## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 8, 2015

# **TEGNA INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 7950 Jones Branch Drive McLean, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

1-6961 (Commission File Number) 16-0442930 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

22107-0910 (Zip Code)

(703) 854-7000 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 8, 2015, TEGNA Inc. (the "Company"), consistent with its practice of updating its plans and programs from time to time in light of evolving market trends, froze participation in its existing change in control severance plan, the TEGNA Inc. Transitional Compensation Plan (the "TCP"), and adopted the TEGNA Inc. 2015 Change in Control Severance Plan (the "CIC Severance Plan"). The CIC Severance Plan continues to provide the Company with assurance that it will have the continued dedication of, and the availability of objective advice and counsel from, key executives of the Company and its affiliates and to promote certainty and minimize potential disruption for key executives of the Company in the event the Company is faced with or undergoes a change in control, with more restrictive terms and conditions than those included in the TCP. Participants in the CIC Severance Plan are selected by the Company's board of directors (or a committee of non-employee directors). The Company's current executive officers and certain other key executives participating in the TCP do not participate in the CIC Severance Plan, but will continue to participate in the TCP. Such executives will be eligible to receive severance benefits under the TCP in the event the Company's undergoes a change in control.

Under the CIC Severance Plan, a participant who, in connection with a change in control of the Company or within two years following a change in control of the Company, experiences an involuntary termination without cause or who voluntarily terminates his or her employment for good reason, would receive a lump sum amount equal to the sum of (1) any unpaid base salary or bonus through the date of termination; and (2) a prorated annual bonus for the portion of the fiscal year elapsed prior to the termination date in an amount equal to the average annual bonus the participant earned with respect to the three fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs prorated for the portion of the fiscal year elapsed prior to the termination date occurs prorated for the product of (a) a severance multiple and (b) the sum of (1) the participant's annual base salary at the highest rate of salary during the 12-month period immediately prior to the three fiscal years preceding the 12-month period immediately prior to the change in control, and (2) the participant's average annual bonus earned for the three fiscal years preceding the termination (or, if higher, the three fiscal years preceding the change in control). The severance multiple is 3.0 for a participant who is the Company's Chief Executive Officer, and 1.0 for all other participants. A participant will also receive an amount equal to the monthly COBRA cost of the participant's medical and dental coverage in effect as of the date of termination multiplied by the lesser of (1) 18; or (2) 24 minus the number of full months between the date of the change in control and the date of termination.

The CIC Severance Plan does not provide excise tax gross-ups on payments to participants. A severance payment is contingent upon the participant's execution of a separation agreement containing a release of claims in favor of the Company and its affiliates and covenants restricting the participant's solicitation of employees, disparagement of the Company and its affiliates, and disclosure of confidential information. The separation agreement also contains a release of claims by the Company and its affiliates in favor of the participant and a covenant restricting the Company's disparagement of the participant.

On December 8, 2015, the Company also adopted the TEGNA Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan") in order to provide certain executives of the Company with severance benefits in the event of certain involuntary terminations of employment. Participants in the Severance Plan are selected by the Company's board of directors (or a committee of non-employee directors) and include Victoria D. Harker (Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer), David T. Lougee (President/TEGNA Media), John A. Williams (President/TEGNA Digital), Todd A. Mayman (Executive Vice President/Chief Legal and Administrative Officer), Kevin E. Lord (Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer) and William A. Behan (Senior Vice President/Labor Relations). Gracia C. Martore, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, is not a participant in the Severance Plan.

Under the Severance Plan, a participant who experiences an involuntary termination of employment without cause would receive a lump-sum cash severance payment equal to the product of (a) a severance multiple and (b) the sum of the participant's annual base salary and average annual bonus earned for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the termination. The severance multiple is 2.0 for a participant who is the Company's Chief Executive

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Officer, 1.5 for a participant who is a member of the Company's executive leadership team and also reports directly to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, and 1.0 for all other participants. Additionally, the participant would receive a lump sum amount equal to the sum of (1) any unpaid base salary or bonus through the date of termination; and (2) a prorated annual bonus for the portion of the fiscal year elapsed prior to the termination. The severance payment is contingent upon the participant's execution of a separation agreement containing a release of claims in favor of the Company and its affiliates and covenants restricting the participant's competition, solicitation of employees, disparagement of the Company and its affiliates, and disclosure of confidential information. The separation agreement also contains a release of claims by the Company and its affiliates in favor of the participant and a covenant restricting the Company's disparagement of the participant.

## Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On December 8, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors amended the company's By-Laws to remove the director stock ownership requirements found in Article II, Section 5(D). The Company's Principles of Corporate Governance, which are available on the company's website, set forth the Company's current guidelines for director stock ownership. The complete text of the Company's By-Laws, as amended, are attached as Exhibit 3-2 to this Current Report and are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 8, 2015, the Company updated its equity award agreements for its directors and officers. Each of the Company's equity award agreements for officers now provides for "double trigger" vesting (rather than automatic accelerated vesting) of equity awards in the event the Company undergoes a change in control transaction in which the awards are continued or assumed, i.e., the award will not vest unless the recipient experiences an involuntary termination without cause or voluntarily terminates his or her employment for good reason within two years following a change in control of the Company. Director's restricted stock unit award agreements were updated to pay awards one year after grant unless the director elects to defer receipt of the award under the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

The Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-3-1 to this Current Report replaces the Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-6-9 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014.

The Form of Executive Officer Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-3-2 to this Current Report replaces the Form of Executive Officer Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-6-10 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014.

The Form of Executive Officer Performance Share Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-3-3 to this Current Report replaces the Form of Executive Officer Performance Share Award Agreement filed as Exhibit 10-6-11 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

See Index to Exhibits attached hereto.

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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 thereunder duly authorized.

## TEGNA Inc.

By: /s/ Todd A. Mayman

Todd A. Mayman, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Administrative Officer

Date: December 11, 2015

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## Index to Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
3-2	By-Laws, as amended through December 8, 2015
10-1	TEGNA Inc. 2015 Change in Control Severance Plan
10-2	TEGNA Inc. Executive Severance Plan
10-3-1	Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
10-3-2	Form of Executive Officer Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
10-3-3	Form of Executive Officer Performance Share Award Agreement

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#### [Reflects all amendments through December 8, 2015]

## **BY-LAWS**

## OF

## TEGNA INC.

## ARTICLE I.

#### Meetings of Stockholders

Section 1. <u>Annual Meetings</u>: The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting shall be held on such date and at such hour as shall each year be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. <u>Special Meetings</u>: Except as otherwise required by law and subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board or by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

Section 3. <u>Place of Meeting</u>: Meetings of stockholders of the Corporation shall be held at such place, either within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors in the case of meetings called by the Board, or by the Chairman of the Board in the case of meetings called by the Chairman, and specified in the notice of said meeting.

Section 4. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>: Except as otherwise permitted or provided by law or these By-laws, written notice of each meeting of the stockholders shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting, whether annual or special, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held. A written waiver of notice of any meeting of stockholders, signed by the person entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Notice of any adjourned meeting of stockholders shall not be required to be given, except where expressly required by law.

Section 5. <u>Organization</u>: At each meeting of the stockholders, the Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both officers, an officer selected by the Chairman of the Board, or if the Chairman of the Board has made no selection, an officer selected by the Board, shall act as chairman of the meeting and the Secretary or, in his absence, an Assistant Secretary, if one be appointed, shall act as secretary of the meeting. In case at any meeting none of the officers who have been

designated to act as chairman or secretary of the meeting, respectively, shall be present, a chairman or secretary of the meeting, as the case may be, shall be chosen by the vote of a majority in interest of the stockholders of the Corporation present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at such meeting.

## Section 6. Quorum and Conduct of Meetings.

(a) At each meeting of the stockholders, except where otherwise provided by law, the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of each class of stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority in amount of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. In the absence of a quorum, a majority in interest of the stockholders of the Corporation present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, or, if no stockholder entitled to vote is present, any officer entitled to preside at, or act as secretary of, such meeting, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time until stockholders holding the requisite amount of stock shall be present or represented. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

(b) The date and time of the opening and the closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at a meeting shall be announced at the meeting by the chairman of the meeting. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution such rules and regulations for the conduct of the meeting of stockholders as it shall deem appropriate. Except to the extent inconsistent with such rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors, the chairman of any meeting of stockholders shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such chairman, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting. Such rules, regulations or procedures, whether adopted by the Board of Directors or prescribed by the chairman of the meeting, may include, without limitation, the following: (i) the establishment of an agenda or order of business for the meeting; (ii) rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present; (iii) limitations on attendance at or participation in the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized and constituted proxies or such other persons as the chairman of the meeting shall determine; (iv) restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof; and (v) limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants. Unless and to the extent determined by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be conducted in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

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## Section 7. Voting.

(a) At each meeting of stockholders every stockholder of record of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock of the Corporation registered in his name on the books of the Corporation on the record date for such meeting. Each stockholder entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders or to express consent or dissent to corporate action in writing without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy. Such proxy shall be appointed by an instrument in writing, subscribed by such stockholder or by his attorney thereunto authorized and delivered to the secretary of the meeting, or shall otherwise be executed and transmitted as may be permissible under applicable law; provided, however, that no proxy shall be voted on after three years from its date unless said proxy provides for a longer period. At all meetings of the stockholders, all matters (except where other provision is made by statute, by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these By-laws) shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the stock present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting. At each meeting of stockholders for the election of Directors, the voting for Directors need not be by ballot unless the chairman of the meeting or the holders, present in person or by proxy, of a majority of the stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting shall so determine.

(b) The date and time of the opening and the closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at a meeting shall be announced at the meeting. No ballot, proxies or votes, nor any revocations thereof or changes thereto, shall be accepted by the inspectors after the closing of the polls unless a proper court upon application by a stockholder shall determine otherwise.

(c) The Corporation shall, in advance of any meeting of stockholders, appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting and make a written report thereof. The Corporation may designate one or more persons as alternate inspectors to replace any inspector who fails to act. If no inspector or alternate is able to act at a meeting of stockholders, the person presiding at the meeting shall appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting. Each inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector with strict impartiality and according to the best of his or her ability.

(d) The inspectors shall (i) ascertain the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, (ii) determine the shares represented at a meeting and the validity of proxies and ballots, (iii) count all votes and ballots, (iv) determine and retain for a reasonable period a record of the disposition of any challenges made to any determination by the inspectors, (v) certify their determination of the number of shares represented at the meeting and their count of all votes and ballots, and (vi) perform such other duties as may be required by law or designated by the Secretary of the Corporation. In performing their duties, the inspectors of election shall follow applicable law and the instructions of the Secretary.

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Section 8. List of Stockholders: It shall be the duty of the Secretary or other officer of the Corporation who shall have charge of its stock ledger, either directly or through another officer of the Corporation designated by him or through a transfer agent or transfer clerk appointed by the Board of Directors, to prepare and make available, at least ten (10) days before every meeting of the stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote thereat, arranged in alphabetical order and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, for said ten (10) days, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of meeting, or, if not so specified, at the place where said meeting is to be held. The list shall be produced and kept at the time and place of said meeting during the whole time thereof and subject to the inspection of any stockholder who shall be present thereat. The original or duplicate stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to examine the stock ledger, such list or the books of the Corporation, or to vote in person or by proxy at such meeting.

Section 9. <u>Stockholder Action</u>: Any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of the Corporation must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of such holders and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such holders.

## ARTICLE II.

### Board of Directors

Section 1. General Power: The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. <u>Number and Terms</u>: Except as otherwise fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article FOURTH of the Certificate of Incorporation relating to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the number of the directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. Without limiting the term of any director previously elected, directors elected to the board of directors after the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2007 shall hold office until the first annual meeting of stockholders following their election and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until the director's prior death, resignation or removal.

Section 3. <u>Qualifications of Directors</u>: A director who has not served as an executive of the Corporation shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders following his or her seventieth birthday.

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A director who has served as an executive of the Corporation shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders following his or her sixty-fifth birthday, and if such officer has served or is serving as the chief executive officer of the Corporation, the age of eligibility for his or her Board service may be extended past age 65 if the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, deems it advisable under the circumstances.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no one who has at any time served as an executive of this Corporation, whether or not as the chief executive officer, shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors after the first annual meeting of shareholders following the date on which he or she retires under the Corporation's retirement plan.

## Section 4. Notice of Stockholder Business and Nominations.

(A) <u>Annual Meetings of Stockholders</u>. (1) Subject to the rights of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect directors under specified circumstances, nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (a) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting, (b) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (c) by any stockholder of the Corporation who (i) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this By-Law and at the time of the annual meeting, (ii) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (iii) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this By-Law as to such business or nomination; clause (c) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations or submit other business (other than matters properly brought under Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and included in the Corporation's notice of meeting) before an annual meeting of stockholders.

(2) Without qualification, for any nominations or any other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to Article II, Section 4(A)(1)(c) of this By-Law, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for stockholder action. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day and not later than the close of business on the 100<sup>th</sup> day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 100<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is less than 110 days prior to such annual meeting, the 10<sup>th</sup> day

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following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. To be in proper form, a stockholder's notice (whether given pursuant to this Section 4(A)(2) or Section 4(B)) to the Secretary of the Corporation must: (a) set forth, as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made (i) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's books, and of such beneficial owner, if any, (ii) (A) the class or series and number of shares of the Corporation which are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner, (B) any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Corporation or otherwise (a "Derivative Instrument") directly or indirectly owned beneficially by such stockholder and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation, (C) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which such stockholder has a right to vote any shares of any security of the Corporation, (D) any short interest in any security of the Corporation (for purposes of these By-laws a person shall be deemed to have a short interest in a security if such person directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of the subject security), (E) any rights to dividends on the shares of the Corporation owned beneficially by such stockholder that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of the Corporation, (F) any proportionate interest in shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which such stockholder is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner and (G) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) that such stockholder is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments, if any, as of the date of such notice, including without limitation any such interests held by members of such stockholder's immediate family sharing the same household (which information shall be supplemented by such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, not later than 10 days after the record date for the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date), and (iii) any other information relating to such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act; (b) if the notice relates to any business other than a nomination of a director or directors that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, set forth (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting and any material interest of such

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stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, in such business and (ii) a description of all agreements, arrangements and understandings between such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, and any other person or persons (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by such stockholder; (c) set forth, as to each person, if any, whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director (i) all information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected) and (ii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, and their respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, and his or her respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the other hand, including, without limitation all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K if the stockholder making the nomination and any beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made, if any, or any affiliate or associate thereof or person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of such rule and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant; and (d) with respect to each nominee for election or reelection to the Board of Directors, include the completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by Article II, Section 5 of these By-Laws. The Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Corporation or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the second sentence of Article II, Section 4(A)(2) of this By-Law to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Corporation is increased and there is no public announcement by the Corporation naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors at least 110 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by this By-Law shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.

