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

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**CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 20, 2021 (October 20, 2021)

# **Gray Television, Inc.** (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Georgia
(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-13796 (Commission File Number)

58-0285030 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4370 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

30319 (Zip Code)

404-504-9828 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2021, Gray Television, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") that disclosed, among other things, updates to certain previously announced guidance for the third quarter of 2021. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 2.02 by reference.

The information set forth under this Item 2.02 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Beginning on October 20, 2021, the Company intends to meet with and make presentations to prospective lenders in connection with proposed additional revolving and term loans pursuant to an amended senior credit facility, the aggregate proceeds of which the Company intends to use, along with other funds, to complete the Company's pending merger with Meredith Corporation ("Meredith"), pursuant to which Gray will acquire Meredith's local media group ("LMG RemainCo"), immediately after and subject to Meredith's spin-off of its national media group to its shareholders. In these presentations, the Company expects to include certain business and financial information relating to LMG RemainCo's historical results of operations and financial condition, and the Company's historical and expected results of operations and financial condition (after giving effect to the pending merger with LMG RemainCo and other completed or pending transactions). A copy of the slides that the Company will use in connection with such meetings and presentations is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

The Company is also furnishing herewith LMG RemainCo's audited combined financial statements (in each case, prepared on a carve-out basis that eliminates the results of operations, assets and liabilities of the entities that are not being retained by Meredith and, as a result, are not being acquired by Gray) as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 (with independent auditors' report thereon). The foregoing financial statements of LMG RemainCo are furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and are incorporated herein by this reference.

The Company's senior credit facility currently consists of a revolving credit facility and two term loans.

The Press Release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference. The information set forth under this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release issued by Gray Television, Inc., on October 20, 2021
- 99.2 <u>Prospective Lender Meeting Slides</u>
- 99.3 LMG RemainCo audited combined financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

Gray Television, Inc.

October 20, 2021

By: /s/ James C. Ryan

Name: James C. Ryan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# GRAY ANNOUNCES PROPOSED \$1.5 BILLION INCREMENTAL TERM LOAN AND \$500 MILLION REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY; UPDATES GUIDANCE FOR THIRD QUARTER 2021

Atlanta, Georgia – October 20, 2021... Gray Television, Inc. ("Gray," "we," "us" or "our") (NYSE: GTN) announced today that in connection with its pending acquisition of the Local Media Group of Meredith Corporation ("Meredith LMG"), Gray is proposing, subject to market and other conditions, to enter into an amendment and restatement of its existing senior credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility"). Gray also announced updates to certain of its previously announced guidance for the third quarter of 2021, based on preliminary information available to date.

#### **Comments on Proposed Senior Credit Facility Amendment and Incremental Loans:**

Gray expects to amend its Senior Credit Facility through some or all of the following, which would:

- Provide for an additional \$1.5 billion seven-year incremental term loan under the Senior Credit Facility to finance, in part, the
  acquisition of Meredith LMG, and
- Amend and restate certain terms of its revolving credit facility to increase borrowing capacity under the facility from \$300 million to
  up to \$500 million, which would consist of (i) a \$425 million credit facility with five year commitments, and (ii) a \$75 million credit
  facility with commitments expiring January 2, 2026.

We cannot provide any assurance about the timing, terms, or interest rate associated with the planned financing, or that the financing transactions will be completed.

#### **Comments on Updated Third Quarter 2021 Guidance:**

Gray initially issued guidance for third quarter 2021 on August 5, 2021. While Gray is continuing the process of finalizing its financial results for the third quarter of 2021, Gray today is updating its guidance on its estimated results of operations as set forth below. This updated guidance represents the most current information and estimates available to Gray as of the date of this release. We have not yet completed our normal financial closing and review process; therefore, these estimates are subject to change upon finalization. As a result, our actual results may be different and such differences could be material. Investors should exercise caution in relying on the information contained herein and should not draw any inferences from this information regarding financial or operating data that is not presented below.

Selected operating data:	Gu the Qu	w End idance for Third iarter of 2021	% Change From Third Quarter of 2020	Gu the Qu	Guidance High End idance for Third uarter of 2021	% Change From Third Quarter of 2020	Qı	hird parter of 2020
OPERATING REVENUE:								
Broadcasting Revenue (less agency commissions)	\$	570	(4)%	\$	580	(2)%	\$	593
Total Revenue (less agency commissions)	\$	590	(2)%	\$	600	(1)%	\$	604
OPERATING EXPENSES								
(before depreciation, amortization and gain on disposal of assets):								
Broadcasting	\$	385	18%	\$	390	20%	\$	326
Production companies	\$	13	63%	\$	14	75%	\$	8
Corporate and administrative (1)	\$	30	100%	\$	35	133%	\$	15

(1) Corporate and administrative expenses include approximately \$11 million of transaction related expenses

Including the impact of our acquisition of Quincy Media, Inc. and related divestitures that occurred on August 2, 2021, our previous guidance range for broadcasting revenue was from \$571 million to \$581 million; our previous guidance range for broadcasting expenses was from \$387 million to \$390 million; our previous guidance range for production company expenses was from \$12 million to \$13 million, and our previous guidance range for corporate and administrative expenses was from \$27 million to \$30 million.

As of September 30, 2021, we currently expect to report approximately:

- · \$322 million of cash on hand
- \$1,785 million principal amount of secured debt; and
- \$4,035 million principal amount of total debt (excluding unamortized deferred financing costs and premium).

We currently anticipate that our total leverage ratio, as defined under our Senior Credit Facility, measured on a trailing eight quarter basis, netting all cash on hand, and giving pro forma effect for all acquisitions completed through the date of this release, will be between 4.15 times and 4.20 times as of September 30, 2021.

#### **The Company**

Gray Television, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is the largest owner of top-rated local television stations and digital assets in the United States. Upon the closing of its acquisition of Meredith Corporation's local media group, Gray will become the nation's second largest television broadcaster, with television stations serving 113 markets that reach approximately 36 percent of US television households. The pro forma portfolio includes 79 markets with the top-rated television station and 101 markets with the first and/or second highest rated television station according to Comscore's audience measurement data. Gray also owns video program production, marketing, and digital businesses including Raycom Sports, Tupelo Honey, and RTM Studios, the producer of PowerNation programs and content and is the majority owner of Swirl Films.

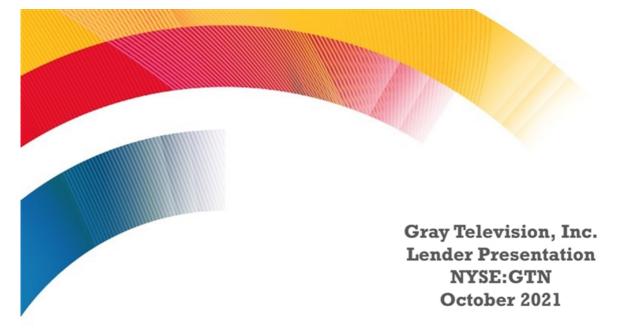
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This press release contains certain forward-looking statements that are based largely on Gray's current expectations and reflect various estimates and assumptions by Gray. These statements are statements other than those of historical fact, and may be identified by words such as "estimates," "expect," "anticipate," "will," "implied," "assume" and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results and achievements to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. Such risks, trends and uncertainties, which in some instances are beyond Gray's control, include Gray's ability to complete its pending acquisition of Meredith Corporation's local media group or other pending transactions on the terms and within the timeframe currently contemplated, any material regulatory or other unexpected requirements in connection therewith, and other future events. Gray is subject to additional risks and uncertainties described in Gray's quarterly and annual reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, including in the "Risk Factors," and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations sections contained therein, which reports are made publicly available via its website, www.gray.tv. Any forward-looking statements in this communication should be evaluated in light of these important risk factors. This press release reflects management's views as of the date hereof. Except to the extent required by applicable law, Gray undertakes no obligation to update or revise any information contained in this communication beyond the date hereof, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **Gray Contacts:**

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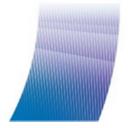
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Certain definitions, including the presentation of Combined Historical Basis ("CHB") data and Operating Cash Flow ("OCF") as defined in Gray's Senior Credit Agreement, are contained in the Glossary which is included in the Appendix. OCF as presented in this presentation is a supplemental measure of performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

This presentation includes industry data regarding station rank, in-market share and television household data that Gray obtained from periodic reports published by comScore, Inc. Industry publications generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. Gray has not independently verified any of that data from third-party sources nor has Gray ascertained the underlying assumptions relied upon therein.

## **Management Overview**



Hilton Howell, Jr.

## Executive Chairman and CEO, Gray Television, Inc.

27 years of broadcasting experience and 27 years with Gray Also currently serves as the following:

- Atlantic American Corporation President & CEO
- Delta Life Insurance Company CEO, EVP & General Counsel



**Pat LaPlatney** 

#### President and Co-CEO, Gray Television, Inc.

39 years of broadcasting experience and 3 years with Gray Previous experience includes:

- Raycom - President and CEO



**Kevin Latek** 

## EVP, Chief Legal and Development Officer, Gray Television, Inc.

24 years of broadcasting experience and 9 years with Gray Previous experience includes:

- Dow Lohnes, PLLC



Jim Ryan

## EVP, Chief Financial Officer, Gray Television, Inc.

36 years of broadcasting experience and 23 years with Gray Previous experience includes:

- Busse Broadcasting Corporation - Chief Financial Officer



## Agenda

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Transaction and Syndication Overview

II Acquisition Overview

III Key Credit Highlights

Historical Financial Overview

Appendix

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# Transaction and Syndication Overview

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Transaction Overview	<ul> <li>Gray Television, Inc. ("Gray") has agreed to acquire all outstanding shares of Meredith Corporation ("Meredith") in an all-cash transaction for \$2.8 billion in total enterprise value (the "Meredith Transaction") immediately following the spin-off of Meredith's National Media Group ("SpinCo")</li> <li>Gray will acquire Meredith's Local Media Group ("RemainCo"), composed of 17 television stations in 12 markets</li> <li>SpinCo is to be composed of Meredith's publishing assets, MNI Targeted Media and all unallocated corporate overhead / personnel</li> <li>SpinCo will be separated from RemainCo prior to the Meredith Transaction, and the Meredith Transaction is independent of any corporate action taken by SpinCo following the separation</li> <li>Cash proceeds, cash on hand at close and new debt will be used to extinguish RemainCo's outstanding debt at close and pay related transaction expenses</li> <li>The purchase price represents a multiple of 8.3x RemainCo's 2019/2020 blended Operating Cash Flow<sup>(1)</sup> ("OCF") including \$55 million of expected year 1 annualized synergies</li> </ul>
Financing	<ul> <li>The debt financing to fund the Meredith Transaction will total \$2.625 billion and is expected to consist of \$1.5 billion Term Loan D and \$1.125 billion of New Unsecured Debt</li> <li>In conjunction with the Meredith Transaction, Gray has obtained commitments to upsize its Revolving Credit facility to \$500 million</li> <li>Gray completed its acquisition of Quincy Media, Inc. for \$925 million on August 2, 2021 using cash from balance sheet and net proceeds from the related \$380 million divestitures to Allen Media in overlap markets (collectively the "Quincy Transaction")</li> <li>Pro forma for the Quincy Transaction and \$70 million divestiture of WJRT, Gray net first lien and net total leverage as of 6/30/21 is estimated to be 1.6x and 4.2x, respectively</li> <li>Pro forma for the incremental Meredith Transaction, net first lien and net total leverage as of 6/30/21 is estimated to be 2.6x and 5.4x, respectively</li> </ul>
Approvals & Timing	<ul> <li>Gray shareholder vote not required</li> <li>Subject to Meredith shareholder approval</li> <li>Subject to FCC approval and other customary closing conditions         <ul> <li>Gray has completed the divestiture of its Flint, MI station (WJRT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Anticipated Meredith Transaction closing on or after December 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>

(1) OCF as defined in Gray's Senior Credit Agreements is equivalent to the presentation of Adj. EBITDA – see Glossary for definitions of Non-GAAP Terms

## Sources & Uses and **Pro Forma Capitalization**



## **Key Assumptions**

- Gray acquires RemainCo in an allcash transaction for \$2.8 billion
- \$55 million of expected synergies

