expected to be between \$1.1 billion and \$1.35 billion depending on the market price of the Company s common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing. Immediately after closing of the merger transactions and subject to adjustments described in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the holders of TWDC common stock are expected to own approximately 57% of the common stock of the combined company. This percentage is calculated based on the number of shares of the Company s common stock currently deemed outstanding for this purpose. The number of shares is determined on a partially diluted basis, as agreed to in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, and includes some shares of the Company s stock that are issuable upon the exercise or conversion of other securities, but excludes any shares of the Company s common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company s convertible subordinated notes. Final determination of such amounts will be based on the number of shares of the Company s common stock deemed for such purposes to be outstanding on the closing date of the Merger and the market price of the Company s stock during a measurement period ending prior to closing. The Merger and the issuance of the Company s common stock in the Merger have been approved by written consent of holders of record of a majority of the Company s common stock.

Pursuant to the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company is expected to declare a special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of record at a date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger. The amount of the distribution will be determined based on the market price of the Company s common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing and the number of shares of the Company s common stock deemed to be outstanding for such purposes.

For illustrative purposes, assuming the Company s shares deemed outstanding for purposes of measuring the Merger consideration as of the closing remains unchanged from the shares deemed outstanding as of May 7, 2007 and TWDC has made its election to exclude from this determination the shares of Company common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company s convertible subordinated notes and further assuming the average closing price of the Company s common stock during the measurement period prior to the Merger closing equals \$9.05, which was the closing price of the Company s common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the above date, then the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off would be \$1.35 billion. Under these same assumptions, the special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of a record date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger would be \$2.46 per share.

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The Company has received a commitment from several lenders, which commitment is subject to customary closing conditions, to provide debt financing to the Company in connection with the payment of the special distribution, the refinancing of Citadel Broadcasting Company's Senior Credit Facility, the refinancing of ABC Radio's debt and the completion of the Merger.

Consummation of the Merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including the absence of certain legal impediments to the consummation of the Merger, the expiration or termination of any required waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, the effectiveness of certain filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), the receipt of consent to, or rulings on, the transactions from the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ) and the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ), and the receipt of certain legal opinions on tax matters. On March 22, 2007, the FCC adopted an Order granting the transfers of control of the ABC radio stations and renewal applications, which Order became effective on April 4, 2007. In granting its approval of the Merger, the FCC has required the Company to divest up to eleven stations in seven markets and place the stations in trust immediately upon closing. The Company does not believe these divestitures will be material to its ongoing business. On April 17, 2006, Citadel and ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. received from the Federal Trade Commission ( FTC )

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notice of early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. On May 4, 2007, the IRS issued to TWDC the necessary ruling for the Merger to be completed as a reverse Morris Trust transaction. The parties expect that ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. shall also receive a ruling from the IRS that is substantially similar in all material respects to the ruling provided to TWDC; however, the ruling to ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. has not been issued yet by the IRS.

On December 21, 2006, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, as amended February 14, April 5, April 26, May 7, and May 8, 2007, containing a preliminary information statement/prospectus regarding the proposed business combination with the ABC Radio business. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the SEC on May 8, 2007 and mailing of the information statement/prospectus commenced on May 9, 2007. The proposed closing of the Merger, assuming all closing conditions are satisfied or waived, would occur in June 2007.

The ABC Radio Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights and provides that, upon the termination of the ABC Merger Agreement under specified circumstances, a party may be required to pay to the other party a termination fee in the amount of \$81 million. In addition, if the transaction is terminated under certain circumstances, TWDC may be required to pay the Company up to \$15 million as a reimbursement of its expenses.

### ***Description of the Business***

Citadel Broadcasting Corporation was incorporated in Delaware and owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Citadel Broadcasting. Citadel Broadcasting owns and operates radio stations and holds FCC licenses in 24 states. Radio stations serving the same geographic area (i.e., principally a city or combination of cities) are referred to as a market. The Company aggregates the markets in which it operates into one reportable segment as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*.

### ***Principles of Consolidation and Presentation***

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements of the Company include Citadel Broadcasting Corporation, Citadel Broadcasting, and Alphabet Acquisition Corp. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of results of the interim periods have been made, and such adjustments were of a normal and recurring nature. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2007. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Citadel Broadcasting Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

### ***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year amounts to conform them to the current year presentation. The provision for bad debts has been presented separately from the change in accounts receivable in the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed statements of cash flows.

### ***Use of Estimates***

Management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, revenue and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These estimates and assumptions relate in particular to the evaluation of goodwill and intangible assets for potential impairment, including changes in market conditions which could affect the estimated fair values, the analysis of the measurement of deferred tax assets, the identification and quantification of income tax liabilities due to uncertain tax positions, and the determination of the allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts and notes receivable. The Company also uses assumptions when determining the value of certain fully vested stock units and when employing the Black-Scholes valuation model to estimate the fair value of stock options and the fair value of the derivative financial instrument. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.



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The Company recognizes an allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts based on historical experience of bad debts as a percentage of its aged outstanding receivables, adjusted for improvements or deteriorations in current economic conditions. Accounts receivable, net, on the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(in thousands)	
Trade receivables	\$ 68,543	\$ 80,309
Allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts	(2,915)	(2,457)
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 65,628	\$ 77,852

***Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities***

The Company has valued its obligation to settle dividends in cash upon the conversion of its convertible subordinated notes, if any, in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) 00-19, *Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock*, and SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. The Company measures the estimated fair value of the derivative financial instrument as of each reporting date, and any increase or decrease in fair value of the derivative liability is recognized immediately in earnings. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, the Company recognized a decrease in the estimated fair value of the financial derivative instrument liability in the amount of \$0.9 million, which is included in interest expense, net, and the estimated fair value of the derivative liability as of March 31, 2007 is \$1.6 million, which is included in other long-term liabilities.

***Debt Issuance Costs and Debt Discount***

The costs related to the issuance of debt are capitalized as other assets and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method over the term of the related debt. For the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 the amortization of debt issuance costs was \$0.5 million. The discount recorded as a reduction to the convertible subordinated notes is amortized to interest expense over the term of the notes. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, the amortization of the discount was \$0.1 million.

***Adoption of New Accounting Standards***

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes-an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* ( FIN 48 ). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. In addition, FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition of income tax positions, tax positions in interim periods, and income tax disclosures. See Note 2 for additional information.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and expands disclosures about fair value measurement. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157 on its consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. SFAS No. 159 permits entities to measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value and for entities which elect the fair value option, unrealized gains and losses will be reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option may be elected on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The provisions of SFAS No. 159 are effective for the Company as of January 1, 2008. The application of SFAS No. 159 requires prospective application, and the difference between the carrying amount and fair value is to be included in a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The Company does not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will have a material impact on its consolidated financial condition and results of operations.