(B) <u>Special Meetings of Stockholders</u>. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Subject to the rights of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect directors under specified circumstances, nominations of

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persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (a) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (b) provided that the Board of Directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who (i) is a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this By-Law and at the time of the special meeting, (ii) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (iii) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this By-Law as to such nomination. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder may nominate a person or persons (as the case may be) for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice required by Article II, Section 4(A)(2) of this By-Laws) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the date of such special meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such special meeting is less than 110 days prior to the date of such special meeting, the 10th day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of a special meeting or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(C) <u>General</u>. (1) Only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this By-Law shall be eligible to serve as directors and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this By-Law. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this By-Law and, if any proposed nomination or business is not in compliance with this By-Law, to declare that such defective proposal or nomination shall be disregarded.

(2) For purposes of this By-Law, "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this By-Law, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this By-Law; provided, however, that any references in these By-Laws to the Exchange Act or the rules promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered

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pursuant to Section 4(A)(1)(c) or Section 4(B) of this By-Law. Nothing in this By-Law shall be deemed to affect any rights (i) of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act or (ii) of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock if and to the extent provided for under law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws.

Section 5. Submission of Questionnaire, Representation and Agreement. To be eligible to be a nominee for election or reelection as a director of the Corporation, a person must deliver (in accordance with the time periods prescribed for delivery of notice under Article II, Section 4 of these By-Laws) to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation a written questionnaire with respect to the background, qualification and experience of such person and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made (which questionnaire shall be provided by the Secretary upon written request) and a written representation and agreement (in the form provided by the Secretary upon written request) that such person (A) will abide by the requirements of Article II, Section 6 of these By-Laws, (B) is not and will not become a party to (1) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question (a "Voting Commitment") that has not been disclosed to the Corporation or (2) any Voting Commitment that could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law, (C) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed therein, (D) beneficially owns, or agrees to purchase within 90 days if elected as a director of the Corporation, not less than one thousand shares of stock of the Corporation and to increase his or her stock ownership until he or she reaches a minimum guideline amount of 20,000 shares of stock of the Corporation, to be achieved within five years ("Qualifying Shares") (subject to adjustment for any stock splits or stock dividends occurring after May 7, 2013), will not dispose of such minimum number of shares so long as such person is a director, and has disclosed therein whether all or any portion of the Qualifying Shares any shares of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by such person were purchased with any financial assistance provided by any other person and whether any other person has any interest in the Qualifying Shares (shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units or in a director's account in the Corporation's deferred compensation plan shall be counted for purposes of this ownership requirement) of the Corporation beneficially owned by such person, and (E) in such person's individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the Corporation, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Corporation.

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Section 6. Election: Except as provided in Section 9 of this Article or as otherwise required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, each director shall be elected by the vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to the director at any meeting for the election of directors at which a quorum is present, provided that if on the record date for such meeting the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, the directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. For purposes of this Section, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed 50% of the votes cast with respect to that director. If a nominee who is already serving as a director is not elected, the director shall offer to tender his or her resignation to the Board. The Nominating and Public Responsibility Committee will make a recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results. The director who tenders his or her resignation will not participate in the Board's decision. Each Director shall hold office until his or her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, or until death, resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided, or until he or she shall cease to qualify.

Section 7. <u>Resignation</u>: Any Director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving notice in writing or by electronic transmission to the Corporation. The resignation of any Director shall take effect at the time specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 8. <u>Removal of Directors</u>: Any Director may be removed from office, with cause, by the affirmative vote of the holders of record of a majority of the combined voting power of the outstanding shares of Stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class and without cause, only by the affirmative vote of the holders of 80% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

Section 9. <u>Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies</u>: Except as otherwise fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article FOURTH of the Certificate of Incorporation relating to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors and any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. Any director elected in accordance with the preceding sentence shall hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting of stockholders following such director's election and until such director's successor shall have been elected and qualified. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

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Section 10. <u>First Meeting</u>: After each annual election of Directors and on the same day, the Board of Directors may meet for the purpose of organization, the election of officers and the transaction of other business at the place where regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held. Notice of such meeting need not be given. Such meeting may be held at any other time or place which shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors or which is approved by all the Directors by consent in writing or by electronic transmission.

Section 11. <u>Regular Meetings</u>: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such places and at such times as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. Notice of regular meetings need not be given.

Section 12. <u>Special Meetings</u>: Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time upon the call of the Chairman of the Board or any two of the Directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be mailed to each Director, addressed to him at his residence or usual place of business, at least three days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, or shall be sent to him by telegraph, cable, wireless or electronic transmission so addressed or shall be delivered personally or by telephone at least 24 hours before the time the meeting is to be held. Each notice shall state the time and place of the meeting but need not state the purposes thereof, except as otherwise herein expressly provided. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors need not, however, be given to any Director, if waived by him in writing or by telegraph, cable, wireless or other form of recorded communication or electronic transmission or if he shall be present at such meeting; and any meeting of the Board shall be a legal meeting without any notice thereof having been given if all of the Directors of the Corporation then in office shall be present thereat.

Members of the Board of Directors, or any committee designated by such Board, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 13. <u>Quorum and Manner of Acting</u>: Except as otherwise provided by statute or by these By-laws, a majority of the authorized number of Directors shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at the meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of any resolution or the taking of any other action. In the absence of a quorum, the Directors present may adjourn any meeting from time to time until a quorum be had. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given.

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Section 14. <u>Written or Electronic Consent</u>: Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission and such writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

Section 15. <u>Compensation</u>: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix the compensation of Directors for services in any capacity and to provide that the Corporation shall reimburse each Director for any expenses paid to him on account of his attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity, or from serving any of its stockholders, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations in any capacity and receiving proper compensation therefor.

Section 16. <u>Executive and Other Committees</u>: The Board of Directors may in its discretion by resolution passed by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present designate an Executive Committee and one or more other committees, each consisting of one or more of the Directors of the Corporation, and each of which, to the extent provided in the resolution and the laws of the State of Delaware, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; provided, however, that no such committee shall have power or authority as to the following matters:

- (1) The amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (except as provided under the Delaware General Corporation Law);
- (2) The amendment of the By-laws of the Corporation;
- (3) Approval or recommending to stockholders any action which must be submitted to stockholders for approval under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Unless a greater proportion is required by the resolution designating a committee of the Board of Directors, a majority of the entire authorized number of members of such committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members voting on any item of business, if a quorum votes, shall be the act of such committee. Any action required, or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee of the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if all members of such committee consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of such committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

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## Section 17. Indemnification.

(a) The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent authorized by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than said law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment) any person made or threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative (i) is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or (ii) is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans maintained or sponsored by the Corporation (hereinafter, an "indemnitee"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent, against all liability, loss and expense (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 17(c), the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors. The right to indemnification conferred in this Section 17 shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that if the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware requires, the payment of such expenses incurred by a director or officer in his or her capacity as a director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such person while a director or officer, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking (hereinafter, the "undertaking") by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right of appeal (a "final disposition") that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 17 or otherwise. The rights conferred upon indemnitees in this Section 17 shall be contract rights that vest at the time of such person's service to or at the request of the Corporation and such rights shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators.

(b) To obtain indemnification under this Section 17, a claimant shall submit to the Corporation a written request, including therein or therewith such documentation and information as is reasonably available to the claimant and is reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent the claimant is entitled to indemnification. Upon written request by a claimant for indemnification pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 17(b), a determination, if required by applicable law,

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with respect to the claimant's entitlement thereto shall be made as follows: (1) if requested by the claimant, by Independent Counsel (as hereinafter defined), or (2) if no request is made by the claimant for a determination by Independent Counsel, (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Disinterested Directors (as hereinafter defined), or (ii) if a quorum of the Board of Directors consisting of Disinterested Directors is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, such quorum of Disinterested Directors so directs, by Independent Counsel in a written opinion to the Board of Directors, a copy of which shall be delivered to the claimant, or (iii) if a quorum of Disinterested Directors so directs, by the stockholders of the Corporation. In the event the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel at the request of the claimant, the Independent Counsel shall be selected by the Board of Directors unless there shall have occurred within two years prior to the date of the commencement of the action, suit or proceeding for which indemnification is claimed a "Change of Control" as defined in the Corporation's Transitional Compensation Plan, in which case the Independent Counsel shall be selected by the claimant unless the claimant shall request that such selection be made by the Board of Directors. If it is so determined that the claimant is entitled to indemnification, payment to the claimant shall be made within 10 days after such determination.

(c) If a claim under Section 17(a) in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) not initiated by the claimant is not paid in full by the Corporation within sixty (60) days after a written claim pursuant to Section 17(b) has been received by the Corporation (except in the case of a claim for advancement of expenses, for which the applicable period is twenty (20) days), the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition where the required undertaking, if any is required, has been tendered to the Corporation) that the claimant has not met the standard of conduct which makes it permissible under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Corporation. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, Independent Counsel or stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, Independent Counsel or stockholders) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct. If a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 17(b) that the claimant is entitled to indemnification, the Corporation shall be bound by such determination in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 17(c). The Corporation shall be precluded from asserting in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 17(c) that the procedures and presumptions of this Section 17 are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stipulate in such proceeding that the Corporation is bound by all the provisions of this Section 17.

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(d) The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred in this Section 17 (i) shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or Disinterested Directors or otherwise and (ii) cannot be terminated by the Corporation, the Board of Directors or the stockholders of the Corporation with respect to a person's service prior to the date of such termination. Any amendment, modification, alteration or repeal of this Section 17 that in any way diminishes, limits, restricts, adversely affects or eliminates any right of an indemnitee or his or her successors to indemnification, advancement of expenses or otherwise shall be prospective only and shall not in any way diminish, limit, restrict, adversely affect or eliminate any such right with respect to any actual or alleged state of facts, occurrence, action or omission then or previously existing, or any action, suit or proceeding previously or thereafter brought or threatened based in whole or in part upon any such actual or alleged state of facts, occurrence, action or omission.

(e) The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any current or former director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability, loss and expense, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability, loss and expense under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. To the extent that the Corporation maintains any policy or policies providing such insurance, each such current or former director or officer, and each such agent or employee to which rights to indemnification have been granted as provided in Section 17(f), shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of the coverage thereunder for any such current or former director, officer, employee or agent.

(f) The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer, grant rights to indemnification, and rights to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition, to any current or former employee or agent of the Corporation to the fullest extent of the provisions of this Section 17 with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of current or former directors and officers of the Corporation.

(g) If any provision or provisions of this Section 17 shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever: (1) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Section 17 (including, without limitation, each portion of any subsection of this Section 17 containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that is not itself held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, and (2) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Section 17 (including, without limitation, each such portion of any subsection of this Section 17 containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

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(h) For purposes of this Section 17, references to "the corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting or surviving corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under this Section 17 with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(i) For purposes of this Section 17:

(1) "Disinterested Director" means a director of the Corporation who is not and was not a party to the matter in respect of which indemnification is sought by the claimant.

(2) "Independent Counsel" means a law firm, a member of a law firm, or an independent practitioner, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and shall include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would not have a conflict of interest in representing either the Corporation or the claimant in an action to determine the claimant's rights under this Section 17.

(j) Any notice, request or other communication required or permitted to be given to the Corporation under this Section 17 shall be in writing and either delivered in person or sent by telecopy, telex, telegram, overnight mail or courier service, or certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Secretary of the Corporation and shall be effective only upon receipt by the Secretary.

Section 18. <u>Emergency Provisions</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Corporation's restated certificate of incorporation or Bylaws, this emergency Bylaw provision shall be operative (i) during any emergency resulting from an attack on the United States or on a locality in which the Corporation conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of its Board of Directors or its stockholders, or (ii) during any nuclear or atomic disaster, or (iii) during the existence of any catastrophe, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board of Directors or a standing committee thereof cannot readily be convened for action, or (iv) during any other condition that may be provided under relevant provisions of Delaware Law (each condition described in clauses (i) through (iv) being referred to below as an "Emergency"). Pursuant to this Section 18, during any Emergency:

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(a) A meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof may be called by any director or officer by any means feasible under the circumstances.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by the Board during an Emergency, notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors during such an Emergency may be given only to such of the directors as it may be feasible to reach at the time and by such means as may be feasible at the time, including publication, television, radio or any other means.

(c) The officers or other persons designated on a list approved by the board of directors before the Emergency, all in such order of priority and subject to such conditions and for such period of time (not longer than reasonably necessary after the termination of the Emergency) as may be provided in the resolution approving the list, shall, to the extent required to provide a quorum at any meeting of the board of directors, be deemed directors for such meeting.

(d) The Board of Directors, either before or during any such Emergency, may provide, and from time to time modify, lines of succession in the event that during such Emergency any or all officers or agents of the corporation shall for any reason be rendered incapable of discharging their duties.

(e) The Board of Directors, either before or during any such Emergency, may, effective in the Emergency, change the head office or designate several alternative head offices or regional offices, or authorize the officers so to do.

(f) No officer, director or employee acting in accordance with this Section, with any other emergency bylaw provision, or pursuant to DGCL Section 110 or any successor section, shall be liable except for willful misconduct.

(g) To the extent not inconsistent with this Section 18, the Bylaws of the Corporation shall remain in effect during any Emergency and upon its termination these emergency provisions shall cease to be operative.

(h) Nothing contained in this Section 18 shall be deemed exclusive of any other provisions for emergency powers consistent with this section that have been or may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

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## ARTICLE III.