RemainCo OCF						
(\$ in Millions)	6/30/21PF L8QA					
RemainCo OCF	\$282					
Synergies	55					
Net Acquired OCF	\$337					

Sources & Uses					
Sources					
Gray Cash	\$265				
New 7-Year Term Loan D	1,500				
New Unsecured Debt	1,125				
Total Sources	\$2,890				
Uses					
Purchase Price & Fees / Expenses	\$2,890				
Total Uses	\$2,890				

Pro Forma Capitalization							
(\$ in Millions)	Gr	Gray Incremental Gray + Rema					
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	As of	Cum. Multiple	Transaction	As of	Cum. Multiple		
	6/30/2021PF	of Adj. EBITDA1	Adjustments	6/30/2021PF	of Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup>		
Cash	\$322		(\$265)	\$57			
Revolver (\$300 million / \$500 million Pro Forma) 4							
Term Loan B Due February 2024 (L+225)	\$595	0.7x		\$595	0.5x		
Term Loan C Due January 2026 (L+250)	1,190	2.0x		1,190	1.4x		
New 7-Year Term Loan D			1,500	1,500	2.7x		
Total First Lien Debt	\$1,785	2.0x		\$3,285	2.7x		
Net First Lien Debt	\$1,463	1.6x		\$3,228	2.6x		
Notes Due July 2026 (5.875%)	700	2.8x		700	3.2x		
Notes Due May 2027 (7.000%)	750	3.6x		750	3.8x		
Notes Due October 2030 (4.750%)	800	4.5x		800	4.5x		
New Unsecured Debt			\$1,125	1,125	5.4x		
Total Debt	\$4,035	4.5x		\$6,660	5.4x		
Net Debt	\$3,713	4.2x		\$6,603	5.4x		
Series A Perpetual Preferred Stock (8.00%)	650	5.2x		650	5.9x		
Total Debt + Preferred Stock	\$4,685	5.2x		\$7,310	5.9x		
Net Debt + Preferred Stock	\$4,363	4.9x		\$7,253	5.9x		
Based on L8QA 6/30/21PF OCF of Gray of:		\$894					
Based on L8QA OCF of Gray of \$894 million for Gray and \$337 milli	on for RemainCo (incl. \$55 million of synergies	s):			\$1,231		

Source: Company filings, management and Meredith's data room | Note: Meredith financial information compiled from unaudited financial statements of Local Media Group

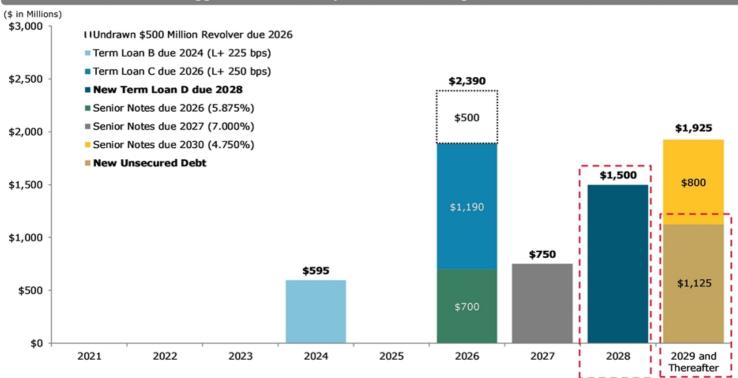
<sup>3</sup> Estimated cash balance as of 9/30/21

<sup>4</sup> Consists of \$425 million 5 year commitments and \$75 million commitments expiring 1/2/2026

## Pro Forma Debt Maturity Schedule







Note: Reflects illustrative permanent financing structure; excludes Term Loan amortizations

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## **Two Excellent Acquisitions**



#### Combination Highlights(1)

- 79 #1 Rated TV Stations
- \$3.2 Billion in L8QA 6/30/21 CHB Blended Revenue
- Highest CHB OCF<sup>(2)</sup> / TVHH in the Industry
- Both transactions announced in 2021:
  - Quincy Transaction closed 8/2/2021
  - Meredith Transaction expected to close Q4 2021

Source: Company filings, Nielsen and Comscore

- Gives effect to all completed and pending acquisitions and required regulatory divestitures
- (2) Combined Historical Basis Operating Cash Flow as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement is equivalent to the presentation of Adj. EBITDA

## **Gray Acquires Quincy Media**

- On August 2, 2021, Gray completed the Quincy Transaction for \$925 million in cash and the related divestiture of 10 of Quincy's stations in seven overlap markets to Allen Media for \$380 million.
- The Quincy Transaction added 8 new markets, each with the #1 or #2 ranked television station.
- Purchase price represents a multiple of 6.9x '19/'20 OCF including \$23 million of expected year-1 annualized synergies.

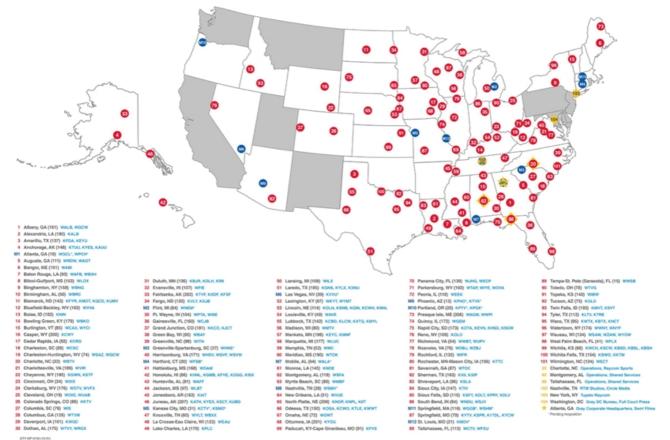
#### **Gray to Acquire Meredith Local Media Group**

- Gray reached an agreement to acquire Meredith Corporation's Local Media Group for \$2.8 billion in cash. Gray divested one of its television stations in the companies' only overlap market to Allen Media for \$70 million.
- The Meredith Transaction will add 11 new markets, including the #1 or #2 ranked television station in 8 markets. Closing expected in Q4 2021, following receipt of regulatory and other approvals.
- Purchase price represents a multiple of 8.3x '19/'20 operating cash flow including \$55 million of expected year-1 annualized synergies.

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## Gray Television's New National Footprint1



(1) Pro Forma for the Quincy Transaction and Meredith Transaction



## **Combined Company Snapshot**

(\$ in Millions)	Gray (1)	RemainCo	Gray + RemainCo	Pro Forma Impact
Financial Profile  L8QA 6/30/21 CHB Blended Net Revenue  L8QA 6/30/21 CHB Blended OCF  % Margin	21 CHB Blended Net Revenue \$2,405		\$3,185 \$1,231 <sup>(2)</sup> 39%	<b>↑</b> 32% <b>↑</b> 38%
Scale  Markets Gross TV Household Reach	101 25.0%	12 11.2%	113 36.2%	<b>1</b> 2%
Asset Quality  Markets with #1 / #2 Ranked Stations 2018 CHB Political Revenue 2020 CHB Political Revenue 2020 CHB Gross Retransmission Revenue	93 \$258 \$466 \$909	8 \$115 \$186 \$366	101 \$372 \$652 \$1,276	↑ 9% ↑ 45% ↑ 40% ↑ 40%
Big 4 Network Affiliated Channels	FOX NBC 27 59 57	FOX NBC	FOX 32 60 64	

Source: Nielsen and Comscore
Note: Meredith RemainCo financial information compiled from unaudited financial statements of Local Media Group; totals may not sum due to rounding
(1) Pro forma for the Quincy Transaction and divestiture of WJRT
(2) Includes \$55 million of synergies

## Significant Identified and Achievable Meredith gray RemainCo Synergies



## Total Expected Year 1 Annual Synergies of \$55 Million

Net Retransmission Revenue	~\$25 million	<ul> <li>Comprised of contracted step-up of Meredith RemainCo's subscribers to Gray's retransmission rates</li> </ul>
Corporate and Station-Level Expenses	~\$15 million	<ul> <li>Elimination of duplicative shared services</li> <li>Elimination of overhead costs</li> <li>Streamlined operations including insourcing professional services and other rationalizations</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Vendors and Others	~\$15 million	Elimination of select identified third party contracts and other savings

Total: ~\$55 million

Costs to Achieve Synergies: ~\$13 million





## **Summary of Key Credit Highlights**

**Second Largest Television Broadcaster with High Quality Assets** 

**Diversified Sources of Revenue Across Networks and Markets** 

Robust Retransmission Revenue and Strong Relationship with Networks

Large Political Upside in Election Years with Key Presence in Swing States

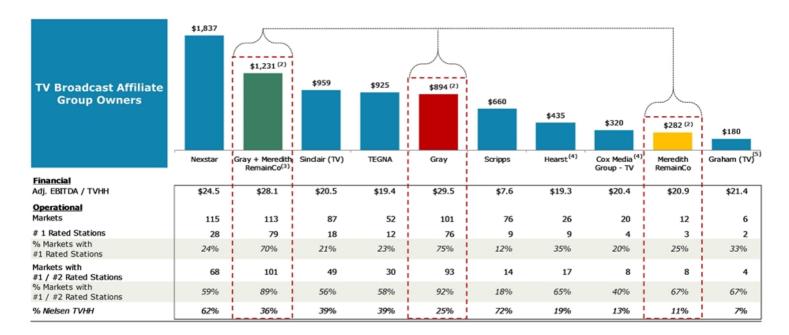
Track Record of Successfully Integrating Acquisitions and Deleveraging

**Experienced Management Team with Decades of Broadcasting Experience** 

## **Gray Will be the Second Largest TV Broadcast Group with the Highest Quality Assets**



## 2019 / 2020 CHB Blended Adj. EBITDA(1)



Source: Company filings, Wall Street research, BIA Investing in Television Market Report, Nielsen and Comscore
Note: Dollars in millions, except Adj. EBITDA / TV household; Meredith RemainCo financial information compiled from unaudited financial statements of Local Media Group
(1) Adj. EBITDA for Gray is Operating Cash Flow as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement

Adj. EBITDA for Gray is Operating Cash Flow as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement
 Figures reflect PF L8QA 6/30/21 OCF; Pro Forma for the Quincy Transaction and divestiture of WJRT
 Includes \$55 million of synergies
 EBITDA estimates are derived from 2019 BIA revenue and extrapolate '19A/'20E based on peer revenue growth and average peer EBITDA margin
 Based on 2020 broadcast revenue of \$525 million and extrapolated based on estimated television peer revenue growth and '19A/'20A EBITDA margin for Graham's broadcast segment

## **Strong Network and Distribution Positions**

## Retransmission Revenue (\$ in Millions)



Note: Gray is shown pro forma for the Quincy Transaction and divestiture of WJRT

## Year End % Sub Base Retrans Renewals for In-Market Big-4 Subs:



Source: Company filings Note: Renewals exclude the impact of the Meredith Transaction

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## Well Positioned for Political Revenue



Revenue per company filings shown in millions of dollars. TV Household estimates from Comscore shown in millions. Gray PF is Gray (Net) plus Meredith (including synergies). Gray (Net) is CHB for the Quincy Transaction and excludes the financial contribution of Gray's WJRT in Flint, MI. Gray is As Reported for calendar year 2020. Meredith is based on calendar year ended 12/31/20; fiscal year ends 6/30.

## Gray's Local News Stations Located Throughout the Most Competitive Political Areas in 2022

#### 2022 Senate Races

Gray Stations have a strong position throughout 8 of 9 Most Competitive Races (per Cook Political Report) - AZ, FL, GA, NC, NH, OH, NV, WI.

## **2022 Gubernatorial Races**

Gray Stations in 31 of 36 States with Races – AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, MA, MI, ME, MN, NE, NH, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, WI, WY.

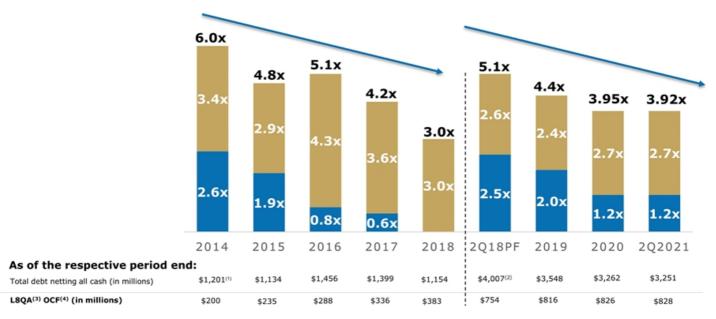
## 2022 House Races

All 435 Districts, including all Gray Markets.