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**2. INCOME TAXES**

The effective tax rate of approximately 62.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 differs from the federal tax rate of 35% as the result of a \$2.9 million non-cash write-down of the Company's deferred tax asset (as further described below), certain non-deductible compensation costs, state taxes and other non-deductible expenses. In the first quarter of 2007, the compensation committee of the Company's board of directors determined that specified performance goals were achieved for certain of the outstanding stock-based awards. In addition, certain restrictions lapsed with respect to restricted stock units. As a result, in the first quarter of 2007, the Company recognized a \$2.9 million non-cash write-down of its deferred tax asset for the excess of stock-based compensation expense recorded over the amount of such compensation costs deductible for income tax purposes upon vesting of these stock-based awards.

State taxes and non-deductible expenses caused the effective tax rate of approximately 42.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2006 to differ from the federal rate of 35%.

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company performed a comprehensive review of its uncertain tax positions in accordance with recognition and measurement standards established by FIN 48. In this regard, an uncertain tax position represents the Company's expected treatment of a tax position taken in a filed tax return, or expected to be taken in a tax return, that has not been reflected in measuring income tax expense for financial reporting purposes.

As a result of this review, the Company adjusted the estimated value of its uncertain tax positions by recognizing an additional estimated reduction in its deferred tax assets of approximately \$4.9 million, of which approximately \$2.9 million was recorded as an adjustment to the opening balance of accumulated deficit as of January 1, 2007 and approximately \$2.0 million was recorded as an increase to goodwill related to uncertain tax positions from a prior acquisition. Upon the adoption of FIN 48, the estimated value of the Company's uncertain tax positions is approximately \$9.2 million. Approximately \$0.3 million of the uncertain tax positions is included in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated condensed balance sheets as of March 31, 2007, and approximately \$8.9 million is reported as a deferred tax liability reducing the Company's deferred tax asset for its net operating loss. If the Company's positions are sustained by the taxing authorities in favor of the Company and it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the tax benefits, then approximately \$5.2 million would be recognized as a reduction of goodwill, and approximately \$4.0 million would reduce the Company's effective tax rate. The Company does not expect any reasonably possible material changes to the estimated amount of liability associated with uncertain tax positions through January 1, 2008.

The Company's continuing policy is to recognize accrued interest and penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense. As of January 1, 2007, the Company's accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions is immaterial as a result of the Company's net operating loss carryforward position.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. The Company has a number of federal and state income tax years still open for examination as a result of the net operating loss carryforwards. Accordingly, the Company is subject to examination for both U.S. federal and certain state tax return purposes for the years 1993 to present.

In the event that the Company completes the Merger described in Note 1, certain restrictions pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 382 may limit the combined company's ability to subsequently utilize these tax attributes following the Merger. Upon completion of the Merger, the Company will evaluate the deferred tax asset based on the operations of the combined company and determine whether a change in the valuation allowance will be required to reduce the deferred tax asset to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

The Company's state tax rate could also increase subsequent to the closing of the Merger as a result of a change in the jurisdictions in which the combined company will conduct its business. As of the closing date of the Merger, the Company will evaluate whether to recognize immediately in earnings the change, if any, in the state deferred tax rate expected to be applied to its existing net taxable temporary differences.

**Table of Contents****3. INTANGIBLE ASSETS***Indefinite-Lived Intangibles and Goodwill*

Intangible assets consist primarily of FCC broadcast licenses and goodwill, but also include certain other intangible assets acquired in purchase business combinations. Upon the adoption of SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002, the Company ceased amortization of goodwill and FCC licenses, which are indefinite-lived intangible assets. Definite-lived intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the contractual lives or estimated lives of the assets.

The Company determines the fair value of the FCC licenses for each of its reporting units by relying primarily on a discounted cash flow approach assuming a start-up scenario in which the only assets held by an investor are FCC licenses. The fair value of FCC licenses for each reporting unit contains significant assumptions incorporating variables that are based on past experiences and judgments about future performance using industry normalized information for an average station within a market. These variables would include, but are not limited to: (1) the forecasted growth rate of each radio market, including population, household income, retail sales and other expenditures that would influence advertising expenditures; (2) market share and profit margin of an average station within a market; (3) estimated capital start-up costs and losses incurred during the early years; (4) risk-adjusted discount rate; (5) the likely media competition within the market area; and (6) expected growth rates in perpetuity to estimate terminal values.

SFAS No. 142 requires the Company to test FCC licenses on an annual basis and between annual tests if events occur or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of FCC licenses below the amount reflected in the balance sheet. The annual test, which is performed by the Company as of October 1 in the fourth quarter of each year, requires that the Company (1) determine the reporting unit; and (2) compare the carrying amount of the FCC licenses reflected on the balance sheet in each reporting unit to the fair value of the reporting unit's FCC licenses.

SFAS No. 142 also requires the Company to test goodwill on an annual basis and between annual tests if events occur or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of goodwill below the amount reflected in the balance sheet. The Company performs its annual impairment test as of October 1 in the fourth quarter of each year by (1) determining the reporting unit; and (2) comparing the fair value of each reporting unit with the amount reflected in the balance sheet. If the fair value of any reporting unit is less than the amount reflected in the balance sheet, an indication exists that the amount of goodwill attributed to a reporting unit may be impaired, and the Company is required to perform a second step of the impairment test. In the second step, the Company compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, determined by allocating the reporting unit's fair value to all of its assets and liabilities in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation in accordance with SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*, to the amount reflected in the balance sheet.

To determine the fair value, the Company uses an income and/or market approach for each reporting unit. The market approach compares recent sales and offering prices of similar properties. The income approach uses the subject property's income generated over a specified time and capitalized at an appropriate market rate to arrive at an indication of the most probable selling price. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by the industry or the Company, including the expected economic recovery in the New Orleans market from the affects of Hurricane Katrina, or if an event occurs or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of the Company's FCC licenses or goodwill below the amounts reflected in the balance sheet, which as of March 31, 2007 includes approximately \$54.6 million related to these intangible assets in the New Orleans market, the Company may be required to recognize impairment charges in future periods, which could have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

The Company's reporting unit is the radio market, and the Company compares the carrying amount of the FCC licenses and goodwill in each market to the estimated fair value of that market's FCC licenses and goodwill, respectively.

The changes in the carrying amounts of FCC licenses and goodwill for the period ended March 31, 2007 are as follows:

	FCC Licenses	Goodwill
	(in thousands)	
Balance, January 1, 2007	\$ 1,327,305	\$ 637,742
Station purchase price adjustment		2,005
Balance March 31, 2007	\$ 1,327,305	\$ 639,747

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As discussed in Note 2, the Company adjusted the estimated value of its uncertain tax positions, and as a result, approximately \$2.0 million was recorded as an increase in goodwill.