## Officers

Section 1. <u>Officers Enumerated</u>: The Board of Directors, as soon as may be practicable after the annual election of Directors, shall elect a Chairman, a President, and a Chief Executive Officer (or any combination thereof), one or more Vice Presidents (one or more of whom may be designated Executive Vice President or Senior Vice President), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Controller and from time to time may elect or appoint such other officers as it may determine. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. <u>Term of Office</u>: Each officer shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed and until his successor has been elected or appointed and qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or until he shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 3. <u>Powers and Duties</u>: The officers of the Corporation shall each have such powers and authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the Corporation as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and, to the extent not so prescribed, they shall each have such powers and authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the Corporation, subject to the control of the Board, as generally pertain to their respective offices.

Without limitation of the foregoing:

- (a) Chairman of the Board: The Chairman of the Board shall be a director of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee of the Board and at all meetings of stockholders. The Chairman of the Board shall undertake such other duties or responsibilities as the Board may assign.
- (b) President and Chief Executive Officer: The President and Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall be a director of the Corporation. In the absence of the Chairman, the President and Chief Executive Officer shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee of the Board and at all meetings of stockholders.
- (c) Vice Presidents: The Board of Directors shall determine the powers and duties of the respective Vice Presidents and may, in its discretion, fix such order of seniority among the respective Vice Presidents as it may deem advisable.

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- (d) Secretary: The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the stockholders and Directors where notices of such meetings are required by law or these By-laws and shall keep the minutes of such meetings. He shall sign such instruments and attest such documents as require his signature of attestation and affix the corporate seal thereto where appropriate.
- (e) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the Corporation and shall sign all instruments and documents as require his signature. He shall perform all acts incident to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.
- (f) Controller: The Controller shall be in charge of the accounts of the Corporation and he shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.
- (g) General Counsel: The General Counsel shall have general control of all matters of legal import concerning the Corporation.

Section 4. <u>Temporary Absence</u>: In case of the temporary absence or disability of any officer of the Corporation, except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Vice Chairman, any Vice President, the Secretary or the Treasurer may perform any of the duties of any such other officer as the Board of Directors or Executive Committee may prescribe.

Section 5. <u>Resignations</u>: Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of his resignation to the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. <u>Removal</u>: Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. <u>Vacancies</u>: A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal or any other cause may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. <u>Compensation</u>: The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Nothing contained herein shall preclude any officer from serving the Corporation in any other capacity, including that of director, or from serving any of its stockholders, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations in any capacity and receiving a proper compensation therefor.

Section 9. <u>Contracts, Checks, etc.</u>: All contracts and agreements authorized by the Board of Directors, and all checks, drafts, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such person or persons and in such manner as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors, which designation may be general or confined to specific instances.

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Section 10. <u>Proxies in Respect of Securities of Other Corporations</u>: Unless otherwise provided by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Vice Chairman, a Vice President, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer, or any one of them, may exercise or appoint an attorney or attorneys, or an agent or agents, to exercise in the name and on behalf of the Corporation the powers and rights which the Corporation may have as the holder of stock or other securities in any other corporation to vote or to consent in respect of such stock or other securities; and the Chairman of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Vice Chairman, a Vice President, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer may instruct the person or persons so appointed as to the manner of exercising such powers and rights and the Chairman of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Vice Chairman, a Vice President, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer may execute or cause to be executed in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and under its corporate seal, or otherwise, all such ballots, consents, proxies, powers of attorney or other written instruments as they or either of them may deem necessary in order that the Corporation may exercise such powers and rights. Any stock or other securities in any other corporation which may from time to time be owned by or stand in the name of the Corporation may, without further action, be endorsed for sale or transfer or sold or transferred by the Chairman of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Vice Chairman, or a Vice President, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or and rights and the corporation may exercise such powers and rights. Any stock or other securities in any other corporation which may from time to

## ARTICLE IV.

### Shares and Their Transfer

Section 1. <u>Certificated and Uncertificated Shares</u>. Shares of the Corporation's stock may be certificated or uncertificated, as provided under Delaware law. All certificates of stock of the Corporation shall be numbered and shall be entered in the books of the Corporation as they are issued. They shall exhibit the holder's name and number of shares and shall be signed by the Chairman or a Vice Chairman or the President or a Vice President and by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. Any or all of the signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if he were such officer, transfer agent or registrar.

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Section 2. <u>Transfers.</u> Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation only by the record holder of such stock, or by attorney lawfully constituted in writing, and, in the case of stock represented by a certificate, upon surrender of the certificate. Except as hereinafter provided in the case of loss, destruction or mutilation of certificates, no transfer of stock shall be entered until the previous certificate, if any, given for the same shall have been surrendered and canceled.

Section 3. Lost, Destroyed or Mutilated Certificates: The Corporation may issue a new certificate of stock of the same tenor and same number of shares in place of a certificate theretofore issued by it which is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed; provided, however, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee or the Secretary of the Corporation may require the owner of the lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, or his legal representative, to give the Corporation a bond of indemnity, in form and with one or more sureties satisfactory to the Board or the Executive Committee, sufficient to indemnify it against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate.

Section 4. <u>Record Date</u>: The Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the board of directors, and which shall not be more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to any other action, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or entitled to exercise any rights with respect to any change, conversion or exchange of stock or for the purpose of any other lawful action. If no record date is fixed, (a) the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held, and (b) the date for determining stockholders for any other purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

Section 5. <u>Books and Records</u>: The books and records of the Corporation may be kept at such places within or without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

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## ARTICLE V.

#### Seal

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal, which shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the name of the Corporation, the year in which the Corporation was incorporated (1971) and the words "Corporate Seal—Delaware" and such other words or figures as the Board of Directors may approve and adopt.

### ARTICLE VI.

## Amendments

Except as otherwise provided by these By-laws, the Certificate of Incorporation, or by operation of law, the By-laws of the Corporation may be made, altered or repealed by vote of the stockholders at any annual or special meeting of stockholders called for that purpose or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office given at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII.

## Exclusive Forum.

Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws (as either may be amended from time to time), or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be a state court located within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware).

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1. <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of TEGNA Inc. (the "Company") considers the establishment and maintenance of a strong and vital management to be essential to protecting and enhancing the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

As is the case with most publicly held corporations, the possibility of a Change in Control (as defined below) of the Company exists, and that possibility, and the uncertainty and questions which it may raise among key executives concerning future employment, may result in the departure or distraction of key executives, to the detriment of the Company and its stockholders.

The purpose of the Plan (as defined below) is to assure the Company that it will have the continued dedication of, and the availability of objective advice and counsel from, key executives of the Company and its affiliates (as defined below) notwithstanding the possibility, threat or occurrence of a Change in Control.

In the event that the Company or its stockholders receive any proposal from a third party concerning a possible business combination with the Company or an acquisition of the Company's equity securities, the Board believes it imperative that the Company and the Board be able to rely upon key executives to continue in their positions and be available for advice, if requested, without concern that those individuals might be distracted by the personal uncertainties and risks created by such a proposal.

Should the Company receive any such proposal, in addition to their regular duties, such key executives may be called upon to assist in the assessment of such proposal, advise management and the Board as to whether such proposal would be in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders, and to take such other actions as the Board might determine to be appropriate.

Therefore, in order to accomplish these objectives, the Board has adopted the 2015 Change in Control Severance Plan (the "Plan").

- 2. Effective Date. The Plan shall become effective on December 8, 2015.
- 3. Administration of the Plan.

(a) <u>The Committee</u>. The Plan shall be administered (i) by such committee of non-employee directors as the Board shall appoint, or (ii) in the absence of such appointment or if the committee is unable to act, by the Board (the "Committee"). The members of the Committee shall be entitled to all of the rights to indemnification and payment of expenses and costs set forth in the Bylaws of the Company. In no event may the protection afforded the Committee members in this Section 3(a) be reduced in anticipation of or following a Change in Control.

(b) Determinations by the Committee. Subject to the express provisions of the Plan and to the rights of the Participants (as defined below) pursuant to such provisions, the Committee shall have the authority to adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing the Plan as it shall, from time to time, deem advisable; to designate persons to be covered by the Plan; to revoke such designations; to interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan (and any notices or agreements relating thereto); and otherwise to supervise the administration of the Plan in accordance with the terms hereof. Prior to a Change in Control, all decisions made by the Committee pursuant to the Plan shall be made in its sole discretion and shall be final and binding on all persons, including the Company and Participants. The Committee's determinations need not be uniform, and may be made selectively among eligible employees and among Participants, whether or not they are similarly situated. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, however, following a Change in Control, any act, determination or decision of the Company or the Committee, as applicable, with regard to the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan must be reasonable, as viewed from the perspective of an unrelated party and with no deference paid to the actual act, determination or decision of the Company or the Committee, as applicable. Furthermore, following a Change in Control, any decision by the Company or the Committee, as applicable, shall not be final and binding on a Participant. Instead, following a Change in Control, if a Participant disputes a decision of the Company or the Committee relating to the Plan and pursues legal action, the court shall review the decision under a "de novo" standard of review. In addition, following a Change in Control, in the event that (i) the Company's common stock is no longer publicly traded and (ii) any securities of the Company's Ultimate Parent (as defined below) are publicly traded, then any decisions by the Board with respect to whether a Participant was terminated for "Cause" shall be made by the board of directors of the Ultimate Parent. For purposes of the Plan, "Ultimate Parent" means a publicly traded corporation or entity which, directly or indirectly through one or more affiliates, beneficially owns at least a plurality of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company (including any successor to the Company by reason of merger, consolidation, the purchase of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or otherwise).

(c) <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. The Committee may delegate to one or more officers or employees of the Company such duties in connection with the administration of the Plan as it deems necessary, advisable or appropriate.

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## 4. Participation in the Plan.

(a) <u>Designation of Participants</u>. The Committee shall from time to time select the employees who are to participate in the Plan (the "Participants") from among those management or highly compensated employees of the Company and its affiliates it determines to be appropriate to include as Participants, given the purposes of the Plan and the potential effects on the employee of a Change in Control. The Company shall notify each Participant in writing of his or her participation in the Plan. For purposes of the Plan, the term "affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and includes any partnership or joint venture of which the Company or any of its affiliates are general partners or co-venturers.

(b) <u>Terminating Status as a Participant</u>. A person shall cease to be a Participant upon (i) the termination of his or her employment by the Company and any affiliate for any reason prior to a Change in Control, or (ii) the date that the Company notifies the Participant in writing that such individual's status as a Participant has been revoked; provided that such revocation shall not become effective until 12 months from the date that the revocation notice is provided. Except as specifically provided herein, the Committee shall have absolute discretion in the selection of Participants and in revoking their status as Participants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no revocation by the Committee of any person's designation as a Participant shall be effective if made (i) on the day of, or within 24 months after, a Change in Control, (ii) prior to a Change in Control, but at the request of any third party participating in or causing the Change in Control or (iii) otherwise in connection with, in relation to, or in anticipation of a Change in Control.

5. Change in Control. For purposes of the Plan, "Change in Control" means the first to occur of the following:

the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (i) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (A) any acquisition directly from the Company, (B) any acquisition by the Company, (C) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or one of its affiliates or (D) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 5(c)(i), 5(c)(ii) and 5(c)(iii);

individuals who, as of the Effective Date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board;

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consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar corporate transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation or entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the is on substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (ii) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or any corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting

approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

No Participant in this Plan who participates in any group conducting a management buyout of the Company under the terms of which the Company ceases to be a public company may claim that such buyout is a Change in Control under this Plan and no such Participant shall be entitled to any payments or other benefits under this Plan as a result of such buyout. For purposes of the Plan, no Participant in this Plan shall be deemed to have participated in a group conducting a management buyout of the Company unless, following the consummation of the transaction, such Participant was the beneficial owner of more than 10% of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company or any successor corporation or entity resulting from such transaction.

## 6. Eligibility for Benefits under the Plan.

(a) <u>General</u>. If a Change in Control shall have occurred, each person who is a Participant on the date of the Change in Control shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits provided in Section 7(b) upon the subsequent termination of the Participant's employment, provided that such termination occurs prior to the second anniversary of the Change in Control, unless such termination is (i) because of the Participant's death or disability (as determined under the Company's Long Term Disability Plan in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control), (ii) by the Company or its affiliate for Cause, or (iii) by the Participant other than for Good Reason.

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(b) Cause. For purposes of the Plan, "Cause" means:

(i) any material misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or its affiliate by the Participant;

(ii) unreasonable and persistent neglect or refusal by the Participant to perform his or her duties which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Company;

(iii) conviction, including a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, of the Participant of a securities law violation or a felony.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6(b), the Participant shall not be deemed to have been terminated for Cause after a Change in Control unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Participant a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three quarters of the entire membership of the Board at a meeting of the Board (after reasonable notice to the Participant and an opportunity for Participant, together with his or her counsel, to be heard before the Board), finding that, in the good faith opinion of the Board, the Participant was guilty of conduct set forth above in this Section 6(b) and specifying the particulars thereof in detail.

(c) <u>Good Reason</u>. For purposes of the Plan, "Good Reason" means the occurrence after a Change in Control of any of the following circumstances without the Participant's express written consent, unless such circumstances are fully corrected prior to the Date of Termination (as defined below) specified in the Notice of Termination (as defined below) given in respect thereof:

(i) the material diminution of the Participant's duties, authorities or responsibilities from those in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control;

(ii) a reduction in the Participant's base salary or target bonus opportunity as in effect on the date immediately prior to the Change in Control;

(iii) failure to provide the Participant with an annual long-term incentive opportunity whose grant date value is equivalent to or greater in value than Participant's regular annual long-term incentive opportunity in effect on the date of the Change of Control (counting only normal long-term incentive awards made as a part of the regular annual pay package, not special awards not made on a regular basis), calculated using widely recognized valuation methodologies by an experienced compensation consultant at a nationally recognized firm;

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(iv) the relocation of the Participant's office from the location at which the Participant is principally employed immediately prior to the date of the Change in Control to a location 35 or more miles farther from the Participant's residence immediately prior to the Change in Control, or the Company's requiring the Participant to be based anywhere other than the Company's offices at such location, except for required travel on the Company's business to an extent substantially consistent with the Participant's business travel obligations prior to the Change in Control;

(v) the failure by the Company or its affiliate to pay any compensation or benefits due to the Participant;

(vi) the failure of the Company to obtain a satisfactory agreement from any successor to assume and agree to perform the Plan, as contemplated in Section 14; or

(vii) any purported termination of the Participant's employment that is not effected pursuant to a Notice of Termination satisfying the requirements of the Plan.