## **Record of Successful Integration of Acquisitions and Meaningful Deleveraging**



## Financial Leverage Net of All Cash (as defined in our Senior Credit Facility)



Note: Financial leverage excludes preferred stock; Figures are as reported and not pro forma for announced transactions

(1) For 2014 and 2021, total debt netting all cash includes \$10 million and \$1 million in undrawn letters of credit, respectively

(2) Pro forma for Raycom financing

(3) Last eight quarter average OCF as calculated in the applicable quarterly compliance certificate

(4) Operating Cash Flow ("OCF") as defined under the existing credit agreement, which includes adjustments for all transactions completed as of the respective balance sheet dates

(4) Secured debt netting all cash on hand as of the respective balance sheet data

Unsecured Debt Netting All Cash / OCF<sup>(4)</sup>

Secured Debt Netting All Cash(5) / OCF(4)



## **Financial Policy**



## Leverage

- Financial strategy aimed at deleveraging to mid-3x range by the end of 2024
- Deleveraging to be driven by a combination of debt repayment and OCF growth

## Liquidity

- Sufficient liquidity will be maintained to support business operations; revolver undrawn at close
- Strong cash flow generation, cash on balance sheet and access to revolver provide ample liquidity. No meaningful debt maturities until 2024

## **Equity**

- Preferred equity viewed as long-term capital given its favorable terms
- Balanced use of free cash flow to drive growth and delever
- ~\$400 million of common equity raised since 2014

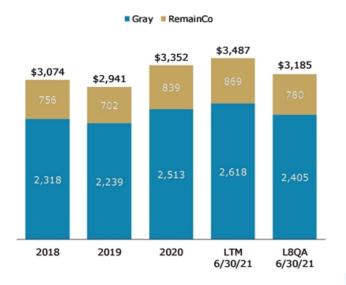
Gray's policy is to maintain a conservative financial position that provides a reasonable margin of debt coverage and substantial financial flexibility

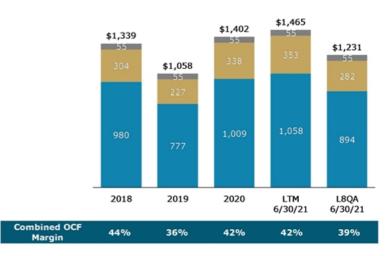
# **Pro Forma Combined Historical Basis Financial Metrics**



(\$ in Millions)

Net Revenue<sup>(1)</sup> OCF<sup>(1)</sup> & Margin





■ Gray OCF ■ RemainCo OCF ■ Synergies

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding

<sup>(1)</sup> Pro forma for the Quincy Transaction and divestiture of WJRT

## Gray CHB (Combined Historical Basis) Financial Metrics



(\$ in Millions)	2018PF	2019PF	2020PF	LTM 6/30/21PF	L8QA 6/30/21PF	CAGR '18PF/'19PF- '19PF/'20PF
Local	\$839	\$817	\$673	\$720	\$727	(10.1%)
National	253	240	207	234	227	(9.5%)
Political	258	71	466	418	271	63.2%
Digital	120	132	138	156	144	7.2%
Ad Revenue	\$1,470	\$1,260	\$1,483	\$1,528	\$1,369	0.5%
Retransmission	712	841	909	968	917	12.7%
Production & Other Revenue	49	51	60	58	56	11.1%
Broadcast Revenue	\$2,232	\$2,152	\$2,452	\$2,554	\$2,342	5.0%
Production Companies	86	87	61	64	63	(14.4%)
Total Net Revenue	\$2,318	\$2,239	\$2,513	\$2,618	\$2,405	4.3%
Reverse Retransmission	(369)	(444)	(520)	(565)	(523)	18.6%
General Broadcast Expense	(901)	(908)	(856)	(869)	(867)	(2.5%)
Programming	(56)	(58)	(47)	(45)	(46)	(8.1%)
Production Companies	(74)	(74)	(52)	(54)	(54)	(14.4%)
Total Operating Expenses	(\$1,399)	(\$1,483)	(\$1,475)	(\$1,533)	(\$1,489)	2.6%
Corporate Expenses	(86)	(104)	(65)	(77)	(72)	(10.8%)
Synergies	110	27	23	23	24	(63.3%)
OCF Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	38	96	11	24	24	(20.3%)
Third Rail Studios OCF	-	2	2	2	2	
Total OCF	\$980	\$777	\$1,009	\$1,058	\$894	1.6%

Source: Company management and filings

Note: Financials include the impact of the Quincy Transaction and divestiture of WJRT

 $<sup>^1</sup> Includes non-cash 401 K charges, pension expenses, non-cash stock based compensation and Raycom acquisition adjustments and compensation and compensation$ 



## RemainCo Financial Metrics

(\$ in Millions)	2018PF	2019PF	2020PF	LTM 6/30/21PF	L8QA 6/30/21PF	CAGR '18PF/'19PF- '19PF/'20PF
Local	\$249	\$252	\$192	\$212	\$215	(11.3%)
National	120	125	98	111	111	(9.0%)
Political	135	9	219	206	117	58.1%
Other Ad	1	2	1	1	1	(8.1%)
Gross Ad Revenue (Excl. Internet)	\$506	\$389	\$511	\$530	\$445	0.6%
Retransmission	292	334	366	377	363	12.0%
Third Party Sales	11	4	3	2	3	(57.8%)
Internet Ad	15	16	17	19	18	8.3%
Other Broadcasting	8	12	15	17	16	36.0%
Broadcast Revenue	\$831	\$756	\$912	\$945	\$844	5.1%
Agency and Commissions	(75)	(54)	(73)	(76)	(63)	(1.3%)
Total Net Revenue	\$756	\$702	\$839	\$869	\$780	5.7%
Programming	(174)	(205)	(229)	(240)	(229)	14.6%
Technical	(17)	(16)	(16)	(17)	(16)	(3.3%)
Film Amortization	(20)	(19)	(19)	(18)	(19)	(2.7%)
Production	(8)	(10)	(9)	(9)	(9)	6.9%
News	(77)	(79)	(73)	(72)	(74)	(2.6%)
Sales	(48)	(48)	(52)	(53)	(50)	3.9%
New Media	(16)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(26.6%)
Ad & Promo	(11)	(11)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(14.0%)
Administration	(56)	(55)	(58)	(53)	(55)	1.9%
Occupancy	(6)	(7)	(8)	(7)	(7)	19.1%
Total Operating Expenses	(\$432)	(\$459)	(\$481)	(\$486)	(\$477)	5.5%
People Programming Adjustment		-	(0.4)	(1.1)	(0.6)	
Total BCF	\$324	\$243	\$358	\$383	\$303	6.0%
Shared Services & Overhead Expenses	(20)	(16)	(20)	(30)	(21)	0.6%
Total OCF (Pre Synergies)	\$304	\$227	\$338	\$353	\$282	6.4%

Source: Company management

Note: Stand-alone RemainCo financials shown prior to Meredith Transaction synergies





## Non-GAAP Reconciliation

#### Non GAAP Reconciliations

#### Last Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2021

	Gray (as reported)		Adjustments Quincy - Flint)	Gray CHB (Incl. Quincy and Excl. Flint)		Meredith	Adjustments (Meredith)	Pro Forma (T-12)	Pro Forma (L-8)	Pro Fo L8Q	
Net income	\$ 424	\$	§ 18	\$ 442	\$	221	\$ (210)	\$ 454	\$ 537	\$	269
Adjustments to reconcile from net income to											
Operating Cash Flow as Defined in Senior Credit Facility:											
Depreciation	104		8	112		22	(8)	126	232		116
Amortization of intangible assets	100	,	-	106		7	193	306	617		309
Non-cash stock based compensation	16	5	-	16		-		16	34		17
Impairment of long-lived assets			-	-		-		-	22		11
Gain on disposal of assets, net	(2)	)	(1)	(22)		(0)	-	(22)	(52)		(26)
Miscellaneous (income) expense, net	8		(1)	7		-	-	7	15		7
Interest expense	188		13	201		0	116	317	658		329
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	12		-	12		-	-	12	12		6
Income tax (benefit) expense	140	)	10	150		73	(69)	154	201		100
Amortization of program broadcast rights	36	5	-	36		16	-	52	110		55
Non-cash 401(k) expense	7	,	-	7		-	-	7	11		6
Payments for program broadcast rights	(37	")	-	(37)		(16)	-	(53)	(111)		(56)
Corporate and administrative expenses before				-				-	-		-
depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and				-				-	-		-
non-cash stock based compensation	63	3	1	64		22	(22)	64	120		60
Broadcast Transaction Related Expenses			-	-		-		-	8		4
Broadcast other adjustments	2	2	-	2		7	-	9	16		8
Synergies and other adjustments			25	25	_		55	80	160		80
Broadcast Cash Flow	1,048	3	73	1,121		353	55	1,529	2,589		1,295
Corporate and administrative expenses before											
depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and											
non-cash stock based compensation	(63	9 _	(1)	(64)	_	(22)	22	(64)	(120)		(60)
Broadcast Cash Flow Less Cash Corporate Expenses	985	,	72	1,057		330	77	1,465	2,469		1,235
Pension (income) expense			-	-		-	-	-	-		-
Contributions to pension plans	(3	3)	-	(3)		-	-	(3)	(6)		(3)
Corporate Transaction Related Expenses	8	3	-	8		-	-	8	9		5
Synergies and other adjustments	(7	)	3	(4)				(4)	(10)		(5)
Operating Cash Flow as Defined in Senior Credit Facility	983	3	75	1,058		330	77	1,465	2,462		1,231



# Non-GAAP Reconciliation (continued)

#### Non GAAP Reconciliations

#### Last Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2020

			0 2	,			
	Gray (as reported)	Adjustments (Quincy - Flint)	Gray CHB (Incl. Quincy and Excl. Flint)	Meredith	Adjustments (Meredith)	Pro Forma (T-12)	
Net income	\$ 195	\$ (4)	\$ 191	\$ 93	\$ (200)	\$ 84	
Adjustments to reconcile from net income to							
Operating Cash Flow as Defined in Senior Credit Facility:							
Depreciation	83	9	92	25	(11)	106	
Amortization of intangible assets	111	-	111	11	189	311	
Non-cash stock based compensation	18	-	18	-	-	18	
Impairment of long-lived assets	-	-	-	22	-	22	
Gain on disposal of assets, net	(35)	8	(27)	(3)	-	(30)	
Miscellaneous (income) expense, net	4	-	4	4	-	8	
Interest expense	209	16	225	1	115	341	
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	-	-		-	-		
Income tax (benefit) expense	79	4	83	31	(68)	46	
Amortization of program broadcast rights	39		39	19		58	
Non-cash 401(k) expense	4	-	4	-	-	4	
Payments for program broadcast rights	(40)	-	(40)	(19)	-	(59)	
Corporate and administrative expenses before							
depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and			-				
non-cash stock based compensation	56	-	56	25	(25)	56	
Broadcast Transaction Related Expenses	8		8		-	8	
Broadcast other adjustments	5	-	5	3	(0)	7	
Synergies and other adjustments	-	25	25	-	55	80	
Broadcast Cash Flow	736	58	794	212	55	1,061	
Corporate and administrative expenses before							
depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and							
non-cash stock based compensation	(56)	-	(56)	(25)	25	(56)	
Broadcast Cash Flow Less Cash Corporate Expenses	680	58	738	187	80	1,005	
Pension (income) expense							
Contributions to pension plans	(3)		(3)		_	(3)	
Corporate Transaction Related Expenses	1		1			1	
Synergies and other adjustments	(5)	(1)	(6)			(6)	
Operating Cash Flow as Defined in Senior Credit Facility	673	57	730	187	80	997	





From time to time, Gray supplements its financial results prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") by disclosing the non-GAAP financial measures Broadcast Cash Flow, Broadcast Cash Flow Less Cash Corporate Expenses, Operating Cash Flow as defined in Gray's Senior Credit Agreement, Free Cash Flow and Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash. These non-GAAP amounts are used by us to approximate the amount used to calculate key financial performance covenants contained in our debt agreements and are used with our GAAP data to evaluate our results and liquidity. These non-GAAP amounts may be provided on an As-Reported Basis as well as a Combined Historical Basis.