**Table of Contents*****Definite-Lived Intangible Assets***

Definite-lived intangible assets are included within other assets, net, in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets, and the balance as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 was \$2.0 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. The amount of amortization expense for definite-lived intangible assets was \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company estimates the following amount of amortization expense over the next five years related to definite-lived intangible assets: approximately \$0.4 million in 2007 (including approximately \$0.3 million in the remainder of 2007), \$0.3 million in 2008 and approximately \$0.2 million in each of the three following years.

**4. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS*****Pending Acquisitions and Dispositions***

As discussed in Note 1, the Company has entered into the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, pursuant to which the Company expects to combine its business with the business of ABC Radio, which includes 22 radio stations and the ABC Radio Network. The FCC has determined that the Merger results in a substantial change in control (as defined under the FCC's rules and policies), and as a result, the Company will be required to divest 11 stations that exceed the applicable ownership limits and place the stations in trust immediately upon closing of the Merger. The 11 stations that must be divested are as follows: WCLZ(FM) and WCYI(FM), Portland, ME; KNEK-FM, Lafayette, LA; WYLZ(FM), Saginaw/Bay City, MI; WMGL(FM), Charleston, SC; KVLO(FM), KPZK-FM and KARN-FM, Little Rock, AR; KBZU(FM), Albuquerque, NM; and WWLS-FM and KINB(FM), Oklahoma City, OK.

The Company has entered into an agreement for the sale of its two stations in the Ithaca, NY market for approximately \$4.0 million.

**5. OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

In the third quarter of 2004, the Company reached a settlement with its previous national representation firm and entered into a long-term agreement with a new representation firm. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company's new representation firm settled the Company's obligations under the settlement agreement with the previous representation firm and entered into a new long-term contract with the Company. The deferred amount related to this contract is included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets and is being amortized over the life of the new contract, which expires on September 30, 2011.

**6. SENIOR DEBT**

In August 2004, Citadel Broadcasting entered into a senior credit agreement that provides for \$600.0 million in revolving loans through January 15, 2010 (Senior Credit Facility). Citadel Broadcasting is the primary borrower under its Senior Credit Facility. The Company has guaranteed the performance of Citadel Broadcasting thereunder. The Company has also pledged to its lenders all of the equity interests in and intercompany notes issued by Citadel Broadcasting.

Below is a table that sets forth the rates and the amounts borrowed under Citadel Broadcasting's Senior Credit Facility as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

Type of Borrowing	March 31, 2007		December 31, 2006	
	Amount of Borrowing (in thousands)	Interest Rate	Amount of Borrowing (in thousands)	Interest Rate
Revolving Loan	\$ 412,000	6.07 to 6.11%	\$ 401,000	6.10 to 6.12%

The amount available under Citadel Broadcasting's Senior Credit Facility at March 31, 2007 was \$185.8 million in the form of revolving credit commitments. This considers approximately \$2.2 million in letters of credit outstanding as of March 31, 2007. Citadel Broadcasting's ability to borrow under its Senior Credit Facility is limited by its ability to comply with several financial covenants as well as a requirement that it make various representations and warranties at the time of borrowing.

At Citadel Broadcasting's election, interest on any outstanding principal accrues at a rate based on either: (a) the greater of (1) the Prime Rate in effect; or (2) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, in each case, plus a spread that ranges from 0.00% to 0.375%, depending on Citadel

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Broadcasting's leverage ratio; or (b) the Eurodollar rate (grossed-up for reserve requirements), plus a spread that ranges from 0.625% to 1.375%, depending on Citadel Broadcasting's leverage ratio.

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Citadel Broadcasting's Senior Credit Facility contains customary restrictive non-financial covenants, which, among other things, and with certain exceptions, limit its ability to incur additional indebtedness, liens and contingent obligations, enter into transactions with affiliates, make acquisitions, declare or pay dividends, redeem or repurchase capital stock, enter into sale and leaseback transactions, consolidate, merge or effect asset sales, make investments or loans, enter into derivative contracts, or change the nature of its business. Citadel Broadcasting's Senior Credit Facility also contains covenants related to the satisfaction of financial ratios and compliance with financial tests, including ratios with respect to maximum leverage, minimum interest coverage and minimum fixed charge coverage. The covenant restricting the payment of dividends by Citadel Broadcasting, which is subject to a number of specific exceptions, as well as the covenants restricting transactions with affiliates and investments, generally limit the ability of Citadel Broadcasting to transfer funds to the Company. As of March 31, 2007, Citadel Broadcasting's net assets would be restricted pursuant to its Senior Credit Facility; such restriction approximates the Company's consolidated equity. As of March 31, 2007, these restrictions would not limit Citadel Broadcasting's ability to borrow under its Senior Credit Facility to make distributions from such borrowings to the Company to meet its liquidity needs. At March 31, 2007, Citadel Broadcasting was in compliance with all covenants under its Senior Credit Facility.

The Company has received a commitment from several lenders, which commitment is subject to customary closing conditions, to provide debt financing to the Company in connection with its payment of the special distribution, the refinancing of Citadel Broadcasting's Senior Credit Facility, the refinancing of ABC Radio's debt and the completion of the Merger.

If Citadel Broadcasting's existing Senior Credit Facility is not refinanced at or prior to closing of the Merger, the debt under that facility could accelerate as a result of the Merger. Accordingly, if financing is unavailable to the Company in connection with the Merger, the Company may be unable to pay the special distribution expected to be declared and payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger, refinance its existing debt (upon such acceleration or otherwise) or refinance the ABC Radio debt expected to be assumed by the Company in connection with the Merger.

See discussion below in Note 7, Subordinated Debt and Convertible Subordinated Notes.

**7. SUBORDINATED DEBT AND CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED NOTES**

On February 18, 2004, the Company sold 9,630,000 shares of common stock at \$19.00 per share and concurrently sold \$330.0 million principal amount of convertible subordinated notes, before underwriting discounts of approximately \$6.6 million. The convertible subordinated notes are due February of 2011 and bear interest at a rate of 1.875% per annum, payable February 15 and August 15 each year. Holders may convert these notes into common stock at an initial conversion rate of 39.2157 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, equal to a conversion price of \$25.50 per share. Pursuant to the terms of the indenture governing the convertible subordinated notes, the initial conversion price was adjusted to \$25.16 per share of the Company's common stock, effective immediately after November 30, 2005, as a result of the declared dividend to shareholders of record of the Company's common stock on November 30, 2005 in the amount of \$0.18 per share. As permitted under the indenture, no adjustment was made with respect to any subsequent dividends declared, since, in lieu of such adjustment, holders of the convertible subordinated notes will be entitled to the dividend amount upon conversion.