(d) <u>Certain Terminations Prior to a Change in Control</u>. Anything in the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, if a Change in Control occurs and if the Participant's employment with the Company terminated prior to the date on which the Change in Control occurs, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Participant that such termination of employment (i) was at the request of any third party participating in or causing the Change in Control or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with, in relation to, or in anticipation of the Change in Control, then the Participant shall be entitled to all payments and benefits under the Plan as though the Participant had terminated his or her employment for Good Reason on the day after the Change in Control. For purposes of this Section 6(d), a Change in Control means a Change in Control that is also a change in ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and the Treasury regulations and guidance issued thereunder ("Section 409A").

(e) <u>No Waiver</u>. The Participant's continued employment shall not constitute consent to, or a waiver of rights with respect to, any circumstance constituting Good Reason hereunder.

(f) <u>Notice of Termination After a Change in Control</u>. Any termination by the Company, or by the Participant for Good Reason, shall be communicated by Notice of Termination given in accordance with the Plan. For purposes of the Plan, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice that (i) indicates the specific termination provision in the Plan relied upon, and (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Participant's employment under the provision so indicated. With respect to a Notice of Termination given by a Participant in connection with a termination for "Good Reason" such notice must be provided within ninety (90) days after the event that created the "Good Reason".

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(g) <u>Date of Termination</u>. For purposes of the Plan, "Date of Termination" means (i) if the Participant's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, the date on which the Notice of Termination is given or any later date specified therein (which, however, shall not be more than 15 days later), (ii) if the Participant's employment is terminated by the Participant for Good Reason, the date specified in the Notice of Termination (which, however, shall not be less than 30 days or more than 45 days later than the date on which the Notice of Termination is given), or (iii) if the Participant's employment is terminated by the Company notifies the Participant of such termination. In all instances, the Date of Termination shall mean the date of the Participant's separation from service within the meaning of Section 409A.

## 7. Obligations of the Company upon Termination.

(a) <u>Cause; Other than for Good Reason</u>. If the Participant's employment shall be terminated for Cause, or if the Participant terminates his or her employment other than for Good Reason, the Company shall pay the Participant his or her annual salary through the Date of Termination, to the extent not already paid, at the rate in effect at the time Notice of Termination is given, plus all other amounts to which the Participant is entitled under any compensation, benefit or other plan or policy of the Company at the time such amounts are due, and the Company shall have no further obligations to the Participant under the Plan.

(b) <u>Termination Without Cause; Good Reason Terminations</u>. Any Participant who becomes eligible for compensation and benefits pursuant to Section 6(a) shall be paid or provided the following:

(i) his or her annual base salary through the Date of Termination, to the extent not already paid, at the rate in effect at the time Notice of Termination is given, plus all other amounts to which the Participant is entitled under any compensation, benefit or other plan or policy of the Company at the time such amounts are due, including without limitation the annual bonus for the fiscal year prior to the Date of Termination, to the extent not already paid;

(ii) as severance pay and in lieu of any further salary or bonus for the period following the Date of Termination, the Participant shall receive a lump sum payment equal to his or her "Annual Compensation" (as defined below) multiplied by the "Multiplier" (as defined below).

For purposes of the Plan, (i) for a Participant who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on the date of the Change in Control, "Multiplier" means three (3); (ii) for a Participant who on the date of the Change in Control is a member of the Company Leadership Team and also reports directly to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, "Multiplier" means two (2); and (iii) for other Participants the "Multiplier" shall be one (1).

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For purposes of the Plan, "Annual Compensation" means the sum of (A) the Participant's annual base salary at the highest rate of salary during the 12-month period immediately prior to the Date of Termination or, if higher, during the 12 month period immediately prior to the Change in Control (in each case, as determined without regard for any reduction for deferred compensation, 401(k) Plan contributions and similar items), and (B) the higher of (1) the average annual bonus the Participant earned with respect to the three fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the Change in Control occurs; and (2) the average annual bonus the Participant earned with respect to three fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the Date of Termination occurs;

(iii) a prorated annual bonus for the portion of the fiscal year elapsed prior to the Date of Termination in an amount equal to the average annual bonus the Participant earned with respect to the three fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the Date of Termination occurs prorated for the portion of the fiscal year elapsed prior to the Date of Termination;

(iv) an amount equal to the monthly COBRA cost of the Participant's medical and dental coverage in effect as of the Termination Date multiplied by the lesser of (1) 18; or (2) 24 minus the number of full months between the date of the Change in Control and the Date of Termination;

(v) It is the object of this subsection to provide for the maximum after-tax income to each Participant with respect to any payment or distribution to or for the benefit of the Participant, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the Plan or any other plan, arrangement or agreement, that would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any similar federal, state or local tax that may hereafter be imposed (a "Payment") (Section 4999 of the Code or any similar federal, state or local tax are collectively referred to as the "Excise Tax"). Accordingly, before any Payments are made under this Plan, a determination will be made as to which of two alternatives will maximize such Participant's after-tax proceeds, and the Company must notify the Participant in writing of such determination. The first alternative is the payment in full of all Payments potentially subject to the Excise Tax. The second alternative is the payment of only a part of the Participant. This second alternative is referred to in this subsection as "Limited Payment". The Participant's Payments shall be paid only to the extent permitted under the alternative determined to maximize the Participant's after-tax proceeds, and the Participant shall have no rights to any greater payments on his or her Payments. If Limited Payment applies, Payments shall be reduced in a manner that would not result in the Participant incurring an additional tax under Section 409A. Accordingly, Payments not constituting nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A shall be reduced first, in this order but only to the extent that doing so avoids the Excise Tax (e.g., accelerated vesting or payment provisions in an award will be ignored to the extent that such provisions would trigger the Excise Tax):

• Payment of the severance amounts under Section 7(b)(ii)-(iv) hereof to the extent such payments do not constitute deferred compensation under Section 409A.

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- Performance-based awards in accordance with Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the Company's 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010) (or any predecessor or successor plan) (the "Omnibus Plan"), but excluding Section 409A Awards (as defined in such Plan).
- Non-performance, service-based awards in accordance with Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the Omnibus Plan, but excluding Section 409A Awards (as defined in such Plan).
- Awards of Options and SARs under the Omnibus Plan in accordance with Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the Omnibus Plan.

Then, if the foregoing reductions are insufficient, Payments constituting deferred compensation under Section 409A shall be reduced, in this order:

- Payment of the severance amounts under Section 7(b)(ii)-(iv) hereof to the extent such payments constitute deferred compensation under Section 409A.
- Performance-based Section 409A Awards in accordance with Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the Omnibus Plan.
- Non-performance, service-based Section 409A awards in accordance with Sections 15.3 and 15.4 of the Omnibus Plan.

In the event of conflict between the order of reduction under this Plan and the order provided by any other Company document governing a Payment, then the order under this Plan shall control.

All determinations required to be made under this Section 7(b)(v) shall be made by Ernst & Young LLP, or, if Ernst & Young LLP is not the Company's nationally recognized independent accounting firm immediately prior to the Change in Control, such other nationally recognized accounting firm serving as the Company's independent accounting firm (the "Accounting Firm") which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and the Participant within ten (10) business days of the termination of employment giving rise to benefits under the Plan, or such earlier time as is requested by the Company. All fees, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, the costs of retaining experts) of the Accounting Firm shall be borne by the Company. In the event the Accounting Firm determines that the Payments shall be reduced, it shall furnish the Participant with a written opinion to such effect. The determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and the Participant.

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(c) <u>Timing of Payments and Release Condition</u>. All payments under Sections 7(b)(ii), 7(b)(iii), and 7(b)(iv) shall be due and payable in a lump sum on the 30th day after the Date of Termination; provided that the Participant executes the attached agreement set forth at Exhibit A (or a substantially similar agreement) on or before the 30th day after the Date of Termination. The Participant shall forfeit all rights under this Plan if such agreement is not executed by that date. The timing of all payments and benefits under this Plan shall be made consistent with the requirements of Section 409A, and notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, any amount or benefit that is payable to a Participant who is a "specified employee" (as defined in Section 409A) shall be delayed until the date which is first day of the seventh month after the date of such Participant's termination of employment (or, if earlier, the date of such Participant's death), if paying such amount or benefit prior to that date would violate Section 409A.

8. <u>Mitigation</u>. Except as provided in Section 13(b), the Participant shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment provided for in the Plan by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment or benefit provided for in the Plan be reduced by any compensation earned by the Participant as a result of employment by another employer, by retirement benefits, by offset against any amount claimed to be owed by the Participant to the Company, or otherwise.

9. <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. If there shall be any dispute between the Company and the Participant (a) in the event of any termination of the Participant's employment by the Company, as to whether such termination was for Cause, or (b) in the event of any termination of employment by the Participant, as to whether Good Reason existed, then, unless and until there is a final, nonappealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring that such termination by the Company was for Cause or that the termination by the Participant was not for Good Reason, the Company shall pay all amounts, and provide all benefits, to the Participant and/or the Participant's family or other beneficiaries, as the case may be, that the Company would be required to pay or provide pursuant to the Plan as though such termination were by the Company without Cause or by the Participant with Good Reason; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any disputed amount pursuant to this Section except upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Participant to repay all such amounts to which the Participant is ultimately adjudged by such court not to be entitled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payment of any amount in settlement of a dispute described in this Section shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A.

#### 10. Legal Expenses and Interest.

If, with respect to any alleged failure by the Company to comply with any of the terms of the Plan or any dispute between the Company and the Participant with respect to the Participant's rights under the Plan, a Participant in good faith hires legal counsel with respect thereto or institutes any negotiations or institutes or responds to legal action to assert or defend the validity of, to interpret, enforce his or her rights under, or recover damages for violation of

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the terms of the Plan, then (regardless of the outcome) the Company shall pay, as they are incurred, the Participant's actual expenses for attorneys' fees and disbursements. The Company agrees to pay such amounts within 10 days following the Company's receipt of an invoice from the Participant, provided that the Participant shall have submitted an invoice for such amounts at least 30 days before the end of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which such fees and disbursements were incurred.

To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall pay to the Participant on demand a late charge on any amount not paid in full when due after a Change in Control under the terms of the Plan. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, the late charge shall be computed by applying to the sum of all delinquent amounts a late charge rate. The late charge rate shall be a fixed rate per year that shall equal the sum of 3% plus the "prime rate" of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York or successor institution ("Morgan") publicly announced by Morgan to be in effect on the Date of Termination, or if Morgan no longer publicly announces a prime rate on such date, any substantially equivalent rate announced by Morgan to be in effect on such date (or, if Morgan does not exist on such date, the prime rate published by the Wall Street Journal on such date) (provided, however, that such rate shall not exceed any applicable legally permissible rate).

11. <u>Funding</u>. The Company may, in its discretion, establish a trust to fund any of the payments which are or may become payable to Participant under the Plan, but nothing included in the Plan shall require that the Company establish such a trust or other funding arrangement. Whether or not the Company sets any assets aside for the purposes of the Plan, such assets shall at all times prior to payment to Participants remain the assets of the Company subject to the claims of its creditors. Neither the Company nor the Board nor the Committee shall be deemed to be a trustee or fiduciary with respect to any amount to be paid under the Plan.

12. <u>No Contract of Employment</u>. The Participant and the Company acknowledge that, except as may otherwise be provided under any written agreement between the Participant and the Company, the employment of the Participant by the Company is "at will" and, subject to such payments as may become due under the Plan, such employment may be terminated by either the Participant or the Company at any time and for any reason.

#### 13. Non-exclusivity of Rights.

(a) <u>Future Benefits under Company Plans</u>. Nothing in the Plan shall prevent or limit the Participant's continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice of the Company or any of its affiliates, nor shall anything herein limit any rights or reduce any benefits the Participant may have under any agreement or arrangement with the Company or any of its affiliates. Amounts that are vested benefits or that the Participant is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any agreement or arrangement with the Company or any of its affiliates or arrangement with the Company or any agreement or arrangement with the Company or any of its affiliates at or subsequent to the Date of Termination shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or agreement or arrangement except as explicitly modified by the Plan.

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(b) <u>Benefits of Other Plans and Agreements</u>. If the Participant becomes entitled to receive compensation or benefits under the terms of the Plan, such compensation or benefits will be reduced by other severance benefits payable under any plan, program, policy or practice of or agreement or other arrangement between the Participant and the Company (not including payments or distributions under the Omnibus Plan). It is intended that the Plan provide compensation or benefits that are supplemental to severance benefits and that are actually received by the Participant pursuant to any plan, program, policy or practice of or agreement or arrangement between the Participant and the Company, such that the net effect to the Participant of entitlement to any similar benefits that are contained both in the Plan and in any other existing plan, program, policy or practice of or agreement or arrangement between the Participant with the greater of the benefits under the Plan or under such other plan, program, policy, practice, or agreement or arrangement. This Plan is not intended to modify, amend, terminate or otherwise affect the Omnibus Plan, which shall remain a fully independent and separate plan.

14. <u>Successors; Binding Agreement</u>. The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume and agree to perform the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in the Plan, "Company" means the Company as herein defined and any successor to its business and/or assets which assumes and agrees to perform the Plan, by operation of law or otherwise.

# 15. Transferability and Enforcement.

The rights and benefits of the Company under the Plan shall be transferable, but only to a successor of the Company, and all covenants and agreements hereunder shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by or against its successors and assigns. The rights and benefits of Participants under the Plan shall not be transferable other than by the laws of descent and distribution.

The Company intends the Plan to be enforceable by Participants. The rights and benefits under the Plan shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Participant and the Participant's personal or legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, heirs, distributees, devisees and legatees. If the Participant should die while any amount would still be payable to the Participant hereunder had the Participant continued to live, all such amounts, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Plan to the Participant's devisee, legatee or other designee or, if there is no such designee, to the Participant's estate.

