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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006

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

to

For the transition period from

Commission File Number: 000-26076

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization) **52-1494660** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10706 Beaver Dam Road

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(410) 568-1500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

None

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

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 o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

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

Title of each class Class A Common Stock Class B Common Stock Number of shares outstanding as of August 2, 2006 47,375,788 38,348,331

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except share and per share data) (Unaudited)

		As of June 30, 2006		As of December 31, 2005 (Restated - See Note 1)	
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,610	\$	9,655	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,540 and \$4,596, respectively		127,678		127,913	
Affiliate receivable		4,263		14	
Current portion of program contract costs		46,983		51,528	
Income taxes receivable		0			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		13,033		17,616	
Deferred barter costs		3,121		2,027	
Assets held for sale			3,67	8	
Deferred tax assets		8,617		10,591	
Total current assets		214,565		223,022	
PROGRAM CONTRACT COSTS, less current portion		49,617		36,494	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net		287,854		304,355	
GOODWILL, net		1,040,234		1,040,234	
BROADCAST LICENSES, net		409,620		409,620	
DEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net		217,574		224,673	
OTHER ASSETS		38,545		44,907	
Total assets	\$	2,258,009	\$	2,283,305	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	\$	2,857	\$	3,799	
Income taxes payable				2,662	
Accrued liabilities		85,968		84,623	
Current portion notes payable, capital leases and commercial bank financing		33,649		33,802	
Current portion of notes and capital leases payable to affiliates		1,999		4,135	
Current portion of program contrac					