The Company has valued its obligation to settle dividends in cash upon conversion of its convertible subordinated notes, if any, in accordance with EITF 00-19, *Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock*, and SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. This derivative financial instrument is initially measured at its estimated fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and is recorded as a liability and a discount on the convertible subordinated notes. The initial discount is being amortized over the remaining term of the notes. At each subsequent reporting date, the Company measures the estimated fair value of the derivative financial instrument, and any increase or decrease in the estimated fair value of the derivative liability is recognized immediately in earnings. The Company measured the fair value of the conversion option using the following assumptions: (1) February 15, 2011 as the expiration of the instrument, (2) 5% as the risk-free rate of return, (3) the Company's current common stock price as of last trading date in the quarter, and (4) estimated volatility of the Company's common stock price during the expected term, which was measured based on several factors, including the limited history of its stock price and the deep out-of-the-money conversion price. Significant changes in these assumptions may significantly affect the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The derivative liability estimated fair value of \$1.6 million is classified as non-current liability based on the expected maturity date of the convertible subordinated notes.

The Company may redeem the notes at any time prior to maturity if the closing price of common stock of the Company has exceeded 150% of the conversion price then in effect for at least 20 trading days within a period of 30 consecutive trading days. Upon such a redemption, an additional payment would be due to the holders. Holders may require the Company to repurchase all or part of their notes at par plus accrued interest upon the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the indenture governing the terms of the convertible subordinated notes).





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On February 21, 2006, the Company received a letter from an attorney claiming to represent holders of approximately \$102.0 million of the principal amount of the Company's convertible subordinated notes that purported to be a notice of default under the indenture governing the convertible subordinated notes. The letter alleges that events of default have arisen and continue to arise from the ABC Radio Merger Agreement and from other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction. Specifically, the letter alleges that certain transactions and agreements contemplated by the ABC Radio Merger Agreement will or do constitute a fundamental change under the indenture.

On April 24, 2006, the Company received a second letter from the same attorney in which he claimed to represent holders of more than \$109.0 million of the principal amount of the Company's convertible subordinated notes and which letter claimed that the Company failed to cure the alleged defaults during the more than 60 days that elapsed since the Company's receipt of the first letter. The second letter alleges that as a result, an event of default has occurred and is continuing under the indenture. The second letter also purports to declare the principal amount of the convertible subordinated notes, and the accrued and unpaid interest, due and payable immediately.

The Company continues to believe that none of the transactions or agreements contemplated by the ABC Radio Merger Agreement nor the other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction will or do constitute a fundamental change under the indenture. Therefore, the Company does not believe that any event of default, as defined in the indenture, has occurred or is continuing and does not believe that any holders have a right to declare obligations under the convertible subordinated notes due and payable.

On July 17, 2006, the Company filed a complaint against certain of the holders of convertible subordinated notes in the Supreme Court for the State of New York seeking a judgment declaring that the ABC Radio Merger Agreement and the other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction do not constitute a fundamental change for purposes of the indenture. On January 5, 2007, Wilmington Trust Company filed a motion to intervene as a defendant and counter-claim plaintiff in the action. On March 1, 2007, the Court granted Wilmington Trust Company's motion to intervene as the defendant in the action and dismissed the individual defendants from the action. The Company filed an amended complaint on March 8, 2007 against the trustee as the defendant in the action. Wilmington Trust Company served counter-claims against the Company on March 15, 2007. Discovery is ongoing.

See additional discussion at Note 11.

## **8. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

### ***Stock Repurchase Plan***

On June 29, 2004 and November 3, 2004 the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$100.0 million and \$300.0 million, respectively, of shares of its outstanding common stock. As of March 31, 2007, the Company had repurchased approximately 25.9 million shares of common stock for an aggregate amount of approximately \$335.0 million under these repurchase programs. In addition, the Company has acquired approximately 0.9 million shares of common stock for approximately \$8.6 million during the first quarter of 2007 through transactions related to the vesting of previously awarded nonvested shares of common stock. Upon vesting, the Company withheld shares of stock in an amount sufficient to pay the employee's minimum statutory tax withholding rates required by the relevant tax authorities. These shares do not reduce the amounts authorized under the Company's repurchase programs discussed above. As of March 31, 2007, net of shares held in treasury, the Company had 112,383,856 shares of common stock outstanding.

### ***Dividends***

Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company's board of directors declared a quarterly dividend to holders of common stock of the Company. The 2007 first quarterly dividend of \$0.18 per share of common stock of the Company was declared to shareholders of record as of February 12, 2007. The following table sets forth the cash dividends declared and paid in 2007 and 2006.

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<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Dividend Per Share</b>
November 30, 2005	January 18, 2006	\$ 0.18
March 30, 2006	April 18, 2006	0.18
June 30, 2006	July 18, 2006	0.18
October 5, 2006	October 20, 2006	0.18
February 12, 2007	February 27, 2007	0.18

Dividends paid during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006 totaled \$20.4 million and \$82.7 million, respectively.

**9. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION*****Adoption of SFAS No. 123R***

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*, which requires the cost of all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values measured at the grant date, or the date of later modification, over the requisite service period. SFAS No. 123R also requires companies when recording compensation cost for equity awards to estimate at the date of grant the number of equity awards granted that are expected to be forfeited and to subsequently adjust the estimated forfeitures to reflect actual forfeitures.

Generally for tax purposes, the Company is expected to be entitled to a tax deduction, subject to certain limitations, based on the fair value of the underlying equity award when the restrictions lapse or stock options are exercised. When the Company determines that an equity award is more likely than not to be deductible for tax purposes, the cumulative compensation cost recognized for equity awards pursuant to SFAS No. 123R and amounts that ultimately will be deductible for tax purposes are temporary differences as prescribed by SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. The tax effect of compensation deductions for tax purposes in excess of compensation cost recognized in the financial statements, if any, will be recorded as an increase in shareholders' additional paid-in capital when realized. A deferred tax asset recorded for compensation cost recognized in the financial statements that exceeds the amount that is ultimately realized on the tax return, if any, will be charged to income tax expense when the restrictions lapse or stock options are exercised or expire unless the Company has an available additional paid-in capital pool (as defined pursuant to SFAS No. 123R). The Company is required to assess whether there is an available additional paid-in capital pool when the restrictions lapse or stock options are exercised or expire. As of March 31, 2007, the underlying fair value of equity awards since the date of grant has declined in value and the Company currently does not have an available additional paid-in capital pool. Accordingly, absent a subsequent recovery of the underlying fair value of the equity awards, when the restrictions lapse or the stock options are exercised or expire, the Company may be required to immediately recognize a non-cash write down of the deferred tax asset, which may be material to the consolidated results of operations, for the tax effect of the compensation cost previously recognized in the financial statements to the amount that is realized.