"Broadcast Cash Flow" or "BCF"	Net income or loss plus loss from early extinguishment of debt, non-cash corporate and administrative expenses, non-cash stock based compensation, depreciation and amortization (including amortization of intangible assets and program broadcast rights), any loss on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous expense, interest expense, any income tax expense, non-cash 401(k) expense, Broadcast Transactions Related Expenses and broadcast other adjustments less any gain on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous income, any income tax benefits and payments for program broadcast rights.
"Broadcast Cash Flow Less Cash Corporate Expenses"	Net income or loss plus loss from early extinguishment of debt, non-cash stock based compensation, depreciation and amortization (including amortization of intangible assets and program broadcast rights), any loss on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous expense, interest expense, any income tax expense, non-cash 401(k) expense, Broadcast Transactions Related Expenses and broadcast other adjustments less any gain on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous income, any income tax benefits and payments for program broadcast rights.
"Free Cash Flow" or "FCF"	Net income or loss plus loss from early extinguishment of debt, non-cash stock based compensation, depreciation and amortization (including amortization of intangible assets and program broadcast rights), any loss on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous expense, any income tax expense, non-cash 401(k) expense, Broadcast Transactions Related Expenses, broadcast other adjustments, certain pension expenses, Corporate Transaction Related Expenses, synergies, other adjustments and amortization of deferred financing costs less any gain on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous income, any income tax benefits, payments for program broadcast rights, pension income, contributions to pension plans, preferred dividends, purchase of property and equipment (net of reimbursements) and income taxes paid (net of any refunds received).
"Operating Cash Flow" or "OCF"	Defined in our Senior Credit Agreement as net income or loss plus loss from early extinguishment of debt, non-cash stock based compensation, depreciation and amortization (including amortization of intangible assets and program broadcast rights), any loss on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous expense, interest expense, any income tax expense, non-cash 401(k) expense, Broadcast Transactions Related Expenses, broadcast other adjustments, certain pension expenses, Corporate Transaction Related Expenses, synergies and other adjustments less any gain on disposal of assets, any miscellaneous income, any income tax benefits, payments for program broadcast rights, pension income and contributions to pension plans.
"Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash"	Our Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash is determined by dividing our Adjusted Total Indebtedness, Net of All Cash by our Operating Cash Flow as defined in our Senior Credit Agreement, divided by two. Our Adjusted Total Indebtedness, Net of All Cash represents the total outstanding principal of our long-term debt, plus certain other obligations as defined in our Senior Credit Agreement, less all cash (excluding restricted cash). Our Operating Cash Flow as defined in our Senior Credit Agreement, divided by two, represents our average annual Operating Cash Flow as defined in our Senior Credit Agreement for the preceding eight quarters.

These non-GAAP terms are not defined in GAAP and our definitions may differ from, and therefore not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies, thereby limiting their usefulness. Such terms are used by management in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP and should be considered as supplements to, and not as substitutes for, net income and cash flows reported in accordance with GAAP.

# Disclaimers, Definitions, and Non-GAAP Financial Data



The financial information attributable to Meredith Local Media Group for each of the periods presented are based on good faith estimates and assumptions of Gray management derived entirely from financial information provided by each respective entity in the due diligence process prior to our ownership and control thereof. Accordingly, although we believe such information to be accurate, such information cannot be independently verified by our management. This financial information also includes certain non-GAAP financial measures that are dependent on financial results that are not yet determinable with certainty. We are unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of the estimated non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures because such information is not yet available and management cannot reliably estimate all of the necessary components of such GAAP measures without unreasonable effort or expense. In addition, we believe such reconciliation would imply a degree of precision that would be confusing or misleading to investors.

Combined Historical Basis reflects financial results that have been compiled by adding Gray's historical revenue and broadcast expenses to the historical revenue and broadcast expenses of the stations acquired in the completed transactions and subtracting the historical revenues and broadcast expenses of stations divested in the completed transactions as if they had been acquired or divested, respectively, on January 1, 2018 (the beginning of the earliest period presented).

Combined Historical Basis financial information does not include any adjustments for other events attributable to the completed transactions except "Broadcast Cash Flow," "Broadcast Cash Flow Less Cash Corporate Expenses," "Operating Cash Flow," "Operating Cash Flow as Defined in the Senior Credit Agreement" and "Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash" each give effect to expected synergies, and "Free Cash Flow" on a Combined Historical Basis gives effect to the financings and certain expected operating synergies related to the completed transactions. "Operating Cash Flow," "Operating Cash Flow as Defined in the Senior Credit Agreement" and "Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash" on a Combined Historical Basis also reflect the add-back of legal and other professional fees incurred in completing acquisitions. Certain of the Combined Historical Basis financial information has been derived from, and adjusted based on, unaudited, unreviewed financial information prepared by other entities, which Gray cannot independently verify. We cannot assure you that such financial information would not be materially different if such information were audited or reviewed and no assurances can be provided as to the accuracy of such information, or that our actual results would not differ materially from the Combined Historical Basis financial information if the completed transactions had been completed at the stated date. In addition, the presentation of Combined Historical Basis, "Broadcast Cash Flow," "Broadcast Cash Flow, Less Cash Corporate Expenses," "Operating Cash Flow," "Operating Cash Flow as Defined in the Senior Credit Agreement," "Total Leverage Ratio, Net of All Cash," "Free Cash Flow," and the adjustments to such information, including expected synergies resulting from such transactions, may not comply with GAAP or the requirements for pro forma financial information under Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors Meredith Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of LMG RemainCo, which comprise the combined balance sheets as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related combined statements of earnings and comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LMG RemainCo as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



Des Moines, Iowa September 17, 2021

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## LMG RemainCo Combined Balance Sheets

Assets (In millions)	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2021</u>	2020
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 0.3	\$ —
Accounts receivable		
(net of allowances of \$3.4 in 2021, and \$7.9 in 2020)	135.7	121.0
Current portion of broadcast rights	4.6	6.4
Other current assets	1.6	1.5
Total current assets	142.2	128.9
Property, plant, and equipment		
Land	17.8	17.8
Buildings and improvements	92.8	90.8
Machinery and equipment	243.3	252.7
Leasehold improvements	2.0	2.0
Construction in progress	1.5	4.7
Total property, plant, and equipment	357.4	368.0
Less accumulated depreciation	(239.7)	(239.1)
Net property, plant, and equipment	117.7	128.9
Broadcast rights	3.7	3.9
Operating lease assets	18.3	19.4
Other assets	5.8	2.2
Intangible assets, net	718.5	725.6
Goodwill	112.2	112.2
Total assets	\$1,118.4	\$1,121.1
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term broadcast rights payable	\$ 5.5	\$ 6.2
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	1.9	1.9
Accounts payable	41.2	30.2
Accrued expenses		
Compensation and benefits	19.2	10.4
Other taxes and expenses	14.7	8.1
Total accrued expenses	33.9	18.5
Unearned revenues	4.4	7.1
Total current liabilities	86.9	63.9
Long-term broadcast rights payable	5.3	6.5
Operating lease liabilities	16.7	17.5
Deferred income taxes	125.1	119.7
Other noncurrent liabilities	9.0	8.1
Total liabilities	243.0	215.7
Equity		
Net investment by Meredith Corporation	874.2	906.5
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	1.2	(1.1)
Total equity	875.4	905.4
Total liabilities and equity	\$1,118.4	\$1,121.1
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See accompanying Notes to Combined Financial Statements

## LMG RemainCo Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
(In millions)  Revenues		
Advertising related	\$476.0	\$330.5
Retransmission	377.0	347.9
Other	15.7	13.5
Total revenues	868.7	691.9
Operating expenses		
Production, distribution, and editorial	362.5	342.8
Selling, general, and administrative	175.4	158.9
Restructuring related activities	7.2	3.3
Depreciation and amortization	29.0	35.5
Impairment of long-lived assets		22.3
Total operating expenses	574.1	562.8
Income from operations	294.6	129.1
Non-operating expense, net		(3.8)
Interest expense, net	(0.2)	(1.3)
Earnings from operations before income taxes	294.4	124.0
Income tax expense	(73.2)	(31.3)
Net earnings	221.2	92.7
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:		
Pension benefit plan activity	2.3	(0.7)
Comprehensive income	\$223.5	\$ 92.0

See accompanying Notes to Combined Financial Statements

## LMG RemainCo Combined Statements of Equity

	Net Investment by Meredith		Meredith Comprehensive			
(In millions)	Con	Corporation		ne (Loss)	Total	
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$	929.2	\$	(0.4)	\$ 928.8	
Net earnings		92.7			92.7	
Other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes		_		(0.7)	(0.7)	
Net transfers to Meredith Corporation		(115.4)			(115.4)	
Balance at June 30, 2020		906.5		(1.1)	905.4	
Net earnings		221.2			221.2	
Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes		_		2.3	2.3	
Net transfers to Meredith Corporation		(254.3)		_	(254.3)	
Cumulative effect adjustment for adoption of Accounting						
Standards Update 2016-13		0.8			0.8	
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$	874.2	\$	1.2	\$ 875.4	

 $See\ accompanying\ Notes\ to\ Combined\ Financial\ Statements$ 

## LMG RemainCo Combined Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended June 30, (In millions)	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net earnings	\$ 221.2	\$ 92.7
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	22.0	24.7
Amortization	7.0	10.8
Non-cash lease expense	2.4	3.1
Share-based compensation	4.7	3.8
Deferred income taxes	4.3	1.4
Amortization of broadcast rights	15.8	19.0
Write-down of impaired assets	_	22.3
Other operating activities, net	0.1	0.6
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	(13.6)	11.5
Other current assets	_	0.8
Broadcast rights	(15.7)	(18.5)
Other assets	(0.3)	8.0
Operating lease liabilities	(2.2)	(2.7)
Accounts payable	10.3	(19.1)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	15.6	(10.8)
Unearned revenues	(2.7)	1.2
Other noncurrent liabilities	2.2	0.9
Net cash provided by operating activities	271.1	142.5
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(10.1)	(21.5)
Net cash used in investing activities	(10.1)	(21.5)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net transfers to Meredith Corporation	(260.4)	(121.2)
Financing lease payments	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net cash used in financing activities	(260.7)	(121.5)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	0.3	(0.5)
Cash at beginning of year	U.5	0.5
Cash at ord of year	\$ 0.3	\$ —
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 $See\ accompanying\ Notes\ to\ Combined\ Financial\ Statements$ 

### LMG RemainCo Notes to Combined Financial Statements

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Background and Nature of Operations—On May 3, 2021, Meredith Corporation announced its intent to separate its local media group and national media group operations into two independent companies by distributing (the Distribution) to Meredith Corporation's shareholders, on a pro rata basis, the issued and outstanding capital stock of Meredith Holdings Corporation, an Iowa corporation and newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary of Meredith Corporation, which will hold Meredith Corporation's national media group and corporate functions following the separation (collectively, the Spin-Off). As part of this announcement, Meredith Corporation, Gray Television, Inc., and Gray Hawkeye Stations, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gray Television, Inc. (Merger Sub), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), as amended June 2, 2021, to effect the acquisition of Meredith Corporation by Gray Television, Inc., immediately after and subject to the consummation of the Spin-Off (as described above), through the merger of Merger Sub with and into Meredith Corporation (the Merger), with Meredith Corporation surviving the Merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gray Television, Inc. As a result of the Distribution and Spin-Off and immediately prior to the Merger, Meredith Corporation will hold the local media group only (LMG RemainCo).

The combined financial statements reflect the historical results of operations, financial positions, and cash flows of LMG RemainCo (the Company), which consists of Meredith Corporation's historical local media group excluding the MNI Targeted Media and People TV businesses, which will be transferred from Meredith Corporation's local media group to Meredith Corporation's national media group as part of the Spin-Off. The Company has one reportable segment. LMG RemainCo includes 17 television stations and related digital media operations. LMG RemainCo's operations are diversified geographically within the United States (U.S.), and the Company has a broad customer base.

**Basis of Presentation**—The combined financial statements of LMG RemainCo were prepared in connection with the anticipated transaction and have been derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements and accounting records of Meredith Corporation (Parent) as if it were operated on a standalone basis during the periods presented and were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).

The Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income of the Company reflect allocations of general corporate expenses from Parent including, but not limited to, executive management, employee benefits administration, occupancy, corporate administration, aviation, legal, sourcing, corporate development, finance, human resources, communications, information technology, and other shared services.

These allocations were made on a direct usage basis when identifiable, with the remainder allocated on the basis of relative revenues, salaries, headcount, or other relevant measures. Management of the Company and Parent consider these allocations to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services by, or the benefits provided to, the Company. The allocations may not, however, reflect the expense the Company would have incurred as a standalone company for the periods presented. Actual costs that may have been incurred if the Company had been a standalone company would depend on a number of factors, including the chosen organizational structure, what functions were outsourced or performed by employees, and strategic decisions made in areas such as selling and marketing, information technology, and infrastructure.

The Combined Balance Sheets of the Company include Parent assets and liabilities that are specifically identifiable or otherwise attributable to the Company, including subsidiaries and affiliates in which Parent has a controlling financial interest or is the primary beneficiary.

Parent uses a centralized cash management strategy where cash balances are comingled for all of Parent's businesses. The cash and cash equivalents held by Parent at the corporate level are not specifically identifiable to the Company and, therefore, have not been reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets. Only cash balances legally owned by the Company are reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets. Transfers of cash between the Company and Parent are included within the *Net transfers to Meredith Corporation* line in the Combined Statements of Cash Flows and the Combined Statements of Equity.

Parent sponsors various pension and postretirement plans for eligible Company employees and retirees. Parent-sponsored plans in which the Company's employees participate are accounted for as multiemployer benefit plans in the combined financial statements. Accordingly, the related net benefit plan obligation, plan assets, and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) amounts for these plans are not included in the Company's Combined Balance Sheets. The related net periodic pension cost has been allocated to the Company for Company employees as well as an allocation of Parent's corporate and shared functional employee expenses on the basis of revenues when a basis of direct attribution was not identifiable. One benefit plan in the Company's operations includes only active, retired, and other former Company employees and the Company will assume sponsorship of this plan upon consummation of the transaction. This plan is accounted for as a single employer benefit plan. Accordingly, the net benefit obligation, plan assets, and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) amounts for this plan are recorded in the Company's combined financial statements. The net periodic pension cost included in the Company's Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income includes the total cost of the single employer plan and the cost allocated to the Company for multiemployer benefit plans.

The Company's employees have historically participated in Parent's share-based compensation plans. Share-based compensation expense has been allocated to the Company for Company employees based on the awards and terms previously granted to the Company's employees as well as an allocation of Parent's corporate and shared functional employee expenses on the basis of revenues when a basis of direct attribution was not identifiable.

Income tax expense in the combined financial statements has been calculated on a separate-return method. Under the separate-return method of allocation, the separate financial statements determine current and deferred tax expense or benefit for the period as if the group member were required to file a separate tax return. The Company's historical operations are included in the tax returns of Meredith Corporation.

As the separate legal entities that make up the Company's business were not historically held by a single legal entity, *Net investment by Meredith Corporation* is shown in lieu of shareholders' equity in these combined financial statements. *Net investment by Meredith Corporation* represents Meredith Corporation's interest in the recorded assets of the Company and the cumulative investment by Meredith Corporation in the Company through the periods presented, inclusive of operating results.

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

The extent to which the evolving COVID-19 pandemic impacts the Company's combined financial statements will depend on a number of factors, including the magnitude and duration of the pandemic. There remains risk that COVID-19 could have material adverse impacts on future revenue growth as well as overall profitability.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the combined financial statements. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, management expectations for future performance, and other assumptions as appropriate. Key areas affected by estimates include the allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based on historical experience and management's views on trends in the overall receivable aging, the assessment of the recoverability of long-lived assets, including goodwill and other intangible assets, which is based on such factors as estimated future cash flows; the determination of the net realizable value of broadcast rights, which is based on estimated future revenues; pension and postretirement benefit expenses, which are determined based, in large part, on actuarial assumptions regarding discount rates, expected returns on plan assets, and healthcare costs; and share-based compensation expense, which is based on numerous assumptions, including future stock price volatility and employees' expected exercise and post-vesting employment termination behavior. While the Company re-evaluates its estimates on an ongoing basis, actual results may vary from those estimates.

Cash—Cash is stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**—Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk are primarily cash deposits. These cash deposits are maintained with several financial institutions. The deposits held at the various financial institutions may exceed federally insured limits. Exposure to this credit risk is reduced by placing such deposits with major financial institutions and monitoring their credit ratings and, therefore, these deposits bear minimal credit risk.

Accounts Receivable—The Company's accounts receivable are primarily due from advertisers. Credit is extended to clients based on an evaluation of each client's creditworthiness and financial condition; collateral is not required. Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount, less estimated adjustments for discounts, rebates, and rate adjustments. The allowance for uncollectible accounts is primarily based on historical loss rates by type of advertiser classification, known specific collectability exposures, and the current economic environment. Accounts are written off when deemed uncollectible. Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is generally limited due to the large number of geographically diverse clients and individually small balances.

**Property, Plant, and Equipment**—Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost. Costs of replacements and major improvements are capitalized, while costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

Depreciation expense is determined primarily using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets: 10-45 years for buildings and improvements and 3-20 years for machinery and equipment. The costs of leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the useful lives of the improvements or the terms of the respective leases. Depreciation and amortization of property, plant, and equipment, including allocations of Parent's property, plant, and equipment was \$22.0 million in fiscal 2021 and \$24.7 million in fiscal 2020.

Operating Leases—LMG RemainCo's lessee portfolio is primarily comprised of real estate leases for the use of antenna and transmitter sites and broadcast station facilities. The Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception and begins recording lease activity at the commencement date, which is generally the date at which the Company takes possession of or controls the physical use of the asset. Right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term with lease expense generally recognized on a straight-line basis. Parent's incremental borrowing rate is used to determine the present value of future lease payments unless the implicit rate is readily determinable

Lease agreements may contain rent escalation clauses, renewal or termination options, rent holidays, or certain landlord incentives, including tenant improvement allowances. ROU assets include amounts for fixed scheduled rent increases. The lease term includes the non-cancelable period of the lease and renewal periods subject to options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain the Company will exercise those options. The remaining terms of the leases are three months to 29 years. Certain lease agreements include variable lease payments, which adjust periodically for inflation as a result of changes in a published index, primarily the Consumer Price Index, or are amounts paid to the lessor based on cost or consumption, such as maintenance and utilities.

Accounting policy elections were made to exempt leases with an initial term of twelve months or less from balance sheet recognition and not separate lease and non-lease components for any asset classes in the current portfolio.

**Broadcast Rights**—Broadcast rights consist principally of rights to broadcast syndicated programs, sports, and feature films. The total cost of these rights is recorded as an asset and as a liability when programs become available for broadcast. The current portion of broadcast rights represents those rights available for broadcast that are expected to be amortized in the succeeding year. These rights are valued at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value and are generally charged to operations on an accelerated basis over the contract period. Impairments of unamortized costs to net realizable value are included in the production, distribution, and editorial expenses line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. There were no material impairments of unamortized costs in fiscal 2021 or 2020. Future write-offs can vary based on changes in consumer viewing trends and the availability and costs of other programming.

Amortization expense related to broadcast rights of \$15.8 million and \$19.0 million for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, was included in production, distribution, and editorial line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. Future amortization expense for broadcast rights is expected to be as follows: \$4.6 million in fiscal 2022, \$1.5 million in fiscal 2023, and \$1.2 million in fiscal 2024. Actual future amortization expense could differ from these estimates due to future purchases.

**Intangible Assets and Goodwill**—Intangible assets and goodwill were derived from the related balances of the Parent. These amounts carry with them the results of the Parent's previously performed impairment tests, akin to a reorganization of reporting units of the Parent entity for which U.S. GAAP does not require retrospective testing of goodwill under the reorganized structure.

Amortizable intangible assets consist primarily of network affiliation agreements and retransmission agreements. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. The useful life of an intangible asset is the period over which the asset is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. Network affiliation agreements are amortized over the period of time the agreements are expected to remain in place, assuming renewals without material modifications to the original terms and conditions (generally 25-40 years from the original acquisition date). Retransmission agreements are amortized over their estimated useful life, which is 6-10 years. Other intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, ranging from 1 to 4 years.

Intangible assets with indefinite lives include Federal Communications Commission (FCC) broadcast licenses, which are evaluated annually for impairment. In addition, when certain events or changes in operating conditions occur, an additional impairment assessment is performed, and indefinite-lived assets may be adjusted to a determinable life. Broadcast licenses are granted for a term of up to eight years but are renewable if the Company provides at least an average level of service to its customers and complies with the applicable FCC rules and policies and the Communications Act of 1934. The Company has been successful in every one of its past license renewal requests and has incurred only minimal costs in the process. The Company expects the television broadcasting business to continue indefinitely; therefore, the cash flows from the broadcast licenses are also expected to continue indefinitely.

Goodwill and intangible assets that have indefinite lives are not amortized but are tested by the Parent for impairment annually or when events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the reporting unit's fair value below its carrying amount. Goodwill impairment testing is performed at the Parent's historical reporting unit level, the local media group.

A quantitative impairment test, performed for a goodwill reporting unit or indefinite-lived intangible assets, involves determining the fair value of the reporting unit or asset, which is then compared to its carrying amount. Fair value is determined using a discounted cash flow model, which requires an estimate of the future cash flows expected to be generated by the reporting unit or to result from the use of the asset. These estimates include assumptions about future revenues (including projections of overall market growth and share of market), estimated costs, and appropriate discount rates where applicable. These assumptions are based on historical data, various internal estimates, and a variety of external sources and are consistent with the assumptions used in both short-term financial forecasts and long-term strategic plans of the Parent. Depending on the assumptions and estimates used, future cash flow projections can vary within a range of outcomes. Changes in key assumptions used and their prospects or changes in market conditions could result in additional impairment charges.

Additional information regarding intangible assets and goodwill, including a discussion of the impairment charge taken on long-lived intangible assets is provided in Note 3.

**Impairment of Long-lived Assets**—Long-lived assets (primarily property, plant, and equipment; operating lease assets; and amortizable intangible assets) are reviewed for impairment whenever events and circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by comparison of the forecasted undiscounted cash flows of the operation or asset group to which the assets relate to the carrying amount of the assets. Tests for impairment or recoverability require significant management judgment, and future events affecting cash flows and market conditions could result in impairment losses.

Revenue Recognition—The Company's sources of revenue are advertising related, retransmission, and other. Advertising related revenues consist primarily of local non-political advertising focusing on the immediate geographic area of the stations; national non-political advertising; political advertising which is cyclical with peaks occurring in our odd-numbered fiscal years and particularly in our second fiscal quarter of those fiscal years; and digital advertising on the stations' websites, mobile-optimized websites, and apps. Retransmission revenue represents retransmission consent fees from cable, satellite, and telecommunications operators. Other revenue primarily includes payments from other networks to transmit signal through the Company's broadcast television stations.

At contract inception, LMG RemainCo assesses the obligations promised in its contracts with customers and identifies a performance obligation for each promise to transfer a good or service or bundle that is distinct. To identify the performance obligations, the Company considers all the promises in the contract, whether explicitly stated or implied based on customary business practices. Revenue is recognized when, or as, the performance obligations are satisfied, and control is transferred to the customer.

Determining when control transfers requires management to make judgments that affect the timing of revenue recognized. The Company has determined that recognition of revenue at a point-in-time for certain products and services provides a faithful depiction of the transfer of control to the customer.

Progress measurement requires management to make judgments that affect the timing of revenue recognized. The Company has determined that the chosen methods provides a faithful depiction of the transfer of goods or services to the customer that are recognized over time. For performance obligations recognized using a time-elapsed output method, the Company's efforts are expended evenly throughout the period.

For contracts that contain multiple performance obligations, the Company allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation on a relative standalone-selling price basis. The standalone-selling price is the price at which the Company would sell a promised good or service separately to the customer. In situations in which an obligation is bundled with other obligations and the total amount of consideration does not reflect the sum of individual observable prices, the Company allocates the discount to (1) a single obligation if the discount is attributable to that obligation or (2) prorates across all obligations if the discount relates to the bundle. When standalone-selling price is not directly observable, the Company estimates and considers all the information that is reasonably available to the Company, including market conditions, entity-specific factors, customer information, etc. The Company maximizes the use of observable inputs and applies estimation methods consistently in similar circumstances.