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16. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices referred to herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered in person or by facsimile transmission, or sent by U.S. registered or certified mail to the Participant at his or her address on file with the Company (or to such other address as the Participant shall specify by notice), or to the Company at its principal executive office, Attn: Secretary.

17. <u>Amendment or Termination of the Plan</u>. The Board reserves the right to amend, modify, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time, provided that:

without the written consent of the Participant, no such amendment, modification, suspension or termination shall adversely affect the benefits or compensation due under the Plan to any Participant whose employment has terminated prior to such amendment, modification, suspension or termination and is entitled to benefits and compensation under Section 7(b);

no such amendment, modification, suspension or termination that has the effect of reducing or diminishing the right of any Participant to receive any payment or benefit under the Plan will become effective prior to the first anniversary of the date on which written notice of such amendment, modification, suspension or termination was provided to the Participant, and if such amendment, modification, suspension or termination was effected (i) on the day of or subsequent to the Change in Control, (ii) prior to the Change in Control, but at the request of any third party participating in or causing a Change in Control or (iii) otherwise in connection with, in relation to, or in anticipation of a Change in Control, such amendment, modification, suspension or termination will not become effective until the second anniversary of the Change in Control; and

the Board's right to amend, modify, suspend or terminate the Plan is subject to the requirements of Section 409A to the extent such requirements apply to the Plan.

18. <u>Waivers</u>. The Participant's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of the Plan or the failure to assert any right the Participant or the Company may have hereunder, including, without limitation, the right of the Participant to terminate employment for Good Reason, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right under the Plan.

19. <u>Validity</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Plan, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the extent permitted by law.

20. <u>Governing Law</u>. To the extent not preempted by federal law, all questions pertaining to the construction, regulation, validity and effect of the provisions of the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

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21. <u>Section 409A</u>. (a) <u>General</u>. It is intended that payments and benefits made or provided under this Plan shall not result in penalty taxes or accelerated taxation pursuant to Section 409A, and the Plan shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with that intent. If any provision of the Plan would otherwise conflict with or frustrate this intent, that provision will be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid the conflict. Any payments that qualify for the "short-term deferral" exception, the separation pay exception or another exception under Section 409A shall be paid under the applicable exception. For purposes of the limitations on nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A, each payment of compensation under this Plan shall be treated as a separate payment of compensation for purposes of applying the exclusion under Section 409A for short-term deferral amounts, the separation pay exception or any other exception or exclusion under Section 409A. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment under this Plan. Despite any contrary provision of this Plan, any references to "termination of employment" or "Date of Termination" or similar term shall mean and refer to the date of a Participant's "separation from service," as that term is defined in Section 409A and Treasury regulation Section 1.409A-1(h).

(b) <u>Delay of Payment</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, if a Participant is considered a "specified employee" for purposes of Section 409A (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company as in effect on the termination date), any payment that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A that is otherwise due to a Participant under this Plan during the six (6)-month period immediately following a Participant's separation from service (as determined in accordance with Section 409A) on account of a Participant's separation from service shall be accumulated and paid to such Participant on the first (1st) business day of the seventh (7th) month following such Participant's separation from service (the "Delayed Payment Date"). If such Participant dies during the postponement period, the amounts and entitlements delayed on account of Section 409A shall be paid to the personal representative of such Participant's estate on the first to occur of the Delayed Payment Date or thirty (30) calendar days after the date of his or her death.

(c) <u>Reimbursement and In-Kind Benefits</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, all reimbursements and in-kind benefits provided under this Plan that are subject to Section 409A shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A, including, where applicable, the requirement that (i) any reimbursement is for expenses incurred during the Participant's lifetime (or during such other period of time specified in this Plan); (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits provided, during a calendar year may not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other calendar year; (iii) the reimbursement of an eligible expense will be made no later than the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the expense is incurred; and (iv) the right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

22. <u>Headings</u>. The headings and paragraph designations of the Plan are included solely for convenience of reference and shall in no event be construed to affect or modify any provisions of the Plan.

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# TEGNA INC.

By: /s/ Kevin E. Lord

Name:Kevin E. LordTitle:Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

### Exhibit A Release of Claims and Restrictive Covenant Agreement

**This Release of Claims and Restrictive Covenant Agreement** (this "*Agreement*") is entered into by you [ ] and TEGNA Inc. (the "*Company*") in connection with your separation from employment with the Company and in accordance with the TEGNA Inc. 2015 Change in Control Severance Plan (the "*Plan*"). Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Plan. You and the Company agree to the following:

(1) <u>Date of Termination</u>. Your final day as an employee of the Company is , 20 (the "*Date of Termination*").

(2) <u>Severance Amount</u>. Provided that you execute this Agreement, do not later revoke your acceptance, and that this Agreement becomes effective on or before , 20 , you will receive a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$ , less legally-required withholdings, payable on .

(3) <u>Release Deadline</u>. You will receive the benefits described in paragraph 2 above only if you sign this Agreement on or before , 20 . In exchange for and in consideration of the benefits offered to you by the Company in paragraph 2 above, you agree to the terms of this Agreement.

(4) <u>Release of Claims</u>. You agree that this is a full and complete Release of Claims. Accordingly, you and the Company agree as follows:

(a) The Release of Claims means that you agree to give up forever any and all legal claims, or causes of actions, you may have, or think you have, against the Company, any of its subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, including any predecessor or successor entities, and their respective directors, officers, and employees (collectively, the "Company Parties"). This Release of Claims includes all legal claims that arose at any time before or at the time you sign this Agreement; it also includes those legal claims of which you know and are aware, as well as any legal claims of which you may not know or be aware, including claims for breach of contract, claims arising out of any employment agreement you may have or under the Plan, claims of intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, defamation, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and any other claim arising from, or related to, your employment by the Company. In addition, the Company Parties agree to give up forever any and all legal claims, or causes of action, they may have or think they may have against you, including all legal claims that arose at any time before or at the time you sign this Agreement, whether known to the Company Parties or not.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, by executing this Release of Claims, (i) you will not forfeit or release your right to receive your vested benefits under the TEGNA Retirement Plan, the TEGNA 401(k) Savings Plan, the TEGNA Supplemental Retirement Plan, the TEGNA Inc. 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan

(Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010) and the TEGNA Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (but you will forfeit your right to receive any further severance or annual bonus award); any rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses under the Company's By-laws and/or directors' and officers' liability insurance policies; any other rights under the Plan that are intended to survive a termination of employment; or any legal claims or causes of action arising out of actions allegedly taken by the Company after the date of your execution of this Agreement; and (ii) none of the Company or applicable law; any rights under the Plan which are intended to survive a termination of employment (including, but not limited to, your restrictive covenant and confidentiality obligations); any claims based on your fraud or conduct which was committed in bad faith or arising from your active and deliberate dishonesty; any legal claims or causes of actions allegedly taken by you after the date of your execution of this Agreement; any rights you have under applicable workers compensation laws; any benefits or monies paid in the normal course to employees separating from employment such as payment of accrued but unused vacation and reimbursement of valid and appropriate business expenses; or any other claims that cannot lawfully be released. The matters referenced in clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph are referred to as the "*Excluded Matters*."

- (b) Several laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Virginia create claims for employees in various circumstances. These laws include the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended by the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act, and the Virginia Human Rights Act. Several of these laws also provide for the award of attorneys' fees to a successful plaintiff. You agree that this Release of Claims specifically includes any possible claims under any of these laws or similar state and federal laws, including any claims for attorneys' fees.
- (c) By referring to specific laws we do not intend to limit the Release of Claims to just those laws. All legal claims for money damages, or any other relief that relate to or are in any way connected with your employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, are included within this Release of Claims, even if they are not specifically referred to in this Agreement. The only legal claims that are not covered by this Release of Claims are the Excluded Matters.
- (d) Except for the Excluded Matters, we agree that neither party will say later that some particular legal claim or claims are not covered by this Release of Claims because we or you were unaware of the claim or claims, because such claims were overlooked, or because you or we made an error.

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- (e) We specifically confirm that, as far as you or the Company know, no one has made any legal claim in any federal, state or local court or government agency relating to your employment, or the ending of your employment, with the Company. If, at any time in the future, such a claim is made by you or the Company, or someone acting on behalf of you or the Company, or by some other person or a governmental agency, you and the Company agree that each will be totally and completely barred from recovering any money damages or remedy of any kind, except in the case of any legal claims or causes of action arising out of any of the Excluded Matters. This provision is meant to include claims that are solely or in part on your behalf, or on behalf of the Company, or claims which you or the Company have or have not authorized.
- (f) This Agreement, and the Release of Claims, will not prevent you from filing any future administrative charges with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("*EEOC*") or a state fair employment practices ("*FEP*") agency, nor from participating in or cooperating with the EEOC or a state FEP agency in any investigation or legal action undertaken by the EEOC or a state FEP agency. However, this Agreement, and the Release of Claims, does mean that you may not collect any monetary damages or receive any other remedies from charges filed with or actions by the EEOC or a state FEP agency.
- (5) <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>.
  - (a) You understand and agree that the relationship between the Company and each of its employees constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to your own use. Accordingly, you hereby agree that for a period of twelve (12) months after the Date of Termination (the "Restricted Period"), you shall not, directly or indirectly, on your own behalf or on behalf of another person, solicit or induce any employee of the Company to terminate his or her employment relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company or to enter into employment with another person or entity. The foregoing shall not apply to employees who respond to solicitations of employment directed to the general public or who seek employment at their own initiative.
  - (b) You agree that you will not make any statements, oral or written, or cause or allow to be published in your name, or under any other name, any statements, interviews, articles, books, web logs, editorials or commentary (oral or written) that are critical or disparaging of the Company, or any of their operations, or any of their officers, employees or directors. Likewise, the Company agrees that it will not make, and will use reasonable efforts to ensure that directors and officers of the Company do not make, any statements, or allow to be published in the Company's name, any statements, interviews, articles, editorials or commentary (oral or written) that are critical or disparaging of you. It is understood that merely because a personal statement is made by a Company employee does not mean that it is made "in the Company's name".

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- (c) You acknowledge that a breach of this paragraph 5 would cause irreparable injury and damage to the Company which could not be reasonably or adequately compensated by money damages, and the Company acknowledges that a breach of paragraph 5 would cause irreparable injury and damage to you, which could not be reasonably or adequately compensated by money damages. Accordingly, each of you, the Company acknowledges that the remedies of injunction and specific performance shall be available in the event of such a breach, and the non-breaching party shall be entitled to money damages, costs and attorneys' fees, and other legal or equitable remedies, including an injunction pending trial, without the posting of bond or other security. Any period of restriction set forth in this paragraph 5 shall be extended for a period of time equal to the duration of any breach or violation thereof.
- (d) In the event of your breach of this paragraph 5, in addition to the injunctive relief described above, the Company's remedy shall include the forfeiture and return to the Company of any payment made to you or on your behalf under paragraph 2 above.
- (e) During the course of your employment and as part of the performance of your various duties you came into the possession of information which the Company considers to be Confidential and Proprietary Information and which is not generally disclosed or made known to the trade or public. This includes, but is not limited to, information bearing on strategic planning, finances, shareholder matters, budgets, audience, research, marketing, personnel, management of the company and its affiliated companies, and relationships with advertisers, vendors and suppliers. You agree that unless duly authorized in writing by the Company, you will not at any time divulge or use in connection with any business activity any trade secrets or confidential and proprietary information first acquired by you during and by virtue of your employment with the Company. You agree that you will not retain any copies of such materials, whether in hard copy or electronic copy, and will not use or disclose to anyone any such Confidential or Proprietary Information, in any form.
- (f) In the event that any provision of this paragraph 5 is held to be in any respect an unreasonable restriction, then the court so holding may modify the terms thereof, including the period of time during which it operates or the geographic area to which it applies, or effect any other change to the extent necessary to render this paragraph 5 enforceable, it being acknowledged by the parties that the representations and covenants set forth herein are of the essence of this Agreement.

(6) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. You agree that this Agreement contains all of the details of the agreement between you and the Company with respect to the subject matter hereof. Nothing has been promised to you, either in some other written document or orally, by the Company or any of its officers, employees or directors, that is not included in this Agreement.

(7) <u>No Admission</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be deemed or construed as an admission of wrongdoing or liability on the part of Company Parties.

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(8) <u>Governing Law and Venue</u>. All matters affecting this Agreement, including the validity thereof, are to be governed by, and interpreted and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed in that State. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts sitting in Delaware, for all purposes relating to the validity, interpretation, or enforcement of this Agreement.

(9) <u>Time to Consider; Effectiveness</u>. Please review this Agreement carefully. We advise you to talk with an attorney before signing this Agreement. So that you may have enough opportunity to think about this offer, you may keep this Agreement for twenty-one (21) days from the date of termination of your employment. You acknowledge that this Agreement was made in connection with your participation in the Plan and was available to you both prior to and immediately at the time of your termination of employment. For that reason you acknowledge and agree that the twenty-one (21)-day consideration period identified in this paragraph commenced to run, without any further action by the Company immediately upon your being advised of the termination of your employment. Consequently, if you desire to execute this Agreement, you must do so no later than , 20 . Should you accept all the terms by signing this Agreement on or before , 20 , you may nevertheless revoke this Agreement within seven (7) days after signing it by notifying in writing of your revocation. We will provide a courtesy copy to your attorney, if you retain one to represent you. If you choose to retain counsel to review and advise you concerning this Agreement that shall be considered a personal expense on your part and not be reimbursed or indemnified. If you wish to accept this Agreement, please confirm your acceptance of the terms of the Agreement by signing the original of this Agreement in the space provided below. The Agreement will become effective, and its terms will be carried out beginning on the day following the seven (7)-day revocation period.

(10) <u>Knowing and Voluntary</u>. By signing this Agreement you agree that you have carefully read this Agreement and understand its terms. You also agree that you have had a reasonable opportunity to think about your decision, to talk with an attorney or advisor of your choice, that you have voluntarily signed this Agreement, and that you fully understand the legal effect of signing this Agreement.

Date:		
	EMPLOYEE	
Date:		
	TEGNA INC.	
	By: Title:	
	Title:	

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# <u>TEGNA Inc.</u> Executive Severance Plan

1. **Purpose of Plan**. The purpose of this TEGNA Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "*Plan*") is to provide individuals who are designated as Participants in the Plan by the Executive Compensation Committee (the "*Committee*") of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "*Board*") severance benefits in the event of certain involuntary terminations of employment.