Total stock-based compensation expense recognized under SFAS No. 123R was \$5.3 million on a pre-tax basis, or \$(0.06) net of tax, per basic share for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The associated tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was \$1.8 million, which includes a \$2.9 million non-cash write-down of the Company's deferred tax asset for the excess of stock-based compensation expense recorded over the amount of such compensation costs deductible for income tax purposes upon vesting of these stock-based awards. Included in stock-based compensation expense for the 2007 quarter is approximately \$0.5 million related to dividends paid on nonvested shares of common stock that the Company estimates will not ultimately vest. Total stock-based compensation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$4.2 million on a pre-tax basis, with an associated tax benefit of \$1.7 million, or \$(0.02), net of tax, per basic share.

***Long-Term Incentive Plans***

Stock options are generally granted with an exercise price equal to the underlying common stock's fair market value at the date of grant. The stock options granted generally vest ratably over a four-year period commencing one year after the date of

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grant and expire on the earlier of 10 years from the date of grant or 60 days subsequent to the termination of employment or service as a director or independent contractor. The fair value of options granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions for the three months ended March 31, 2007: risk-free interest rate of approximately 5%; dividend yield of approximately 7%; expected life of approximately six years; and volatility of approximately 27%. The fair value of options granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions for the three months ended March 31, 2006: risk-free interest rate of approximately 4%; dividend yield of zero; expected life of approximately six years; and volatility of approximately 29%.

Effective September 20, 2005, the Company, pursuant to the Plan, granted to a senior executive officer of the Company 1,250,000 nonvested shares of common stock of the Company that initially vested in one-third installments annually, beginning on September 20, 2006. On March 16, 2006, the compensation committee of the Company's board of directors approved the modification of these 1,250,000 shares of nonvested stock to subject them to additional criteria based on the Company's attainment of certain revenue-related performance objectives and to extend the applicable vesting dates. Stockholder approval was obtained at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company on May 24, 2006. The nonvested shares outstanding as of March 31, 2007 are expected to vest in two equal portions on October 1, 2007 and 2008, and the related remaining unrecognized compensation is expected to be recognized as expense as the performance objectives are achieved over the longer of the requisite service period or performance period of the award, which is expected to be one to two years.

On March 16, 2006, the compensation committee also granted to certain of the Company's senior executive officers 1,281,994 nonvested performance-vesting shares, which are also subject to the Company's attainment of certain revenue-related performance objectives and the continued employment of the individuals through the remaining vesting date of March 16, 2008. The related unrecognized compensation at March 31, 2007 will be recognized when it is probable that the performance objectives are achieved over the longer of the requisite service period or performance period of the award, which is expected to be approximately one year.

Compensation cost has been recognized for certain stock-based awards that vest upon satisfaction of service criteria and performance objectives since, based on an analysis of historical performance and preliminary results for the first three months of 2007, management of the Company believes that the required service will be rendered and the performance condition specified in certain of the nonvested performance-vesting share awards will be achieved. The Company suspended the recognition of stock-based compensation expense related to certain performance-vesting stock awards, including the awards granted on March 16, 2006, since the related performance objectives were not achieved for the first three months of 2007 and it was not probable that the performance objective would be achieved. If in a subsequent period, the Company determines that the applicable performance objectives are probable and expected to be achieved, approximately \$1.5 million of additional expense would be recognized at that time related to the stock-based compensation expense that was not recognized relative to these nonvested share awards in the first quarter of 2007.

During 2006, the compensation committee approved the cancellation of the fully vested options to purchase 4,150,000 shares of common stock of the Company that had been granted to a senior executive officer of the Company in March 2002 at an exercise price of \$3.50 per share and their replacement with 2,868,006 fully vested stock units with deferred distribution dates (the "Undelivered Shares"). The Company obtained stockholder approval at the annual meeting of stockholders held on May 24, 2006. The incremental pre-tax fair value of approximately \$0.2 million, measured pursuant to SFAS No. 123R, attributed to this exchange of awards was determined based on the market price of the underlying stock at the date of grant and was recognized as compensation cost immediately on the date of modification.

In December 2006, the compensation committee approved a payment to a senior executive officer of the Company for the tax differential between ordinary income and dividend income tax rates during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, in respect of dividends and distributions, if any, the senior executive officer receives in respect of any unvested portion of the performance-vesting shares granted as of March 16, 2006 and any Undelivered Shares that have not yet been distributed. At the Company's discretion, such payments can be paid in cash or additional shares of common stock of the Company. The amount of such payment for 2006 was \$0.8 million and was paid in shares of common stock of the Company during the first quarter of 2007. The 2007 and 2008 payments are to be calculated as the product of 0.3738 and the aggregate amount of any such dividends and distributions received in respect of any of the remaining unvested portion of the 565,997 performance-vesting shares granted as of March 16, 2006 and any Undelivered Shares that have not yet been distributed. The calculated payment amount for the first three months of 2007 is approximately \$0.3 million and as of March 31, 2007, the Company expects that the 2007 payment will be made through the issuance of shares of common stock of the Company.

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As of March 31, 2007, the total number of shares of common stock that remain authorized, reserved, and available for issuance under the Plan was approximately 2.5 million, not including shares underlying outstanding grants. As of March 31, 2007, unrecognized pre-tax compensation cost related to the nonvested portion of the grant of 1,250,000 performance-vesting shares was approximately \$5.9 million and is expected to vest over approximately 1.5 years. The unrecognized pre-tax compensation cost related to the remaining performance-vesting nonvested shares was approximately \$8.4 million as of March 31, 2007, and will be expensed, if it is probable that the performance objectives are expected to be achieved, over a weighted average period of approximately 1.3 years. Unrecognized pre-tax compensation cost related to nonvested time-vesting arrangements and nonvested stock options of the Company as of March 31, 2007 was \$6.4 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.7 years and 1.4 years, respectively.

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2007:

	Options (in thousands)	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
<b>Options of Common Stock</b>				
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	4,379	\$ 15.86		
Granted	10	\$ 10.07		
Exercised		\$		
Forfeited	(58)	\$ 15.77		
Cancelled or Modified	(77)	\$ 16.75		
Outstanding at March 31, 2007	4,254	\$ 15.83	6.8	\$ 1
Vested or expected to vest at March 31, 2007	4,158	\$ 15.86	7.0	\$ 1
Exercisable at March 31, 2007	2,940	\$ 16.41	6.4	\$

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted during the period ended March 31, 2007 was \$1.38. No options were granted during the same period in 2006 or exercised during the quarters ended March 31, 2007 or 2006.

Activity related to shares of nonvested stock is summarized as follows:

	Number of Nonvested Share Awards (in thousands)	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
<b>Shares of Nonvested Common Stock Awards</b>		
Unvested awards at January 1, 2007	2,906	\$ 11.96
Granted	593	\$ 9.75
Awards vested	(1,057)	\$ 12.11
Forfeited	(8)	\$ 9.39
Unvested awards at March 31, 2007	2,434	\$ 11.37

The total fair value of awards of nonvested shares of common stock that vested during the first quarter of 2007 was \$12.8 million.

