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Form 8-K August 29, 2018

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

August 29, 2018

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant)

Maryland 000-26076 52-1494660

(State of organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

10706 Beaver Dam Road Hunt Valley, MD 21030 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(410) 568-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Litigation with Tribune Media Company

On August 29, 2018, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (the "Company") filed its Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Verified Counterclaim to the Verified Complaint filed by Tribune Media Company in the Delaware Court of Chancery, in the matter captioned Tribune Media Company v. Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., C.A. No. 2018-0593-JTL . A copy of the Company's press release announcing the filing of the Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Verified Counterclaim is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits
Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 29, 2018

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Forward-Looking Statements:

The matters discussed in this communication include forward-looking statements regarding, among other things, a pending lawsuit. When used in this communication, the words "outlook," "intends to," "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "achieves," "estimates," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results in the future could differ materially and adversely from those described in the forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including and in addition to the assumptions set forth therein, but not limited to, the impact of changes in national and regional economies, uncertainties associated with potential changes in the regulatory environment affecting our business and growth strategy, and any risk factors set forth in the Company's recent reports on Form 8-K, Form 10-Q and/or Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There can be no assurances that the assumptions and other factors referred to in this communication will occur. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements except as required by law.

SIGNATURE

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.

SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ David R. Bochenek

Name: David R. Bochenek

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, and Corporate Controller

Dated: August 29, 2018