2. Certain Defined Terms. Certain terms used herein have the definitions given to them in the first place in which they are used, and all other defined terms have the meanings set forth below in this Section 2.

- (a) "Annual Base Salary" means a Participant's regular rate of annual base salary as in effect immediately preceding such Participant's Qualifying Termination.
- (b) "*Cause*" means a termination of a Participant's employment following the occurrence of any of the following events, each of which shall constitute a "Cause" for such termination:
  - (i) any material misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or its affiliate by the Participant;
  - (ii) unreasonable and persistent neglect or refusal by the Participant to perform his or her duties which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Company;
  - (iii) conviction, including a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, of the Participant of a securities law violation or a felony; or
  - (iv) material violation of the Company's employment policies by a Participant.
- (c) "Qualifying Termination" means an involuntary termination of a Participant's employment by the Company (other than for Cause). Any determination as to whether a termination is a Qualifying Termination shall be made in the reasonable, good faith discretion of the Committee. In no event shall a Participant's voluntary termination or a termination due to a Participant's death or disability constitute a Qualifying Termination under this Plan. Additionally, a Qualifying Termination shall not occur if the Participant's employment is terminated in connection with a restructuring, reorganization, redundancy, merger, acquisition, sale, spinoff, outsourcing, transfer, or other similar condition or transaction, in such circumstances where the Participant is offered employment by the Company, a successor organization or other entity related to the transaction with an Annual Base Salary that is not materially less than that paid to the Participant prior to such change. The Company shall provide written notice of the Qualifying Termination, and the date of a Qualifying Termination shall be the Participant's separation from service with the Company in accordance with the notice.

(d) "*Severance Multiple*" means (i) with respect to a Participant who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, two (2); (ii) with respect to a Participant who is a member of the Company Leadership Team and also reports directly to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, one and one half (1.5); and (iii) for other Participants, one (1).

3. Eligible Employees. This Plan shall apply solely with respect to the Company's executives who are designated by the Board or the Committee as participants (the "*Participants*"). Designation as a Participant shall be effective as of the date of such Board or Committee action. The Committee and the Board reserve the right to add new Participants or terminate the participation of a Participant at any time and in its sole discretion; provided that a Participant will not be removed from participation in the Plan without at least six (6) months advance notice.

4. **Term of the Plan**. This Plan shall be effective commencing on , 2015, and shall continue until the Committee terminates the Plan; *provided*, that the termination of the Plan shall not affect any unsatisfied obligations under this Plan that have arisen prior to the termination with respect to Participants who have received notice of a Qualifying Termination prior to the termination.

5. Administration of the Plan. This Plan shall be administered by the Committee or its delegee. All actions taken and all determinations by the Committee shall be final and binding on all persons claiming any interest in or under this Plan.

6. **Amendment or Termination of Plan**. Following the Effective Date, the Committee and the Board reserve the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time; provided that the amendment or termination of this Plan shall not affect any obligations under this Plan that have arisen prior to the date of such amendment or termination and no reduction in the benefits under this Plan through a plan amendment or plan termination shall become effective unless the Company provides at least six (6) months advance written notice to the affected Participants.

7. **Benefits under this Plan**. Upon a Qualifying Termination, a Participant shall, subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan including Section 8, be entitled to receive a severance payment (the "*Severance Amount*") equal to (a) the Participant's Severance Multiple, multiplied by (b) sum of the Participant's Annual Base Salary, plus the average annual bonus the Participant earned with respect to the three fiscal years immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the Qualifying Termination occurs. In addition, a Participant shall be paid in accordance with normal payroll practices all earned but unpaid compensation, accrued vacation, accrued but unreimbursed expenses required to be reimbursed through the date of termination, and a prorated portion of the Participant's annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the Participant is terminated based on actual performance and paid at the time that annual bonuses are paid to similarly

situated executives (the "*Accrued Obligations*"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a Participant experiences a Qualifying Termination under circumstances that entitle the Participant to compensation and benefits under the TEGNA Inc. Transitional Compensation Plan or the TEGNA Inc. 2015 Change in Control Severance Plan (collectively, the "*Transitional Plans*"), the Participant shall receive compensation and benefits under the Transitional Plans and not under this Plan. In the event that a Participant is eligible to receive a benefit under this Plan and the TEGNA Leadership Team Transition Severance Plan (but not below zero).

8. **Release Requirement**. A Participant shall not be entitled to the Severance Amount unless the Participant has signed and not revoked, within thirty (30) days after the date of such Participant's Qualifying Termination, a release and covenant agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A* (the "*Release and Restrictive Covenant Agreement*"). The Participant shall forfeit all rights under this Plan if such Agreement is not executed and irrevocable by that date.

9. **Timing and Form of Payment of Severance Amount**. Subject to the Release and Restrictive Covenant Agreement becoming effective and irrevocable no later than the thirtieth (30th) day after the date on which a Participant's Qualifying Termination occurs, the Severance Amount shall be payable in a lump sum on the thirtieth (30th) day after the date of the Participant's Qualifying Termination.

10. **No Mitigation/Offset**. A Participant shall not be required to mitigate damages or the amount of any payment provided for under this Plan by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall any payments hereunder be subject to offset in respect of any claims that the Company may have against a Participant, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for under this Plan be reduced by any compensation earned as a result of such Participant's employment with another employer.

11. **Legal Expenses**. If, with respect to any alleged failure by the Company to comply with the terms of this Plan, a Participant institutes or responds to legal action to assert or defend the validity of, enforce his or her rights under, or recover damages for breach of the terms of this Plan or, following termination of employment, the Release and Restrictive Covenant Agreement, and thereafter the Company is found in a judgment no longer subject to review or appeal to have breached this Plan or, following termination of employment, the Release and Restrictive Covenant Agreement in any material respect, then the Company shall indemnify the Participant for his or her reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in connection with such legal action and such indemnification payment shall be made within 60 days after such judgment.

12. **Severability; Waiver**. If any provision of this Plan or the application thereof is held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability thereof shall not affect any other provisions of this Plan which can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions of this Plan are to be severable. No waiver by either party of any breach by the other party of any provision or conditions of this Plan shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other provision or condition at the same or any prior or subsequent time.

13. **Employment Status**. This Plan does not constitute a contract of employment or impose on a Participant or the Company or its subsidiaries any obligation to retain the Participant as an employee or change the status of such Participant's employment to anything other than "at will". The Company reserves the right to terminate a Participant for any or no reason at its convenience.

14. **Tax Withholdings**. The Company may withhold from any payments due to a Participant hereunder, such amounts as the Company may determine are required to be withheld under applicable federal, state and local tax laws.

15. Section 409A.

- (a) <u>General</u>. It is intended that payments and benefits made or provided under this Plan shall not result in penalty taxes or accelerated taxation pursuant to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"), and the Plan shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with that intent. If any provision of the Plan would otherwise conflict with or frustrate this intent, that provision will be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid the conflict. Any payments that qualify for the "short-term deferral" exception, the separation pay exception or another exception under Section 409A of the Code shall be paid under the applicable exception. For purposes of the limitations on nonqualified deferred compensation for purposes of applying the exclusion under Section 409A of the Code for short-term deferral amounts, the separation pay exception or exclusion under Section 409A of the Code. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment under this Plan. Despite any contrary provision of this Plan, any references to termination of employment or date of termination shall mean and refer to the date of a Participant's "separation from service," as that term is defined in Section 409A of the Code and Treasury regulation Section 1.409A-1(h).
- (b) <u>Delay of Payment</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, if a Participant is considered a "specified employee" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company as in effect on the termination date), any payment that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code that is otherwise due to a Participant under this Plan during the six (6)-month period immediately following a Participant's separation from service (as determined in accordance with Section 409A of the Code) on account of a Participant's separation from service shall be accumulated and paid to such Participant on the first (1st) business day of the seventh (7th) month following such Participant's separation from service (the "*Delayed Payment Date*"). If such

Participant dies during the postponement period, the amounts and entitlements delayed on account of Section 409A of the Code shall be paid to the personal representative of such Participant's estate on the first to occur of the Delayed Payment Date or thirty (30) calendar days after the date of his or her death.

16. Successors. This Plan shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Company.

17. **Governing Law**. This Plan shall be governed by and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

Dated: December 8, 2015

## **TEGNA INC.**

By: /s/ Kevin E. Lord

Name: Kevin E. Lord

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

### Exhibit A Release of Claims and Restrictive Covenant Agreement

**This Release of Claims and Restrictive Covenant Agreement** (this "*Agreement*") is entered into by you [ ] and TEGNA Inc. (the "*Company*") in connection with your separation from employment with the Company and in accordance with the TEGNA Inc. Executive Severance Plan (the "*Plan*"). Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Plan. You and the Company agree to the following:

(1) <u>Date of Termination</u>. Your final day as an employee of the Company is , 20 (the "**Date of Termination**").

(2) <u>Severance Amount</u>. Provided that you execute this Agreement, do not later revoke your acceptance, and that this Agreement becomes effective and non-revocable on or before , 20 , you will receive a lump sum cash payment in the amount of \$ , less legally-required withholdings, payable on .

(3) <u>Release Deadline</u>. You will receive the benefit described in paragraph 2 above only if you sign this Agreement on or before , 20 . In exchange for and in consideration of the benefits offered to you by the Company in paragraph 2 above, you agree to the terms of this Agreement.

(4) <u>Release of Claims</u>. You agree that this is a full and complete Release of Claims. Accordingly, you and the Company agree as follows:

(a) The Release of Claims means that you agree to give up forever any and all legal claims, or causes of actions, you may have, or think you have, against the Company, any of its subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, including any predecessor or successor entities, and their respective directors, officers, and employees (collectively, the "*Company Parties*"). This Release of Claims includes all legal claims that arose at any time before or at the time you sign this Agreement; it also includes those legal claims of which you know and are aware, as well as any legal claims of which you may not know or be aware, including claims for breach of contract, claims arising out of any employment agreement you may have or under the Plan, claims of intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress, defamation, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and any other claim arising from, or related to, your employment by the Company. In addition, the Company Parties agree to give up forever any and all legal claims, or causes of action, they may have or think they may have against you, including all legal claims that arose at any time before or at the time you sign this Agreement, whether known to the Company Parties or not.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, by executing this Release of Claims, (i) you will not forfeit or release your right to receive your vested benefits under the TEGNA Retirement Plan, the TEGNA 401(k) Savings Plan, the TEGNA Supplemental Retirement Plan, the TEGNA Inc. 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010), and the TEGNA Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (but you will forfeit your right to receive any further severance or annual bonus award); any rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses under the Company's By-laws and/or directors' and officers' liability insurance policies; any other rights under the Plan that are intended to survive a termination of employment; any legal claims or causes of action arising out of actions allegedly taken by the Company after the date of your execution of this Agreement; any rights you have under applicable workers compensation laws; any benefits or monies paid in the normal course to employees separating from employment such as payment of accrued but unused vacation and reimbursement of valid and appropriate business expenses; or any other claims that cannot lawfully be released; and (ii) none of the Company Parties will forfeit or release any right to recoup compensation under the claw back provisions of any plan or policy of the Company or applicable law; any rights under the Plan which are intended to survive a termination of employment (including, but not limited to, your restrictive covenant and confidentiality obligations); any claims based on your fraud or conduct which was committed in bad faith or arising from your active and deliberate dishonesty; or any legal claims or causes of action arising out of actions allegedly taken by you after the date of your execution of this Agreement. The matters referenced in clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph are referred to as the "*Excluded Matters.*"

- (b) Several laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Virginia create claims for employees in various circumstances. These laws include the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended by the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act, and the Virginia Human Rights Act. Several of these laws also provide for the award of attorneys' fees to a successful plaintiff. You agree that this Release of Claims specifically includes any possible claims under any of these laws or similar state and federal laws, including any claims for attorneys' fees.
- (c) By referring to specific laws we do not intend to limit the Release of Claims to just those laws. All legal claims for money damages, or any other relief that relate to or are in any way connected with your employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, are included within this Release of Claims, even if they are not specifically referred to in this Agreement. The only legal claims that are not covered by this Release of Claims are the Excluded Matters.

- (d) Except for the Excluded Matters, we agree that neither party will say later that some particular legal claim or claims are not covered by this Release of Claims because we or you were unaware of the claim or claims, because such claims were overlooked, or because you or we made an error.
- (e) We specifically confirm that, as far as you or the Company know, no one has made any legal claim in any federal, state or local court or government agency relating to your employment, or the ending of your employment, with the Company. If, at any time in the future, such a claim is made by you or the Company, or someone acting on behalf of you or the Company, or by some other person or a governmental agency, you and the Company agree that each will be totally and completely barred from recovering any money damages or remedy of any kind, except in the case of any legal claims or causes of action arising out of any of the Excluded Matters. This provision is meant to include claims that are solely or in part on your behalf, or on behalf of the Company, or claims which you or the Company have or have not authorized.
- (f) This Agreement, and the Release of Claims, will not prevent you from filing any future administrative charges with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("*EEOC*") or a state fair employment practices ("*FEP*") agency, nor from participating in or cooperating with the EEOC or a state FEP agency in any investigation or legal action undertaken by the EEOC or a state FEP agency. However, this Agreement, and the Release of Claims, does mean that you may not collect any monetary damages or receive any other remedies from charges filed with or actions by the EEOC or a state FEP agency.

#### (5) Restrictive Covenants.

- (a) You agree that in consideration for the payment under paragraph 2 above, for a period of twelve (12) months after the Date of Termination (the "*Restricted Period*"), you will not, without the written consent of the Company, obtain or seek a position with a Competitor (as defined below) in which you will use or are likely to use any confidential information or trade secrets of the Company including, but not limited to, a position in which you would have duties for such Competitor within the United States that involve Competitive Services (as defined below) and that are the same or similar to those duties actually performed by you for the Company.
- (b) You understand and agree that the relationship between the Company and each of its employees constitutes a valuable asset of the Company and may not be converted to your own use. Accordingly, you hereby agree that during the Restricted Period, you shall not, directly or indirectly, on your own behalf or on behalf of another person, solicit or induce any employee

of the Company to terminate his or her employment relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company or to enter into employment with another person or entity. The foregoing shall not apply to employees who respond to solicitations of employment directed to the general public or who seek employment at their own initiative.