**10. NET INCOME PER SHARE**

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Net income per share is calculated in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share*, which requires presentation of basic and diluted net income per share. Basic net income per share excludes dilution is computed for both quarters presented by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. During the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, diluted net income per share is computed in the same manner as basic net income per share after assuming issuance of common stock for all potentially dilutive equivalent shares, which includes (1) stock options (using the treasury stock method), (2) the effect of nonvested shares of common

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stock outstanding, and (3) the conversion of the Company's convertible subordinated notes after eliminating from net income the interest expense, net of tax incurred, on the convertible subordinated notes. Anti-dilutive instruments are not considered in this calculation.

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per share computations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006:

	March 31,	
	2007	2006
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
<b>NUMERATOR:</b>		
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 6,762	\$ 9,525
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Convertible subordinated notes	939	936
<b>Numerator for net income per common share diluted</b>	<b>\$ 7,701</b>	<b>\$ 10,461</b>
<b>DENOMINATOR:</b>		
Weighted average common shares	110,489	111,595
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Options	5	2,457
Nonvested shares	749	194
Convertible subordinated notes	13,116	13,116
<b>Denominator for net income per common share diluted</b>	<b>124,359</b>	<b>127,362</b>
<b>Net income per common share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.09
Diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.08

Options to purchase approximately 4.2 million and 4.5 million shares of common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would have been antidilutive.

**11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

As described in Note 1, the Company has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with TWDC and ABC Radio, a subsidiary of TWDC. Pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company will combine its business with the business of ABC Radio, which includes 22 radio stations and the ABC Radio Network. Prior to the Merger, TWDC will distribute ownership of ABC Radio to TWDC shareholders in a spin-off transaction. As of November 19, 2006, the transaction was expected to be valued at approximately \$2.6 billion, which was comprised of approximately \$1.5 billion in Company common stock to be received by TWDC shareholders and cash to be retained by TWDC. The cash amount represents the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off from TWDC, which debt is expected to be refinanced by the Company at or following the closing. The amount of the cash to be retained by TWDC is expected to be between \$1.1 billion and \$1.35 billion depending on the market price of the Company's common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing.

Pursuant to the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company is expected to declare a special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of record at a date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger. The amount of the distribution will be determined based on the market price of the Company's common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing and the number of shares of the Company's common stock deemed to be outstanding for such purposes.

For illustrative purposes, assuming the Company's shares deemed outstanding for purposes of measuring the Merger consideration as of the closing remains unchanged from the shares deemed outstanding as of May 7, 2007 and TWDC has made its election to exclude from this

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determination the shares of Company common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's convertible subordinated notes and further assuming the average closing price of the Company's common stock during the measurement period prior to the Merger closing equals \$9.05 which was the closing price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the above date, then the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off would be \$1.35 billion. Under these same assumptions, the special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of a record date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger would be \$2.46 per share.

The Company could also incur significant costs and expenses in connection with the integration of the ABC Radio business.

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines and penalties, or other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated.

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In a complaint filed on June 5, 2003 with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, the Company was named as one of numerous defendants in litigation seeking monetary damages arising from the injuries and deaths at a Rhode Island nightclub. The complaint contains multiple causes of action, only a small number of which are brought against the Company, which assert claims, based on theories of joint venture liability and negligence. The Company's involvement was to advertise the concert on one of its stations and to distribute promotional tickets provided by the organizers. On October 3, 2003, the action was transferred to the United States District Court, District of Rhode Island, where it subsequently was consolidated with suits on behalf of some 240 other concertgoers (in which the Company was not sued) for the purposes of pre-trial discovery and motion practice. On January 27, 2005, the Company filed an answer to the complaint, substantially denying plaintiffs' allegations against the Company. On February 18, 2005, an identical suit was filed on behalf of one additional concertgoer. On January 5 and 31, 2006, substantially identical suits were filed on behalf of two additional concertgoers. The Company believes that plaintiffs' claims against the Company are without merit and intends to defend these claims vigorously. Several defendants in the various actions filed motions to dismiss on a variety of legal grounds, some of which were granted. The Court's Scheduling Order only recently allowed defendants to file motions for summary judgment, and the Company has filed its motion for summary judgment on some of the same grounds. The Company does not believe that the outcome of the litigation regarding the Rhode Island night club matters will have a material adverse impact on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In February 2005, the Company received a subpoena from the Office of Attorney General of the State of New York as have several other radio broadcasting companies and record companies operating in the State of New York. These subpoenas were issued in connection with the New York Attorney General's investigation of promotional practices involved in record companies' dealings with radio stations. The Company has cooperated with this investigation and continues to do so. In connection with this investigation, the New York Attorney General has entered into settlement agreements with several record companies and two radio broadcasters, which included both business practice reforms and financial penalties. The New York Attorney General previously announced that it may take action against a number of radio companies, including the Company. To date, no action has been taken against the Company.

The FCC has announced increased enforcement activity in the area of sponsorship identification, and on April 19, 2006, the Company received a letter of inquiry and request for information from the FCC. The FCC issued a Consent Decree resolving the matter on April 13, 2007, which includes a voluntary contribution by the Company to the U.S. Treasury of \$2.0 million within thirty days of the FCC's order becoming a Final Order. In the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company recognized a liability for the potential cost associated with this matter.

On February 21, 2006, the Company received a letter from an attorney claiming to represent holders of approximately \$102.0 million of the principal amount of the Company's convertible subordinated notes that purported to be a notice of default under the indenture governing the convertible subordinated notes. The letter alleges that events of default have arisen and continue to arise from the ABC Radio Merger Agreement and from other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction. Specifically, the letter alleges that certain transactions and agreements contemplated by the ABC Radio Merger Agreement will or do constitute a fundamental change under the indenture. On April 24, 2006, the Company received a second letter from the same attorney in which he claimed to represent holders of more than \$109.0 million of the principal amount of the Company's convertible subordinated notes and which letter claimed that the Company failed to cure the alleged defaults during the more than 60 days that elapsed since the Company's receipt of the first letter. The second letter alleges that as a result, an event of default has occurred and is continuing under the indenture. The second letter also purports to declare the principal amount of the convertible subordinated notes, and the accrued and unpaid interest, due and payable immediately. The Company continues to believe that none of the transactions or agreements contemplated by the ABC Radio Merger Agreement nor the other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction will or do constitute a fundamental change under the indenture. Therefore, the Company does not believe that any event of default, as defined in the indenture, has occurred or is continuing and does not believe that any holders have a right to declare obligations under the convertible subordinated notes due and payable.