As allowed by Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, the Company does not impute interest to account for financing elements on contracts that have an original duration of twelve months or less. The Company has not disclosed the transaction price for the remaining performance obligations as of the end of each reporting period or when the Company expects to recognize this revenue for all contracts with an original term of twelve months or less. The Company excludes amounts collected from customers for sales taxes from its transaction prices.

The following are detailed descriptions of the Company's revenue recognition policies by each major product line:

Non-political and Political Spot Advertising—The Company sells commercial time directly to political and non-political advertisers or through advertising agencies. The Company's performance obligations related to spot advertising are satisfied when the advertisement is aired by the broadcasting station. Rates for spot advertising are influenced primarily by the market size, number and type of competitors, audience share, and audience demographics. The customer is invoiced the agreed-upon price at the end of the month in which the advertisements

were aired under normal trade terms. Political spot advertisements require payment in advance of airing. The agreed-upon price may be adjusted for estimated provisions for rebates, rate adjustments, and discounts. As part of the Company's customary business practices, broadcast television advertising contracts may include gross rating points goals and/or sales incentives to its customers. For all such contracts that include these types of variable consideration, the Company estimates the variable consideration and factors in such an estimate when determining the transaction price.

Digital Advertising—The Company sells advertising inventory on its websites directly to advertisers or through advertising agencies. The Company's performance obligations related to digital advertising are generally satisfied when the advertisement runs on owned or operated websites. The price for digital advertising is determined by an agreed-upon pricing model such as CPC (cost per click), CPM (cost per 1,000 impressions), or flat fees. Revenue from the sale of digital advertising space based on impression pricing is recognized when the advertisements are delivered consistent with the respective pricing model. Flat fee contracts are recognized ratably over the contract period using a time-elapsed output method. The customer is invoiced the agreed-upon price in the month following the month that the advertisements are delivered with normal trade terms.

As part of the Company's customary business practices, digital advertising contracts may include a guaranteed number of impressions. Advertising contracts may include sales incentives to its customers, including volume discounts, rebates, value added impressions, etc. For all such contracts that include these types of variable consideration, the Company estimates the variable consideration and factors in such an estimate when determining the transaction price. The Company has sufficient historical data and has established processes to reliably estimate these variable components of the transaction price.

Third Party Sales—The Company sells a variety of advertising products to its advertising customers that are placed on third-party platforms. Revenue recognition for the Company's third party sales is consistent with its revenue recognition policy for digital advertising described above.

Retransmission—LMG RemainCo has entered into agreements with cable, satellite, and telecommunications service providers for licenses to access the Company's television station signals for retransmission. These licenses are functional licenses under which revenue is recognized at a point-in-time when access to the completed content is granted to the service provider. The transaction price for retransmission agreements generally are on a per subscriber basis. The recognition pattern for retransmission contracts mirrors over-time revenue recognition as the Company delivers the signal to the service provider, which represents completed content, on an on-going basis during the license period. Service providers are invoiced monthly and payment is due under industry trade terms.

Other—Other revenue primarily includes amounts earned by local broadcast television station licensees for broadcasting additional programming streams on their digital channels, for which revenue is generally recognized ratably over time. Other revenue also includes amounts earned for digitally operating the shop channel *Local Steals & Deals*, for which LMG RemainCo is paid on a commission basis from affiliate networks that facilitate reporting and payments from retail partners, based on either a CPC on content or consumer purchases.

**Income Taxes**—The income tax provision is calculated under the separate-return method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in earnings in the period when such a change is enacted. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs.

**Pensions and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions**—Retirement benefits are provided to employees through pension plans sponsored by the Parent. The Company will assume sponsorship for one of the Parent's benefit plans that relates to the Company's current and former employees upon consummation of the transaction.

The amount of net liability or asset actually assumed will be evaluated in a manner specified by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and will be finalized and certified by plan actuaries several months after the transaction is consummated.

Pension benefits are generally based on formulas that reflect interest credits allocated to participants' accounts based on years of benefit service and annual pensionable earnings. The discount rate utilized is based on the investment yields of high quality corporate bonds available in the marketplace with maturities equal to projected cash flows of future benefit payments as of the measurement date. It is the Parent's policy to fund the qualified pension plans to at least the extent required to maintain their fully funded status. In addition, the Parent provides health care and life insurance benefits for certain retired Company employees, the expected costs of which are accrued over the years that the employees render services. It is the Parent's policy to fund postretirement benefits as claims are paid. Additional information is provided in Note 9.

Share-based Compensation—Share-based compensation expense has been allocated to the Company based on the awards and terms previously granted to the Company's employees as well as an allocation of Parent's corporate and shared functional employee expenses on the basis of headcount, salaries, and revenues when a basis of direct attribution was not identifiable. Stock-based compensation expense is based on the measurement date fair value of the award and is recognized over the appropriate vesting period. The Company recognizes expense for stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and matching shares anticipated to be issued under the Company's employee stock purchase plan. See Note 10 for additional information related to share-based compensation expense.

**Comprehensive Income**—Comprehensive income consists of net earnings and other gains and losses affecting equity that, under U.S. GAAP, are excluded from net earnings. Other comprehensive income (loss) includes changes in prior service costs and net actuarial losses from the pension benefit plan, net of taxes.

#### Adopted Accounting Pronouncements-

ASU 2016-13—In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a standard that replaces the current incurred loss methodology for recognizing credit losses with a current expected credit loss methodology. Under this standard, the establishment of an allowance for credit losses reflects all relevant information about past events, current conditions, and reasonable supportable forecasts rather than delaying the recognition of the full amount of a credit loss until the loss is probable of occurring. The new standard changes the impairment model for most financial assets and certain other instruments, including trade receivables. The Company implemented the new standard on July 1, 2020, on a modified retrospective basis. The adoption of this standard resulted in a decrease in the allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1.1 million and an increase in deferred tax liabilities of \$0.3 million, with a corresponding increase to Net investment by Meredith Corporation of \$0.8 million. This standard did not have a material impact on the Company's combined financial statements and related disclosures upon adoption.

ASU 2019-02—In March 2019, the FASB issued an accounting standards update which aligns the accounting for production costs of episodic television series with the accounting for production costs of films. In addition, the update modifies certain aspects of the capitalization, impairment, presentation, and disclosure requirements in the accounting standards for entities in the film and broadcast entertainment industries. The update was prospectively adopted in the first quarter of fiscal 2021. Due to the nature of existing Company policies and the nature of its episodic television series, the update had no impact on the Company's combined financial statements.

ASU 2019-12—In December 2019, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that simplifies the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to and clarifying existing guidance to improve consistent application. The Company prospectively adopted this standard in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2021. The adoption had no impact on the Company's combined financial statements.

ASU 2020-03—In March 2020, the FASB issued new accounting rules to clarify guidance around several subtopics by adopting enhanced verbiage on the following subtopics: fair value option disclosures, fair value measurement, investments—debt and equity securities, debt modifications and extinguishments, credit losses, and sales of financial assets. This guidance is intended to make the standards easier to understand and apply by eliminating inconsistencies and providing clarifications. The subtopic amendments have different effective dates. Applicable subtopics were adopted by the Company in the third quarter of 2020. The adoption of these subtopics did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or cash flows.

### 2. Leases

Total lease cost for operating leases, inclusive of short-term and variable expenses and including lease cost allocated to the Company for shared corporate leases, recorded in the selling, general, and administrative line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income was \$4.0 million and \$5.1 million for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The table below presents supplemental information related to operating leases:

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
(In millions except for lease term and discount rate)		· <del></del>
Operating cash flows for operating leases	\$ 3.2	\$ 3.8
Noncash lease liabilities arising from obtaining operating lease		
assets	1.4	3.5
Weighted average remaining lease term	11.4 years	12.0 years
Weighted average discount rate	5.6%	5.6%

Maturities of operating lease liabilities as of June 30, 2021, were as follows:

Years ending June 30, (In millions)	
2022	\$ 2.8
2023	2.7
2024	2.4
2025	2.2
2026	2.1
Thereafter	14.2 26.4
Total lease payments	26.4
Less: Interest	(7.8)
Present value of lease liabilities	\$18.6

#### 3. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets consist of the following:

<u>June 30,</u>		2021			2020	
(In millions)	Gross Amount	cumulated ortization	Net Amount	Gross Amount	cumulated ortization	Net Amount
Intangible assets subject to amortization	· <u> </u>					
Network affiliation agreements	\$ 229.3	\$ (167.5)	\$ 61.8	\$229.3	\$ (161.5)	\$ 67.8
Retransmission agreements	10.6	(6.8)	3.8	27.9	(23.1)	4.8
Other	0.7	(0.7)		1.7	(1.6)	0.1
Total	\$ 240.6	\$ (175.0)	65.6	\$258.9	\$ (186.2)	72.7
Intangible assets not subject to amortization						
FCC licenses			652.9			652.9
Total			652.9			652.9
Intangible assets, net			\$718.5			\$725.6

Amortization expense was \$7.0 million in fiscal 2021, and \$10.8 million in fiscal 2020. Future amortization expense for intangible assets is expected to be as follows: \$5.6 million in fiscal 2022, \$4.5 million in fiscal 2023, \$4.5 million in fiscal 2024, \$4.5 million in fiscal 2025, and \$4.5 million in fiscal 2026. Actual future amortization expense could differ from these estimates as a result of future acquisitions, dispositions, and other factors.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2020, Parent experienced revenue declines primarily related to advertising cancellations and delays, as advertisers faced economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These declines caused Parent to revise forecasts and to determine that it had a triggering event to test the value of intangible assets not subject to amortization for impairment as of March 31, 2020. As a result, LMG RemainCo recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$22.3 million to partially impair the FCC license for its station WALA-TV in Mobile, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida. This impairment was recorded in the impairment of long-lived assets line in the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. No other impairments of indefinite-lived intangible assets were recorded as a result of Parent's fiscal 2021 or 2020 annual impairment tests performed for LMG RemainCo as of May 31, 2021 and 2020.

During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no changes in the carrying amount of goodwill of \$112.2 million.

Parent is required to evaluate goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or when events occur or circumstances change that would indicate the carrying value exceeds the fair value. Parent performed its fiscal 2021 and 2020 annual impairment review for LMG RemainCo using qualitative assessments as of its measurement date of May 31, 2021 and 2020. Based on the results of the assessments, there was no indication of impairment.

### 4. Restructuring Accruals

During fiscal 2021, Parent's management committed to a performance improvement plan to control costs. Actions included consolidating certain LMG RemainCo functions. Including allocations for Parent's corporate and shared functional employees, the Company recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of \$7.2 million for severance and related benefit costs associated with the involuntary termination of employees. These costs were recorded in the restructuring related activities line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. These actions affected approximately 140 LMG RemainCo employees. The majority of the severance costs for these restructuring actions were paid during fiscal 2021, with the remainder to be paid in fiscal 2022. No additional restructuring costs are expected to be incurred.

During fiscal 2020, Parent's management committed to reduce the workforce in LMG RemainCo. Including allocations for Parent's corporate and shared functional employees, the Company recorded pre-tax restructuring charges totaling \$3.3 million for severance and related benefit costs associated with the involuntary termination of employees. These costs were recorded in the restructuring related activities line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. These actions affected approximately 15 LMG RemainCo employees. The majority of the severance costs were paid during fiscal 2020, with the remainder paid in the first half of fiscal 2021.

Details of changes in the Company's restructuring accrual are as follows:

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 0.6	\$ 1.0
Accruals	7.3	2.4
Cash payments	(6.4)	(2.8)
Balance at end of year	\$ 1.5	\$ 0.6

As of June 30, 2021, \$1.5 million is included within the accrued expenses-compensation and benefits line on the Combined Balance Sheets.

#### 5. Income Taxes

Income taxes are recognized for the amount of taxes payable for the current year and for the impact of deferred tax assets and liabilities, which represent future tax consequences of events that have been recognized differently in the financial statements than for tax purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are established using the enacted statutory tax rates and are adjusted for any changes in such rates in the period of change.