- (c) For purposes of this paragraph 5, "Competitive Services" means the provision of goods or services that are competitive with any goods or services offered by the Company as of the date of this Agreement, including, but not limited to broadcast, digital, internet, and other entertainment, news and information services, and "Competitor" means any individual or any entity or enterprise engaged, wholly or in part, in Competitive Services. The parties acknowledge that the Company may from time to time during the term of this Agreement change or increase the line of goods or services it provides, and you agree to amend this Agreement from time to time to include such different or additional goods and services to the definition of "Competitive Services" for purposes of this paragraph 5.
- (d) You agree that due to your position of trust and confidence the restrictions contained in this paragraph 5 are reasonable, and the benefits conferred on you in this Agreement are adequate consideration, and since the nature of the Company's business is national in scope, the geographic restriction herein is reasonable.
- (e) You agree that you will not make any statements, oral or written, or cause or allow to be published in your name, or under any other name, any statements, interviews, articles, books, web logs, editorials or commentary (oral or written) that are critical or disparaging of the Company, or any of their operations, or any of their officers, employees or directors. Likewise, the Company agrees that it will not make, and will use reasonable efforts to ensure that directors and officers of the Company do not make, any statements, oral or written, or cause to be published in the Company's name, any statements, interviews, articles, editorials or commentary (oral or written) that are critical or disparaging of you. It is understood that merely because a personal statement is made by a Company employee does not mean that it is made "in the Company's name".
- (f) During the course of your employment and as part of the performance of your various duties you came into the possession of information which the Company considers to be Confidential and Proprietary Information and which is not generally disclosed or made known to the trade or public. This includes, but is not limited to, information bearing on strategic planning, finances, shareholder matters, budgets, audience, research, marketing, personnel, management of the company and its affiliated companies, and relationships with advertisers, vendors and suppliers. You agree that unless

duly authorized in writing by the Company, you will not at any time divulge or use in connection with any business activity any trade secrets or confidential and proprietary information first acquired by you during and by virtue of your employment with the Company. You agree that you will not retain any copies of such materials, whether in hard copy or electronic copy, and will not use or disclose to anyone any such Confidential or Proprietary Information, in any form.

- (g) You acknowledge that a breach of this paragraph 5 would cause irreparable injury and damage to the Company which could not be reasonably or adequately compensated by money damages, and the Company acknowledges that a breach of paragraph 5(e) would cause irreparable injury and damage to you, which could not be reasonably or adequately compensated by money damages. Accordingly, each of you and the Company acknowledges that the remedies of injunction and specific performance shall be available in the event of such a breach, and the non-breaching party shall be entitled to money damages, costs and attorneys' fees, and other legal or equitable remedies, including an injunction pending trial, without the posting of bond or other security. Any period of restriction set forth in this paragraph 5 shall be extended for a period of time equal to the duration of any breach or violation thereof.
- (h) In the event of your breach of this paragraph 5, in addition to the injunctive relief described above, the Company's remedy shall include the forfeiture or return to the Company of any payment made or due to you or on your behalf under paragraph 2 above.
- (i) In the event that any provision of this paragraph 5 is held to be in any respect an unreasonable restriction, then the court so holding may modify the terms thereof, including the period of time during which it operates or the geographic area to which it applies, or effect any other change to the extent necessary to render this paragraph 5 enforceable, it being acknowledged by the parties that the representations and covenants set forth herein are of the essence of this Agreement.

(6) <u>Cooperation</u>. You agree to fully cooperate and assist the Company in the defense of any investigations, claims, charges, arbitrations, grievances, or lawsuits brought against the Company or any of its operations, or any officers, employees or directors the Company or any of its operations, as to matters of which you have personal knowledge necessary, in the Company's judgment, for the defense of the action. You agree to provide such assistance reasonably consistent with the requirements of your other obligations and the Company agrees to pay your reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this assistance and such expenses will be paid in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.409A-3(i)(1)(iv)(A). The Company agrees to fully cooperate and assist you in the defense of any third-party claims, charges, arbitrations, grievances or lawsuits brought against you as a co-defendant with the Company or any of its operations, officers, employees or directors, except with respect to any such matters arising out of clause (ii) of the Excluded Matters.

(7) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. You agree that this Agreement contains all of the details of the agreement between you and the Company with respect to the subject matter hereof. Nothing has been promised to you, either in some other written document or orally, by the Company or any of its officers, employees or directors, that is not included in this Agreement.

(8) <u>No Admission</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be deemed or construed as an admission of wrongdoing or liability on the part of Company Parties.

(9) <u>Governing Law and Venue</u>. All matters affecting this Agreement, including the validity thereof, are to be governed by, and interpreted and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed in that State. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts sitting in Delaware, for all purposes relating to the validity, interpretation, or enforcement of this Agreement.

(10) <u>Time to Consider; Effectiveness</u>. Please review this Agreement carefully. We advise you to talk with an attorney before signing this Agreement. So that you may have enough opportunity to think about this offer, you may keep this Agreement for twenty-one (21) days from the date of termination of your employment. You acknowledge that this Agreement was made in connection with your participation in the Plan and was available to you both prior to and immediately at the time of your termination of employment. For that reason you acknowledge and agree that the twenty-one (21)-day consideration period identified in this paragraph commenced to run, without any further action by the Company immediately upon your being advised of the termination of your employment. Consequently, if you desire to execute this Agreement, you must do so no later than , 20 . Should you accept all the terms by signing this Agreement on or before , 20 , you may nevertheless revoke this Agreement within seven (7) days after signing it by notifying

in writing of your revocation. We will provide a courtesy copy to your attorney, if you retain one to represent you. If you choose to retain counsel to review and advise you concerning this Agreement that shall be considered a personal expense on your part and not be reimbursed or indemnified. If you wish to accept this Agreement, please confirm your acceptance of the terms of the Agreement by signing the original of this Agreement in the space provided below. The Agreement will become effective, and its terms will be carried out beginning on the day following the seven (7)-day revocation period.

(11) <u>Knowing and Voluntary</u>. By signing this Agreement you agree that you have carefully read this Agreement and understand its terms. You also agree that you have had a reasonable opportunity to think about your decision, to talk with an attorney or advisor of your choice, that you have voluntarily signed this Agreement, and that you fully understand the legal effect of signing this Agreement.

Date:

EMPLOYEE

**TEGNA INC.** 

Date:

By: Title:

# AWARD AGREEMENT

### STOCK UNITS

The Executive Compensation Committee of the TEGNA Inc. Board of Directors has approved an award of Restricted Stock Units (referred to herein as "Stock Units") to you under the TEGNA Inc. 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010), as set forth below.

This Award Agreement and the enclosed Terms and Conditions effective as of , 2016, constitute the formal agreement governing this award.

Please sign both copies of this Award Agreement to evidence your agreement with the terms hereof. Keep one copy and return the other to the undersigned.

Please keep the enclosed Terms and Conditions for future reference.

#### Director:

Grant Date://		
Stock Unit Commencement Dates		
Payment Date://		
Stock Unit Vesting Schedule:	<ul> <li>25% of the Stock Units shall vest on August 1, 20 [year of Grant Date]</li> <li>25% of the Stock Units shall vest on November 1, 20 [year of Grant Date]</li> <li>25% of the Stock Units shall vest on February 1, 20 [year following Grant Date]</li> <li>25% of the Stock Units shall vest on earlier of May 1, 20 [year following Grant Date] or the date of the 20 Meeting [year following Grant Date]</li> </ul>	Annual

Number of Stock Units:

TEGNA Inc.

Director's Signature

By: \_\_\_\_

Kevin E. Lord Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

## STOCK UNITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS Under the TEGNA Inc. 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010)

These Terms and Conditions, dated , 2016, govern the grant of Restricted Stock Units (referred to herein as "Stock Units") to the director (the "Director") designated in the Award Agreement dated coincident with these Terms and Conditions. The Stock Units are granted under, and are subject to, the TEGNA Inc. (the "Company") 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010) (the "Plan"). Terms used herein that are defined in the Plan shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan. If there is any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Plan, the Plan's terms shall supersede and replace the conflicting terms herein.

1. <u>Grant of Stock Units</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of (i) the Plan, (ii) the individual Award Agreement governing the grant, and (iii) these Terms and Conditions, the Company has granted to the Director the number of Stock Units set forth on the applicable Award Agreement. Each vested Stock Unit shall entitle the Director to receive from the Company one share of the Company's common stock ("Common Stock") upon the earlier of the Director's separation from service or the Payment Date.

2. <u>Vesting Schedule</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 6 and 13, the Stock Units shall vest in accordance with the Vesting Schedule specified in the Award Agreement; provided that the Director continues as a director of the Company until the dates specified in the Vesting Schedule.

3. <u>Dividend Units</u>. Dividend units shall be credited to the Director with regard to the Stock Units. Dividend units shall be calculated based on the dividends paid on shares of Common Stock. Dividend units shall be deemed to be reinvested in shares of Common Stock as of the date dividends are paid on Common Stock, shall be paid to the Director at the same time and in the same form as Stock Units are paid to the Director, and are subject to the same terms and conditions as the Stock Units, including, without limitation, the same vesting requirements.

4. <u>Delivery of Shares</u>. The Company shall deliver to the Director a certificate or certificates, or at the election of the Company make an appropriate book-entry, for the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of vested Stock Units as soon as administratively practicable after the earlier of the Payment Date or the date that Director separates from service, but no later than 30 days from such dates. A Director shall have no further rights with regard to the Stock Units once the underlying shares of Common Stock have been delivered.

5. <u>Cancellation of Stock Units</u>. Except as provided in Sections 6 and 13 below, all unvested Stock Units granted to the Director shall automatically be cancelled upon the Director's separation from service, and in such event, the Director shall not be entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock in respect thereof.

6. <u>Death</u>, <u>Disability or Retirement</u>. In the event that the Director separates from service on or prior to the Payment Date due to death, Disability or the age of service limitations set forth in the Company's Bylaws, the Director (or in the case of the Director's death, the Director's estate or designated beneficiary) shall be entitled to receive at the time of the Director's death or separation from service the total number of shares of Common Stock in respect of such Stock Units which the Director would have been entitled to receive had the Director continued employment until the Payment Date. For purposes of this Award Agreement, Disability shall mean the Director is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

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7. <u>Non-Assignability</u>. Stock Units may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, whether by operation of law or otherwise, nor may the Stock Units be made subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

8. <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. The Director shall have no rights as a shareholder by reason of the Stock Units.

9. <u>Discretionary Plan; Employment</u>. The Plan is discretionary in nature and may be suspended or terminated by the Company at any time. With respect to the Plan, (a) each grant of Stock Units is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of Stock Units, or benefits in lieu of Stock Units; (b) all determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when the Stock Units shall be granted, the number of Stock Units, and the Vesting Schedule, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (c) the Director's participation in the Plan is voluntary; and (d) the future value of the Stock Units is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty.

10. <u>Effect of Plan and these Terms and Conditions</u>. The Plan is hereby incorporated by reference into these Terms and Conditions, and these Terms and Conditions are subject in all respects to the provisions of the Plan, including without limitation the authority of the Executive Compensation Committee of the Company (the "Committee") in its sole discretion to adjust awards and to make interpretations and other determinations with respect to all matters relating to the applicable Award Agreements, these Terms and Conditions, the Plan and awards made pursuant thereto. These Terms and Conditions shall apply to the grant of Stock Units made to the Director on the date hereof and shall not apply to any future grants of Stock Units made to the Director.

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11. <u>Notices</u>. Notices hereunder shall be in writing and if to the Company shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Company at 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22107, and if to the Director shall be addressed to the Director at his or her address as it appears on the Company's records.

12. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The applicable Award Agreement and these Terms and Conditions shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company and, to the extent provided in Section 6 hereof, to the estate or designated beneficiary of the Director.

### 13. Change in Control Provisions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Terms and Conditions, the following provisions shall apply to all Stock Units granted under the attached Award Agreement.

# (a) <u>Definitions</u>.

As used in Article 15 of the Plan and in these Terms and Conditions, a "Change in Control" shall mean the first to occur of the following:

(i) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (A) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the thenoutstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or one of its affiliates, or (iv) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 13(a)(iii)(A), 13(a)(iii)(B) and 13(a)(iii)(C);

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(ii) individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board;

(iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar corporate transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation or entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding with the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding with the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding

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Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or any corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation or entity, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(b) <u>Acceleration Provisions</u>. In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control, the vesting of the Stock Units shall be accelerated and, if such Change in Control constitutes a "change in control event" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, there shall be paid out to the Director within thirty (30) days following the effective date of the Change in Control, the full number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Stock Units. In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control that is not a "change in control event" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, the vesting of the Stock Units shall be paid out at the earlier of the Payment Date or the Director's separation from service.

(c) <u>Legal Fees.</u> The Company shall pay all legal fees, court costs, fees of experts, and other costs and expenses when incurred by the Director in connection with any actual, threatened or contemplated litigation or legal, administrative or other proceedings involving the provisions of this Section 13, whether or not initiated by the Director. The Company agrees to pay such

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amounts within 10 days following the Company's receipt of an invoice from the Director, provided that the Director shall have submitted an invoice for such amounts at least 30 days before the end of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which such fees and disbursements were incurred.

14. <u>Applicable Laws and Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. The validity, construction, interpretation and enforceability of this Agreement shall be determined and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law. For the purpose of litigating any dispute that arises under this Agreement, the parties hereby consent to exclusive jurisdiction in Virginia and agree that such litigation shall be conducted in the courts of Fairfax County, Virginia or the federal courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia.

15. <u>Compliance with Section 409A</u>. This Award is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A, and shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with that intent (e.g., the definition of "separates from service" or "separation from service" (or similar term used herein) shall have the meaning ascribed to "separation from service" under Section 409A). If any provision of these Terms and Conditions would otherwise conflict with or frustrate this intent, the provision shall not apply. Solely to the extent required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), if the Director is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Code Section 409A and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder ("Section 409A")) and if delivery of shares is being made in connection with the Director's separation from service other than by reason of the Director's death, delivery of the shares shall be delayed until six months and one day after the Director's separation from service with the Company (or, if earlier than the end of the six-month period, the date of the Director's death).