On July 17, 2006, the Company filed a complaint against certain of the holders of convertible subordinated notes in the Supreme Court for the State of New York seeking a judgment declaring that the ABC Radio Merger Agreement and the other agreements relating to the ABC Radio transaction do not constitute a fundamental change for purposes of the indenture. On January 5, 2007, Wilmington Trust Company, the trustee under the indenture, filed a motion to intervene as a defendant and counter-claim plaintiff in the action. On March 1, 2007, the Court granted Wilmington Trust Company's motion to intervene as the defendant in the action and dismissed the individual defendants from the action. The Company filed an amended complaint on March 8, 2007 against the trustee as the sole defendant in the action. Wilmington Trust Company served counter-claims against the Company on March 15, 2007. Discovery in this action is ongoing.



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If any of the events described in the letters were to be an event of default and were to be continuing, subject to the terms and conditions of the indenture, the trustee under the indenture or holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding convertible subordinated notes could declare the principal of and accrued interest at the statutory rate of 9% as of April 24, 2006 on all convertible subordinated notes to be due and payable, and there could be an event of default under Citadel Broadcasting Company's Senior Credit Facility. If the convertible subordinated notes or Citadel Broadcasting Company's Senior Credit Facility were to become due and payable, the Company would seek additional funding in the credit or capital markets, and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain financing on terms acceptable to the Company.

The Company is involved in certain other claims and lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of its business. The Company believes that such litigation and claims will be resolved without a material adverse impact on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain matters in this Form 10-Q, including, without limitation, certain matters discussed in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), its directors or its officers with respect to, among other things, future events and financial trends affecting the Company.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by the words believes, expects, anticipates, continues, intends, likely, may, plans, will, and similar expressions, whether in the negative or the affirmative. All statements other than the statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for the purpose of federal and state securities laws, including, without limitation, any projections on pro forma statements of earnings, revenues or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations, including the proposed business combination with ABC Radio; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of belief; and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements.

Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that matters referred to in such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, the impact of current or pending legislation and regulation, antitrust considerations, the impact of pending or future litigation or claims, and other risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: changes in economic conditions in the U.S.; fluctuations in interest rates; changes in market conditions that could impair the Company's goodwill or intangible assets; changes in industry conditions; changes in governmental regulations; changes in policies or actions or in regulatory bodies; changes in uncertain tax positions and tax rates; changes in dividend policy; changes in capital expenditure requirements; the risk that the proposed business combination with ABC Radio may be delayed or not close or may be less favorable for the Company than originally expected; as well as those matters discussed under the captions Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors in Citadel Broadcasting Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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All forward-looking statements in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **Additional Information about the Transaction with ABC Radio and Where to Find It**

On December 21, 2006, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, as amended on February 14, April 5, April 26, May 7, and May 8, 2007, containing a preliminary information statement/prospectus regarding the proposed business combination with the ABC Radio business. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the SEC on May 8, 2007, and mailing of the information statement/prospectus commenced on May 9, 2007. The proposed closing of the Merger, assuming all closing conditions are satisfied or waived, would occur in June 2007. Investors are urged to read the information statement/prospectus and any other relevant materials filed by the Company or TWDC with the SEC when they become available because they contain, or will contain, important information, including information about the Company, the ABC Radio business and the proposed combination. The information statement/prospectus and other documents which are filed by Citadel and TWDC with the SEC are available free of charge at the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or by directing a written request to Citadel Broadcasting Corporation, City Center West, Suite 400, 7201 West Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89128, Attention: Investor Relations.

### **Overview**

Citadel is the sixth largest radio broadcasting company in the United States based on net broadcasting revenue. As of April 30, 2007, the Company owned and operated 165 FM and 58 AM radio stations in 46 markets located in 24 states across the country. The Company has a well-clustered radio station portfolio that is diversified by programming formats, geographic regions, audience demographics and advertising clients. Radio stations serving the same geographic area (i.e., principally a city or combination of cities) are referred to as a market.

In connection with the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, Alphabet Acquisition Corp. was incorporated in Delaware on January 24, 2006 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation.

On February 6, 2006, the Company and Alphabet Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with The Walt Disney Company ( TWDC ) and ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., formerly known as ABC Chicago FM Radio, Inc. ( ABC Radio ), a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of TWDC (the Merger ). The Agreement and Plan of Merger was subsequently amended as of November 19, 2006. In these notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements, the Company refers to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, as amended, as the ABC Radio Merger Agreement. Pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions contained in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company will combine its business with ABC Radio, which includes 22 radio stations and the ABC Radio Network. The combination is structured as a reverse Morris Trust transaction. Prior to the Merger, TWDC will distribute ownership of ABC Radio to TWDC shareholders in a spin-off transaction. As of November 19, 2006, the transaction was expected to be valued at approximately \$2.6 billion, which was comprised of \$1.5 billion in Company common stock to be received by TWDC shareholders and cash to be retained by TWDC. The cash amount represents the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off from TWDC, which debt is expected to be refinanced by the Company at or following the closing. The amount of the cash to be retained by TWDC is expected to be between \$1.1 billion and \$1.35 billion depending on the market price of the Company's common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing. Immediately after closing of the Merger transactions and subject to adjustments described in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the holders of TWDC common stock are expected to own approximately 57% of the common stock of the combined company. This percentage is calculated based on the number of shares of the Company's common stock currently deemed outstanding for this purpose. The number of shares is determined on a partially diluted basis, as agreed to in the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, and includes some shares of the Company's stock that are issuable upon the exercise or conversion of other securities, but excludes any shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's convertible subordinated notes. Final determination of such amounts will be based on the number of shares of the Company's common stock deemed for such purposes to be outstanding on the closing date of the Merger and the market price of the Company's stock during a measurement period ending prior to closing. The Merger and the issuance of the Company's common stock in the Merger have been approved by written consent of holders of record of a majority of the Company's common stock.

Pursuant to the ABC Radio Merger Agreement, the Company is expected to declare a special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of record at a date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger. The amount of the distribution will be determined based on the market price of the Company's common stock over a measurement period ending prior to closing and the number of shares of the Company's common stock deemed to be outstanding for such purposes.

For illustrative purposes, assuming the Company's shares deemed outstanding for purposes of measuring the Merger consideration as of the closing remains unchanged from the shares deemed outstanding as of May 7, 2007 and TWDC has made its election to exclude from this determination the shares of Company common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's convertible subordinated notes and further assuming the average closing price of the Company's common stock during the measurement period prior to the Merger closing equals \$9.05,

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which was the closing price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the above date, then the proceeds of debt to be incurred by ABC Radio prior to the spin-off would be \$1.35 billion. Under these same assumptions, the special distribution payable immediately prior to the closing of the Merger to holders of common stock of the Company of a record date to be set prior to the closing of the Merger would be \$2.46 per share.

The Company has received a commitment from several lenders, which commitment is subject to customary closing conditions, to provide debt financing to the Company in connection with the payment of the special distribution, the refinancing of Citadel Broadcasting Company's Senior Credit Facility, the refinancing of ABC Radio's debt and the completion of the Merger.