The following table shows income tax expense attributable to earnings from operations before income taxes as computed under the separate return method:

Years ended June 30, (In millions)	2021	2020
Current		
Federal	\$57.9	\$25.2
State	10.8	4.7
Total current	68.7	29.9
Deferred		
Federal	3.9	1.2
State	0.6	0.2
Total deferred	4.5	1.4
Income tax expense	\$73.2	\$31.3

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. The CARES Act provides a substantial stimulus and assistance package intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including tax relief and government loans, grants, and investments. The CARES Act did not have a material impact on the Company's combined financial statements.

The differences between the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate and the effective tax rate were as follows:

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
U.S. statutory tax rate	21.0%	21.0%
State income taxes, less federal income tax benefits	3.1	3.1
Nondeductible compensation	0.7	0.6
Other	0.1	0.5
Effective income tax rate	24.9%	25.2%

The tax effects of temporary differences that gave rise to deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities were as follows:

June 30,	2021	2020
(In millions)		
Deferred tax assets		
Accounts receivable allowances and return reserves	\$ 0.9	\$ 1.0
Compensation and benefits	_	0.2
Lease liabilities	5.0	5.2
All other assets	0.6	0.4
Total deferred tax assets	6.5	6.8
Deferred tax liabilities		
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	111.0	105.7
Compensation and benefits	0.4	_
Deferred gains from dispositions	14.8	14.8
Lease right-of-use assets	4.7	5.1
All other liabilities	0.7	0.9
Total deferred tax liabilities	131.6	126.5
Net deferred tax liability	\$125.1	\$119.7

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. The Company has not recorded any unrecognized tax benefits.

The Parent, and, accordingly, the Company, is subject to examinations by the Internal Revenue Service for periods June 30, 2013, to the present. The Parent, and, accordingly, the Company, has various state income tax examinations ongoing at various stages of completion, but generally the state income tax returns have been audited or closed to audit through fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

#### 6. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The Company has commitments under certain firm contractual arrangements (firm commitments) to make future payments. These firm commitments secure the future rights to various assets and services to be used in the normal course of operations. Commitments not recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets consist primarily of purchase obligations for goods and services. Commitments recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets consist primarily of operating lease liabilities and broadcast rights payable. Commitments expected to be paid over the next five years are as follows:

	Payments Due In						
Years ending June 30,	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Thereafter	Total
(In millions)							
Broadcast rights payable							
Recorded commitments	\$ 5.5	\$2.6	\$1.2	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.1	\$10.8
Unavailable rights	8.0	7.2	1.1				16.3
Total commitments	\$13.5	\$9.8	\$2.3	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.1	\$27.1
Total commitments	\$13.5	\$9.8	\$2.3	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.1	\$27.1

The Company has recorded commitments for broadcast rights payable in future fiscal years. The Company also is obligated to make payments under contracts for broadcast rights not currently available for use and, therefore, not included in the combined financial statements. Such unavailable rights amounted to \$16.3 million at June 30, 2021. The fair value of these commitments for unavailable broadcast rights, determined by the present value of future cash flows discounted at the Company's current borrowing rate, was \$15.2 million at June 30, 2021.

#### Indemnifications

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and Tax Matters Agreement entered into between Meredith Corporation, Gray Television, Inc., and Gray Hawkeye Stations, Inc., Gray Television, Inc. will, upon close of the transaction, become the parent of LMG RemainCo and the primary obligor for Meredith Corporation taxes that are incurred prior the transaction. Gray Television, Inc. will be indemnified by Meredith Holdings Corporation for any taxes of Meredith Corporation or Meredith Holdings Corporation during the pre-closing period, including certain taxes attributable to the transaction. As the indemnification is contingent upon the transaction, the Company has not established an accrued asset or liability in the combined financial statements related to the indemnification between Meredith Corporation, Gray Television, Inc., and Gray Hawkeye Stations, Inc.

Due to the inherent difficulty of predicting the consummation date of the transaction and the amounts payable or receivable under the indemnification, the Company cannot predict the total indemnification amount or timing of payment.

#### **Legal Proceedings**

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is a defendant in or party to various legal claims, actions, and proceedings. These claims, actions, and proceedings are at varying stages of investigation, arbitration, or adjudication, and involve a variety of areas of law.

On April 3, 2019, a purported class of plaintiff purchasers of broadcast television spot advertising amended its pending consolidated complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against a number of broadcast television station groups to add Meredith Corporation and other broadcast television station groups as defendants (the Defendants). The amended complaint alleges that the Defendants have violated federal antitrust law by entering into agreements with their competitors to fix prices and exchange competitively sensitive information. The Defendants filed a joint motion to dismiss on June 5, 2019, after which the plaintiffs filed a consolidated second amended complaint on September 9, 2019. The Defendants filed a joint motion to dismiss the second amended complaint on October 8, 2019. On November 6, 2020, the court denied the motion to dismiss. The Court has set a pretrial schedule requiring that all fact discovery be completed by July 1, 2022, and briefing on class certification be completed by November 14, 2022.

The Company establishes an accrued liability for specific matters, such as a legal claim, when the Company determines both that a loss is probable, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Once established, accruals are adjusted from time to time, as appropriate, in light of additional information. The amount of any loss ultimately incurred in relation to matters for which an accrual has been established may be higher or lower than the

amounts accrued for such matters. Due to the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of litigation, claims, and other matters, the Company often cannot predict what the eventual outcome of a pending matter will be, or what the timing or results of the ultimate resolution of a matter will be. Accordingly, for the matter described above, the Company is unable to predict the outcome or reasonably estimate a range of possible loss.

### 7. Fair Value Measurements

The Company estimates the fair value of financial instruments using available market information and valuation methodologies the Company believes to be appropriate for these purposes. Considerable judgment and a high degree of subjectivity are involved in developing these estimates and, accordingly, they are not necessarily indicative of amounts the Company would realize upon disposition.

The fair value hierarchy consists of three broad levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value, which are described below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable; and
- Level 3 Assets or liabilities for which fair value is based on valuation models with significant unobservable pricing inputs and which result in the use of management estimates.

The carrying value of the Company's broadcast rights payable was \$10.8 million and \$12.7 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and the estimated fair value was \$9.8 million and \$11.7 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. These financial instruments are not measured at fair value in the Combined Balance Sheets. The fair value of broadcast rights payable was determined utilizing Level 3 inputs.

Deferred compensation plan liabilities of \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million at June 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively, included in the accrued expenses-compensation and benefits line and \$1.0 million and \$0.9 million at June 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively, included in the other noncurrent liabilities line on the Combined Balance Sheets are liabilities that are recurring fair value measures. The fair value of deferred compensation plans was derived from quotes from observable market information and thus represented a Level 2 measurement.

At March 31, 2020, an FCC license that had a carrying value of \$70.2 million prior to impairment was partially impaired and an impairment charge of \$22.3 million was recorded for the year ended June 30, 2020, leaving an intangible asset balance of \$47.9 million that would be considered a nonrecurring fair value measurement at June 30, 2020. The fair value of the FCC license was measured on a non-recurring basis and was determined based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent a Level 3 measurement. The key assumptions used to determine the fair value included discount rates, estimated cash flows, and revenue growth rates. The discount rate used was based on several factors, including market interest rates, and a weighted average cost of capital analysis based on the target capital structure, and included adjustments for market risk and Company specific risk. Estimated cash flows were based upon internally developed estimates, and the revenue growth rates were based on industry knowledge and historical performance. For the FCC license, the unobservable significant inputs included a discount rate of 11.0 percent and a terminal revenue growth rate of 2.0 percent. For further discussion of the impairment of this license, refer to Note 3. The impairment charge was recorded in the impairment of long-lived assets line on the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

#### 8. Revenues

LMG RemainCo disaggregates revenue from contracts with customers by types of goods and services. A reconciliation of disaggregated revenue to total revenue disclosed in the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income is as follows.

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
(In millions)		
Advertising related		
Non-political spot	\$279.1	\$285.6
Political spot	175.4	23.9
Digital	19.0	17.7
Third party sales	2.5	3.3
Total advertising related	476.0	330.5
Retransmission	377.0	347.9
Other	15.7	13.5
Total revenues	\$868.7	\$691.9

The timing of LMG RemainCo's performance under its various contracts often differs from the timing of the customer's payment, which results in the recognition of a contract asset or a contract liability. A contract asset is recognized when a good or service is transferred to a customer, and the Company does not have the contractual right to bill for the related performance obligations. Due to the nature of its contracts, the Company does not have significant contract assets. A contract liability is recognized when consideration is received from the customer prior to the transfer of goods or services. Contract liabilities were \$4.4 million at June 30, 2021, and \$7.1 million at June 30, 2020, and are presented as unearned revenues on the Combined Balance Sheets. Revenue of \$6.2 million and \$5.2 million recognized in the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were in contract liabilities at the beginning of the periods.

### 9. Pension and Postretirement Benefit Plans

#### **Defined Contribution Plans**

Parent sponsors a defined contribution saving plan for most of its U.S. based employees. Eligible Company employees may participate in the Meredith Savings and Investment Plan, a defined contribution plan that allows eligible employees to contribute a percentage of their salary, commissions, and bonuses in accordance with plan limitations and provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and Parent makes matching contributions to the plan subject to the limits of the plan. Parent matches 100 percent of the first 4 percent and 50 percent of the next 1 percent of employee contributions for employees eligible for Parent's pension benefits and through December 31, 2020, for employees ineligible for Parent's pension benefits. Effective January 1, 2021, the Parent increased the match to 100 percent of the first 5 percent for employees ineligible for Parent's pension plans.

Employees are allowed to choose among various investment options. Matching contributions are invested in the same manner as the participants' pre-tax contributions. Contribution expense under these plans, including allocations for Parent's corporate and shared functional employees, was \$5.5 million in 2021 and \$5.4 million in 2020.

Parent sponsors the Meredith Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan allows participants to defer certain bonuses and salaries. No actual monies are set aside in respect of this plan, and participants have no rights to Parent's assets in respect of plan liabilities in excess of general unsecured creditors.

The liabilities associated with the plans fluctuate with hypothetical yields of the underlying investments. Liabilities for the uncollateralized plans were \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, of which \$0.1 million was reflected in the accrued expenses-compensation and benefits line and \$1.0 million was reflected in the other noncurrent liabilities line on the Combined Balance Sheets at June 30, 2021, and \$0.1 million was reflected in the accrued expenses-compensation and benefits line and \$0.9 million was reflected in the other noncurrent liabilities line on the Combined Balance Sheets at June 30, 2020.

#### **Pension and Postretirement Plans**

Parent has U.S. noncontributory pension plans covering substantially all employees who were employed by Parent prior to January 1, 2018. These plans include qualified (funded) plans as well as nonqualified (unfunded) plans. These plans provide participating employees with retirement benefits in accordance with benefit provision formulas. The nonqualified plans provide retirement benefits only to certain highly compensated employees. Parent also sponsors defined healthcare and life insurance plans that provide benefits to eligible retirees. Liabilities associated with these plans are not reflected in the Company's Combined Balance Sheets. The Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income includes the benefit cost allocated to the Company for Company employees and for shared and functional corporate employees on the basis of revenues when a basis of direct attribution was not identifiable. Total benefit costs allocated to the Company was \$2.5 million for fiscal 2021 and \$6.4 million for fiscal 2020.

One benefit plan in the Parent's operations includes only active, retired, and other former Company employees and the Company will assume sponsorship of this plan upon consummation of the transaction. The combined financial statements reflect the periodic benefit costs and funded status and the following tables provide disclosures for the pension plan.

### **Obligations and Funded Status**

The following tables present changes in, and components of, the Company's net assets/liabilities for pension benefits:

<u>June 30,</u>	2021	2020
(In millions)		
Change in benefit obligation		
Benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$11.3	\$10.5
Service cost	0.3	0.3
Interest cost	0.3	0.3
Net actuarial loss	0.1	1.0
Benefits paid (including lump sums)	(0.4)	_
Settlements		(0.8)
Benefit obligation, end of year	\$11.6	\$11.3
Change in plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$13.6	\$13.4
Actual return on plan assets	3.9	1.0
Benefits paid (including lump sums)	(0.4)	_
Settlements		(0.8)
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	\$17.1	\$13.6
Over funded status, end of year	\$ 5.5	\$ 2.3

The over funded status of the plan is recognized in the other assets line on the Combined Balance Sheets.