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Consummation of the Merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including the absence of certain legal impediments to the consummation of the Merger, the expiration or termination of any required waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, the effectiveness of certain filings with the SEC, the receipt of consent to, or rulings on, the transactions from the Federal Communications Commission ( FCC ) and the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ), and the receipt of certain legal opinions on tax matters. On March 22, 2007, the FCC adopted an Order granting the transfers of control of the ABC radio stations and renewal applications, which Order became effective on April 4, 2007. In granting its approval of the Merger, the FCC has required the Company divest up to eleven stations in seven markets and place the stations in trust immediately upon closing. The Company does not believe these divestitures will be material to its ongoing business. On April 17, 2006, Citadel and ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. received from the Federal Trade Commission ( FTC ) notice of early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. On May 4, 2007, the IRS issued to TWDC the necessary ruling for the Merger to be completed as a reverse Morris Trust transaction. The parties expect that ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. shall also receive a ruling from the IRS that is substantially similar in all material respects to the ruling provided to TWDC; however, the ruling to ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. has not been issued yet by the IRS.

On December 21, 2006, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, as amended February 14, April 5, April 26, May 7, and May 8, 2007, containing a preliminary information statement/prospectus regarding the proposed business combination with the ABC Radio business. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the SEC on May 8, 2007 and mailing of the information statement/prospectus commenced on May 9, 2007. The proposed closing of the Merger, assuming all closing conditions being satisfied or waived, would occur in June 2007.

The ABC Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights and provides that, upon the termination of the ABC Merger Agreement under specified circumstances, a party may be required to pay to the other party a termination fee in the amount of \$81 million. In addition, if the transaction is terminated under certain circumstances, TWDC may be required to pay the Company up to \$15 million as a reimbursement of its expenses.

## **Advertising Revenue**

Our net broadcasting revenue is primarily derived from the sale of broadcasting time to local, regional and national advertisers. Net broadcasting revenue is gross revenue less agency commissions. Local revenue is comprised of advertising sales made within a station's local market or region either directly with the advertiser or through the advertiser's agency. National revenue represents sales made to advertisers/agencies who are purchasing advertising for multiple markets. These sales are typically facilitated by our national representation firm, which serves as our sales agent in these transactions. Our revenue is affected primarily by the advertising rates our radio stations charge as well as the overall demand for radio advertising time in a market. Advertising rates are based primarily on four factors:

a radio station's audience share in the demographic groups targeted by advertisers, as measured principally by quarterly reports issued by The Arbitron Ratings Company, or Arbitron;

the number of radio stations, as well as other forms of media, in the market competing for the same demographic groups;

the supply of and demand for radio advertising time; and

the size of the market.

In the radio broadcasting industry, seasonal revenue fluctuations are common and are due primarily to variations in advertising expenditures by local and national advertisers. Typically, revenue is lowest in the first calendar quarter of the year and highest in the second and fourth calendar quarters of the year.

## **Components of Expenses**

Our most significant expenses are (1) sales costs, (2) programming expenses, (3) advertising and promotional expenses and (4) administrative and technical expenses. We strive to control these expenses by working closely with local management and centralizing functions such as finance, accounting, legal, human resources and management information systems. We also use our multiple stations, market presence and

purchasing power to negotiate favorable rates with vendors.

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Depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets associated with the acquisition of radio stations and interest carrying charges historically have been significant factors in determining our overall profitability. Intangible assets consist primarily of FCC broadcast licenses and goodwill, but also include certain other intangible assets acquired in purchase business combinations. Upon the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142 on January 1, 2002, the Company ceased amortization of goodwill and FCC licenses, which are indefinite-lived intangible assets. Other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the contractual lives or estimated lives of the assets. The Company evaluates its FCC licenses by market for possible impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired.

The fair value of FCC licenses for each reporting unit contains significant assumptions incorporating variables that are based on past experiences and judgments about future performance using industry normalized information for an average station within a market. These variables would include, but are not limited to: (1) the forecasted growth rate of each radio market, including population, household income, retail sales and other expenditures that would influence advertising expenditures; (2) market share and profit margin of an average station within a market; (3) estimated capital start-up costs and losses incurred during the early years; (4) risk-adjusted discount rate; (5) the likely media competition within the market area; and (6) expected growth rates in perpetuity to estimate terminal values. These variables on a reporting unit basis are susceptible to changes in estimates, which could result in significant changes to the fair value of the FCC licenses on a reporting unit basis. If the carrying amount of the FCC license is greater than its estimated fair value in a given market, the carrying amount of FCC license in that market is reduced to its estimated fair value, and such reduction may have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

The Company s impairment testing for goodwill in each of its markets is also performed annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired. This evaluation is determined based on an income and/or market approach for each reporting unit. The market approach compares recent sales and offering prices of similar properties. The income approach uses the subject property s income generated over a specified time and capitalized at an appropriate market rate to arrive at an indication of the most probable selling price. If the carrying amount of the goodwill is greater than the estimated fair value in a given market, the carrying amount of goodwill in that market is reduced to its estimated fair value, and such reduction may have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

As more fully set forth in the Company s Critical Accounting Policies in Item 7 in Citadel Broadcasting Corporation s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, FCC licenses and goodwill represent a substantial portion of our total assets. The fair value of FCC licenses and goodwill is primarily dependent on the future cash flows of the stations in our 46 markets. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by the industry or us, including the expected economic recovery in our New Orleans market from the affects of Hurricane Katrina, or if an event occurs or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of our FCC licenses or goodwill below the amounts reflected in the balance sheet, we may be required to recognize impairment charges in future periods, which could have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

**Results of Operations**

Our results of operations represent the operations of the radio stations owned or operated by us, or for which we provide sales and marketing services, during the applicable periods. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements and the related notes included in this report.

Historically, we have managed our portfolio of radio stations through selected acquisitions, dispositions and exchanges, as well as through the use of local marketing agreements ( LMAs ) and joint sales agreements ( JSAs ). Under an LMA or a JSA, the company operating a station provides programming or sales and marketing or a combination of such services on behalf of the owner of a station. The broadcast revenue and operating expenses of stations operated by us under LMAs and JSAs have been included in our results of operations since the respective effective dates of such agreements.

Additionally, as opportunities arise, we may, on a selective basis, change or modify a station s format due to changes in listeners tastes or changes in a competitor s format. This could have an immediate negative impact on a station s ratings, and there are no guarantees that the modification or change to a station s format will be beneficial at some future time. Our management is continually focused on these opportunities as well as the risks and uncertainties associated with any change to a station s format. We believe that the diversification of formats at our stations helps to insulate us from the effects of changes in the musical tastes of the public with respect to any particular format. We strive to develop strong listener loyalty as audience ratings in local markets are crucial to our stations financial success.