The net actuarial loss included in the change in benefit obligation for the pension plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, is primarily the result of a significant decrease in the discount rate used at June 30, 2020, as compared to June 30, 2019.

The accumulated benefit obligation for the defined benefit pension plan was \$11.6 million and \$11.3 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Company's pension plan does not have projected benefit obligations and accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets.

#### Costs

The components of net periodic benefit credit for the Company's defined benefit plan recognized in the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income were as follows:

Years ended June 30, (In millions)	2021	2020
Components of net periodic benefit credit		
Service cost	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3
Interest cost	0.3	0.3
Expected return on plan assets	(0.9)	(1.0)
Settlement charges	_	0.1
Net periodic benefit credit	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.3)

The pension settlement charge recorded in fiscal 2020 related to cash distributions paid by the pension plan exceeding prescribed thresholds. This required that a portion of pension losses within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) be realized in the period that the related pension liabilities were settled.

The components of net periodic benefit credit, other than the service cost component, are included in non-operating expense, net in the Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2021, a \$1.2 million gain and a \$1.1 million loss, respectively, from unrecognized net actuarial gains and losses, net of taxes, were recorded in the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) component of equity for the Company's defined benefit pension plan.

### Assumptions

Benefit obligations were determined using the following weighted average assumptions:

<u>June 30,</u>	2021	2020
Weighted average assumptions		
Discount rate	2.50%	2.40%
Rate of compensation increase	n/a	n/a

n/a - Not applicable

Net periodic benefit costs were determined using the following weighted average assumptions:

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
Weighted average assumptions		
Discount rate	2.40%	3.35%
Expected return on plan assets	7.00%	8.00%
Rate of compensation increase	n/a	n/a

### n/a - Not applicable

Pension expense is calculated using a number of actuarial assumptions, including an expected long-term rate of return on plan assets and a discount rate. In developing the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets, Parent considered long-term historical rates of return, plan asset allocations as well as the opinions and outlooks of investment professionals and consulting firms. Returns projected by such consultants and economists are based on broad equity and bond indices. The objective is to select an average rate of earnings expected on existing plan assets and expected contributions to the plan during the year. Parent reviews this long-term assumption on a periodic basis.

The value (market-related value) of plan assets is multiplied by the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets to compute the expected return on plan assets, a component of the net periodic pension credit. The market-related value of plan assets is a calculated value that recognizes changes in fair value over three years.

### Plan Assets

The targeted and weighted average asset allocations by asset category for investments held by the Company's pension plan are as follows:

	2021 Allo	ocation	2020 Allocation	
June 30,	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Equity securities	63%	66%	70%	69%
Fixed-income securities	37%	32%	30%	30%
Other securities <sup>1</sup>	%	2%	%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

### 1 Other primarily includes pooled investment funds.

Parent's investment policy for this plan seeks to maximize investment returns while balancing Parent's tolerance for risk. The plan fiduciaries oversee the investment allocation process. This includes selecting investment managers, setting long-term strategic targets, and monitoring asset allocations. Target allocation ranges are guidelines, not limitations, and plan fiduciaries may occasionally approve allocations above or below a target range, or elect to rebalance the portfolio within the targeted range. The investment portfolio contains a diversified blend of equity and fixed-income investments. Furthermore, equity investments are diversified across domestic and international stocks and between growth and value stocks and small and large capitalizations. The primary investment strategy currently employed is a dynamic target allocation method that periodically rebalances among various investment categories depending on the current funded position. This program is designed to actively move from return-seeking investments (such as equities) toward liability-hedging investments (such as fixed-income) as funding levels improve. The reverse effect occurs when funding levels decrease.

Equity securities did not include any Meredith Corporation common or class B stock at June 30, 2021 or 2020.

Fair value measurements for the Company's defined benefit pension plan assets were as follows:

(In millions)	Total Fair Value	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
June 30, 2021		(==)	(==++==)	<u></u>
Investments in registered investment companies				
Equity	\$ 11.3	\$ 8.6	\$ 2.7	\$ —
Fixed Income	5.5	0.9	4.6	_
Pooled separate accounts	0.3	_	0.3	_
Total assets at fair value	\$ 17.1	\$ 9.5	\$ 7.6	\$
June 30, 2020				
Investments in registered investment companies				
Equity	\$ 9.3	\$ 6.9	\$ 2.4	\$ —
Fixed Income	4.1	_	4.1	_
Pooled separate accounts	0.2	_	0.2	_
Total assets at fair value	\$ 13.6	\$ 6.9	\$ 6.7	\$

### Cash Flows

Although Parent does not have a minimum funding requirement for the pension plan in fiscal 2022, Parent, and, accordingly, the Company, are currently determining what voluntary pension plan contributions, if any, will be made in fiscal 2022 to the plan. Actual contributions will be dependent upon investment returns, changes in pension obligations, and other economic and regulatory factors.

The following pension benefit payments, which reflect expected future service as appropriate, are expected to be paid:

Years ending June 30,	
(In millions)	
2022	\$1.1
2023	1.1
2024	0.9
2025	0.8
2026	0.7
2027-2031	3.9

### 10. Share-based Compensation

The Company's employees participate in Parent's employee stock purchase plan and stock incentive plan. More detailed descriptions of these plans follow. Compensation expense recognized for these plans, including allocations for Parent's corporate and shared functional employees, was \$4.7 million in fiscal 2021 and \$3.8 million in fiscal 2020. The total income tax benefit recognized in earnings was \$1.1 million in fiscal 2021 and \$0.9 million in fiscal 2020.

#### **Stock Incentive Plan**

Meredith Corporation has a stock incentive plan that permits the Parent to issue stock options, restricted stock, stock equivalent units, restricted stock units, and performance shares to key employees and directors of the Parent, and, accordingly, the Company. Approximately 5.0 million shares remained available for future awards under the plan as of June 30, 2021. Forfeited awards, shares deemed to be delivered to Parent on tender of stock in payment for the exercise price of options, and shares reacquired pursuant to tax withholding on option exercises and the vesting of restricted shares and restricted stock units increase shares available for future awards. The plan is designed to provide an incentive to contribute to the achievement of long-range corporate goals; provide flexibility in motivating, attracting, and retaining employees; and to align more closely the employees' interests with those of shareholders.

Parent has awarded restricted stock and restricted stock units to eligible key employees and non-employee directors under the plan. In addition, certain awards are granted based on specified levels of Meredith Corporation stock ownership. All awards have restriction periods tied primarily to employment and/or service. The awards granted to Company employees generally vest over three or five years, and the awards granted to Company directors vest one-third each year during the three-year period from date of grant. The grant date of awards is the date the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Meredith Corporation approves the granting of the awards or a date thereafter as specified by the Committee. The awards are recorded at the market value of traded shares on the date of the grant as unearned compensation. The initial values of the grants are amortized over the vesting periods.

The Company's restricted stock unit activity during the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

Restricted Stock Units (Units in thousands and Aggregate Intrinsic Value in millions)	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		Aggregate Intrinsic Value	
Nonvested at June 30, 2020	67.5	\$	45.05		
Granted	196.9		14.27		
Vested	(20.7)		40.80		
Forfeited	(13.7)		24.20		
Nonvested at June 30, 2021	230.0		20.33	\$	10.0

As of June 30, 2021, there was \$2.0 million of unearned compensation cost related to restricted stock units granted to Company employees under the plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.0 years. The weighted average grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted to Company employees during the years ended June 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$14.27, and \$36.96, respectively. The total fair value of shares vested for Company employees during the years ended June 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$0.8 million, and \$0.8 million, respectively.

Parent also has outstanding stock equivalent units resulting from the deferral of compensation of Company employees and directors under various deferred compensation plans. The period of deferral is specified when the deferral election is made. These stock equivalent units are issued at the market price of the underlying stock on the date of deferral. In addition, shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units may be converted to stock equivalent units upon vesting.

The following table summarizes the activity for stock equivalent units during the year ended June 30, 2021:

Stock Equivalent Units (Units in thousands)	<u>Units</u>	Iss	ted Average sue Date ir Value
Balance at June 30, 2020	7.9	\$	41.65
Additions	_		_
Converted to common stock	_		_
Balance at June 30, 2021	7.9		41.65

The stock equivalent units outstanding at June 30, 2021, had minimal aggregate intrinsic value. There were no stock equivalent units converted to common stock for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Parent has granted nonqualified stock options to certain Company employees and directors under the plan. The grant date of options issued is the date the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Meredith Corporation approves the granting of the options or a date thereafter as specified by the Committee. The exercise price of options granted is set at the fair value of Meredith Corporation's common stock on the grant date. All options granted under the plan expire at the end of ten years. Options granted to employees vest three years from the date of grant. Options granted to directors vest one-third each year during the three-year period from date of grant.

A summary of stock option activity and weighted average exercise prices follows:

Stock Options (Options in thousands and Aggregate Intrinsic Value in millions)	<u>Options</u>	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding July 1, 2020	466.0	\$ 46.42		
Granted	190.7	14.25		
Exercised	(33.7)	30.72		
Forfeited	(35.8)	39.98		
Outstanding June 30, 2021	587.2	37.27	6.9	\$ 6.0
Exercisable June 30, 2021	277.1	\$ 49.62	5.0	\$ 0.3

The fair value of each option is estimated as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The expected volatility was based on a blend of historical volatility of Meredith Corporation's common stock taking into consideration Meredith Corporation's capital structure and implied volatility in market traded options on Meredith Corporation's common stock with a term greater than six months. The expected life of options granted used the simplified method under U.S. GAAP to determine the expected life. The risk-free rate for periods that coincide with the expected life of the options is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant.

The following summarizes the assumptions used in determining the fair value of options granted:

Years ended June 30,	2021	2020
Risk-free interest rate	0.42	1.74
Expected dividend yield	— %	5%
Expected option life	6.5	6.5
Expected stock price volatility	56%	40%

The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted to Company employees during the years ended June 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$14.25, and \$8.73, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised by Company employees during the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, was \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2021, there was \$0.9 million in unrecognized compensation cost for stock options granted to Company employees under the plan. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

Cash received from option exercises under all share-based payment plans for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, was \$1.0 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises were \$0.1 million for the years ended June 30, 2021, and minimal amount for the year ended June 30, 2020.

### 11. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from nonowner sources. Comprehensive income includes net earnings as well as items of other comprehensive income (loss).

The following table summarizes the items of other comprehensive income (loss) and the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) balances due to adjustments in the minimum pension liability:

(In millions)	
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$(0.4)
Current-year adjustments, pre-tax	(0.9)
Tax benefit	0.2
Other comprehensive loss	0.2 (0.7)
Balance at June 30, 2020	(1.1)
Current-year adjustments, pre-tax	3.1
Tax expense	(0.8)
Other comprehensive income	2.3
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 1.2

### 12. Related Party Disclosures

The Company does not enter into transactions with related parties to purchase or sell goods or services in the ordinary course of business. Transactions between the Company and Parent are reflected in equity in the Combined Balance Sheets as *Net investment by Meredith Corporation* and in the Combined Statements of Cash Flows as a financing activity in *Net transfers from (to) Meredith Corporation*.

The Combined Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income reflect allocations of general corporate expenses from Parent including, but not limited to, executive management, employee benefits administration, occupancy, corporate administration, aviation, legal, sourcing, corporate development, finance, human resources, communications, information technology, and other shared services. These allocations were made on a direct usage basis when identifiable, with the remainder allocated on the basis of relative revenues, salaries, headcount, or other relevant measures. These allocations were \$15.5 million in 2021, and \$19.0 million in 2020.

Management of the Company and Parent consider these allocations to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services by, or the benefits provided to, the Company. The allocations may not, however, reflect the expense the Company would have incurred as a standalone company for the periods presented. Actual costs that may be been incurred if the Company had been a standalone company would depend on a number of factors, including the chosen organizational structure, what functions were outsourced or performed by employees, and strategic decisions made in areas such as selling and marketing, information technology, and infrastructure.

### 13. Subsequent Events

These combined financial statements were derived from the financial statements of Meredith Corporation, which issued its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 on September 10, 2021. Accordingly, the Company has evaluated transactions for consideration as recognized subsequent events in these financial statements through the date of September 10, 2021. Additionally, the Company has evaluated transactions that occurred through September 17, 2021, the date these combined financial statements were available for issuance, for the purposes of unrecognized subsequent events.