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# AWARD AGREEMENT

## STOCK UNITS

The Executive Compensation Committee of the TEGNA Inc. Board of Directors has approved an award of Restricted Stock Units (referred to herein as "Stock Units") to you under the 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010), as set forth below.

This Award Agreement and the enclosed Terms and Conditions effective as of January 1, 2016, constitute the formal agreement governing this award.

Please sign both copies of this Award Agreement to evidence your agreement with the terms hereof. Keep one copy and return the other to the undersigned.

Please keep the enclosed Terms and Conditions for future reference.

Employee:

Location:

Grant Date: 1/1/16

Stock Unit Commencement Date: 1/1/16

Stock Unit Expiration Date: 12/31/19

Stock Unit Vesting Schedule:

25% of the Stock Units shall vest on 12/31/16\* 25% of the Stock Units shall vest on 12/31/17\* 25% of the Stock Units shall vest on 12/31/18\* 25% of the Stock Units shall vest on 12/31/19\*

\* Provided the Employee is continuously employed until such dates and has not terminated employment on or before such dates.

Number of Stock Units:

TEGNA Inc.

Employee's Signature

By:

Kevin E. Lord Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

# STOCK UNITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS Under the TEGNA Inc.

#### 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010)

These Terms and Conditions, dated January 1, 2016, govern the grant of Restricted Stock Units (referred to herein as "Stock Units") to the employee (the "Employee") designated in the Award Agreement dated coincident with these Terms and Conditions. The Stock Units are granted under, and are subject to, the TEGNA Inc. (the "Company") 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010) (the "Plan"). Terms used herein that are defined in the Plan shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan. If there is any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Plan, the Plan's terms shall supersede and replace the conflicting terms herein.

1. <u>Grant of Stock Units</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of (i) the Plan, (ii) the individual Award Agreement governing the grant, and (iii) these Terms and Conditions, the Company has granted to the Employee the number of Stock Units set forth on the applicable Award Agreement. Each vested Stock Unit shall entitle the Employee to receive from the Company one share of the Company's common stock ("Common Stock") upon the earliest of the Employee's termination of employment, a Change in Control (but only to the extent provided in Section 14) or Stock Unit Expiration Date. The Employee shall not be entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock with respect to unvested Stock Units, and the Employee shall have no further rights with regard to a Stock Unit once the underlying share of Common Stock has been delivered with respect to that Stock Unit.

2. <u>Incentive Period</u>. The Incentive Period in respect of the Stock Units shall commence on the Stock Unit Commencement Date specified in the Award Agreement and end on the Stock Unit Expiration Date specified in the Award Agreement.

3. <u>Vesting Schedule</u>. Subject to the special vesting rules set forth in Sections 7, 14 and 15, the Stock Units shall vest in accordance with the Vesting Schedule specified in the Award Agreement to the extent that the Employee is continuously employed by the Company or its Subsidiaries until the dates specified in the Vesting Schedule and has not terminated employment on or before such dates. An Employee will not be treated as remaining in continuous employment if the Employee's employer ceases to be a Subsidiary of the Company. The Employee shall not receive shares relating to the Employee's Stock Units when the Stock Units vest. Rather, as set forth in Section 5 below, the shares related to vested Stock Units will generally be delivered, less applicable withholdings, as soon as administratively practicable (but always by the 30th day) after the earliest of the Employee's termination of employment, a Change in Control (to the extent provided in Section 14) or the Stock Unit Expiration Date.

4. No Dividend Equivalents. No dividend equivalents shall be paid to the Employee with regard to the Stock Units.

5. <u>Delivery of Shares</u>. The Company shall deliver to the Employee a certificate or certificates, or at the election of the Company make an appropriate book-entry, for the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of vested Stock Units as soon as administratively practicable (but always by the 30th day) after the earliest of the Employee's termination of employment, a Change in Control (but only to the extent provided in Section 14) or the Stock Unit Expiration Date; provided that the number of shares shall be reduced by the value of all taxes which the Company is required by law to withhold by reason of such delivery. The Employee shall not be entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock with respect to unvested Stock Units, and the Employee shall have no further rights with regard to a Stock Unit once the underlying share of Common Stock has been delivered with respect to that Stock Unit.

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### 6. Cancellation of Stock Units.

(a) <u>Termination of Employment</u>. All Stock Units granted to the Employee that have not vested as of the date of the Employee's termination of employment shall automatically be cancelled upon the Employee's termination of employment. Unvested Stock Units shall also be cancelled in connection with an event that results in the Employee's employer ceasing to be a Subsidiary of the Company.

(b) <u>Forfeiture of Stock Units/Recovery of Common Stock</u>. Pursuant to its recoupment policy, the Company may forfeit an Employee's Stock Units or recover shares of Common Stock issued in connection with a Stock Unit. Generally, under the Company's recoupment policy, if the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, and the Committee determines that:

(i) the fraud or intentional misconduct of the Employee contributed (either directly or indirectly) to the noncompliance that resulted in the obligation to restate the Company's financial statements; and

(ii) a lower award of Stock Units would have been made to the Employee had it been based upon the restated financial results;

then the Company may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, and subject to the approval of the Committee, forfeit Stock Units awarded to the Employee or seek to recoup shares of Common Stock issued in connection with Stock Units in excess of the amount that would have been received under the accounting restatement. In each such instance, the Company may seek to forfeit the Employee's relevant Stock Units or seek to recover the relevant Common Stock issued in connection with a Stock Unit granted or issued during the three-year period preceding the date the Company is required to prepare the accounting restatement, regardless of whether the Employee is then employed by the Company. In addition, the Company may assert any other remedies that may be available to the Company, including, without limitation, those available under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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7. <u>Death, Disability, Retirement</u>. In lieu of the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Award Agreement, in the event that the Employee's employment terminates on or prior to the Stock Unit Expiration Date by reason of death, permanent disability (as determined under the Company's Long Term Disability Plan), termination of employment after attaining age 65, or termination of employment after both attaining age 55 and completing at least 5 years of service, the Employee (or in the case of the Employee's death, the Employee's estate or designated beneficiary) shall become vested in a number of Stock Units equal to the product of (i) the total number of Stock Units in which the Employee would have become vested upon the Stock Unit Expiration Date had the Employee's employment not terminated, and (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of full calendar months between the Stock Unit Commencement Date and the date that employment terminated, and the denominator of which shall be the number of full calendar months from the Stock Unit Commencement Date to the Stock Unit Expiration Date.

8. <u>Non-Assignability</u>. Stock Units may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, whether by operation of law or otherwise, nor may the Stock Units be made subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

9. <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. The Employee shall have no rights as a shareholder by reason of the Stock Units.

10. <u>Discretionary Plan; Employment</u>. The Plan is discretionary in nature and may be suspended or terminated by the Company at any time. With respect to the Plan, (a) each grant of Stock Units is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of Stock Units, or benefits in lieu of Stock Units; (b) all determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when the Stock Units shall be granted, the number of Stock Units, and the Incentive Period, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (c) the Employee's participation in the Plan shall not create a right to further employment with the Employee's employer and shall not interfere with the ability of the Employee's employer to terminate the Employee's employment relationship at any time with or without cause; (d) the Employee's participation in the Plan is voluntary; (e) the Stock Units are not part of normal and expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payment, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits, or similar payments; and (f) the future value of the Stock Units is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty.

11. <u>Effect of Plan and these Terms and Conditions</u>. The Plan is hereby incorporated by reference into these Terms and Conditions, and these Terms and Conditions are subject in all respects to the provisions of the Plan, including without limitation the authority of the Executive Compensation Committee of the Company (the "Committee") in its sole discretion to adjust awards and to make interpretations and other determinations with respect to all matters relating to the applicable Award Agreements, these Terms and Conditions, the Plan and awards made pursuant thereto. These Terms and Conditions shall apply to the grant of Stock Units made to the Employee on the date hereof and shall not apply to any future grants of Stock Units made to the Employee.

12. <u>Notices</u>. Notices hereunder shall be in writing and if to the Company shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Company at 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22107, and, if to the Employee, shall be addressed to the Employee at his or her address as it appears on the Company's records.

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13. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The applicable Award Agreement and these Terms and Conditions shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company and, to the extent provided in Section 6 hereof, to the estate or designated beneficiary of the Employee.

#### 14. Change in Control Provisions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Terms and Conditions, the following provisions shall apply to all Stock Units granted under the attached Award Agreement.

#### (a) Definitions.

As used in Article 15 of the Plan and in these Terms and Conditions, a "Change in Control" shall mean the first to occur of the following:

(i) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (A) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the thenoutstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or one of its affiliates or (iv) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 14(a)(iii)(A), 14(a)(iii)(B) and 14(a)(iii)(C);

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(ii) individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board;

(iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar corporate transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation or entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or any corporation or entity resulting from such Business

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Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation or entity, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(b) <u>Acceleration Provisions</u>. (i) In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Stock Units are not continued or assumed (i.e., the Stock Units are not equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Stock Units that have not been cancelled shall become fully vested. The vested Stock Units shall be paid out to the Employee as soon as administratively practicable on or following the effective date of the Change in Control (but in no event later than 30 days after such event), provided that the Change in Control also constitutes a change in ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder ("Section 409A"), and such payout will not result in additional taxes under Section 409A. Otherwise, the vested Stock Units shall be paid out as soon as administratively practicable after the earlier of the Employee's termination of employment or Stock Unit Expiration Date (but in no event later than 30 days after such events).

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(ii) In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Stock Units are continued or assumed (i.e., the Stock Units are equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Stock Units shall not vest upon the Change in Control, provided that the Stock Units that are not vested under the other provisions of this Award shall become fully vested in the event that the Employee has a "qualifying termination of employment" within two years following the date of the Change in Control. In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Stock Units are continued or assumed, vested Stock Units shall be paid out soon as administratively practicable after the earlier of the Employee's termination of employment or Stock Unit Expiration Date (but in no event later than 30 days after such events).

A "qualifying termination of employment" shall occur if the Company involuntarily terminates the Employee without "Cause" or the Employee voluntarily terminates for "Good Reason". For this purpose, "Cause" shall mean:

- any material misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or its affiliate by the Employee;
- unreasonable and persistent neglect or refusal by the Employee to perform his or her duties which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Company; or
- conviction, including a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, of the Employee of a securities law violation or a felony.

For this purpose, "Good Reason" means the occurrence after a Change in Control of any of the following circumstances without the Employee's express written consent, unless such circumstances are fully corrected within 90 days of the Notice of Termination described below:

- the material diminution of the Employee's duties, authorities or responsibilities from those in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control;
- a reduction in the Employee's base salary or target bonus opportunity as in effect on the date immediately prior to the Change in Control;

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- failure to provide the Employee with an annual long-term incentive opportunity whose grant date value is equivalent to or greater in value than Employee's regular annual long-term incentive opportunity in effect on the date of the Change of Control (counting only normal long-term incentive awards made as a part of the regular annual pay package, not special awards not made on a regular basis), calculated using widely recognized valuation methodologies by an experienced compensation consultant at a nationally recognized firm;
- the relocation of the Employee's office from the location at which the Employee is principally employed immediately prior to the date of the Change in Control to a location 35 or more miles farther from the Employee's residence immediately prior to the Change in Control, or the Company's requiring the Employee to be based anywhere other than the Company's offices at such location, except for required travel on the Company's business to an extent substantially consistent with the Employee's business travel obligations prior to the Change in Control; or
- the failure by the Company or its affiliate to pay any compensation or benefits due to the Employee.

Any termination by the Employee for Good Reason shall be communicated by a Notice of Termination that (x) indicates the specific termination provision in the Award Agreement relied upon, and (y) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated. Such notice must be provided to the Company within ninety (90) days after the event that created the "Good Reason".

(iii) If in connection with a Change in Control, the Stock Units are assumed (i.e., the Stock Units are equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Stock Units shall refer to the right to receive such cash and/or equity. An assumption of this Stock Unit award must satisfy the following requirements:

The converted or substituted award must be a right to receive an amount of cash and/or equity that has a value, measured at the time of such conversion or substitution, that is equal to the value of this Award as of the date of the Change in Control;

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- Any equity payable in connection with a converted or substituted award must be publicly traded equity securities of the Company, a successor company or their direct or indirect parent company, and such equity issuable with respect to a converted or substituted award must be covered by a registration statement filed with the Securities Exchange Commission that permits the immediate sale of such shares on a national exchange;
- The vesting terms of any converted or substituted award must be substantially identical to the terms of this Award; and
- The other terms and conditions of any converted or substituted award must be no less favorable to the Employee than the terms of this Award are as of the date of the Change in Control (including the provisions that would apply in the event of a subsequent Change in Control).

The determination of whether the conditions of this Section 14(b)(iii) are satisfied shall be made by the Committee, as constituted immediately before the Change in Control, in its sole discretion.

(c) <u>Legal Fees.</u> The Company shall pay all legal fees, court costs, fees of experts and other costs and expenses when incurred by Employee in connection with any actual, threatened or contemplated litigation or legal, administrative or other proceedings involving the provisions of this Section 14, whether or not initiated by the Employee. The Company agrees to pay such amounts within 10 days following the Company's receipt of an invoice from the Employee, provided that the Employee shall have submitted an invoice for such amounts at least 30 days before the end of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which such fees and disbursements were incurred.

15. <u>Employment or Similar Agreements</u>. The provisions of Sections 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 14 of these Terms and Conditions shall not be applied to or interpreted in a manner which would decrease the rights held by, or the payments owing to, an Employee under an employment agreement, termination benefits agreement or similar agreement with the Company that pre-exists the Grant Date and contains specific provisions applying to Plan awards in the case of any change in control or similar event or termination of employment, and if there is any conflict between the terms of such employment agreement, termination benefits agreement or similar agreement and the terms of Sections 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 14, the employment agreement, termination benefits agreement shall control.

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16. <u>Grant Subject to Applicable Regulatory Approvals</u>. Any grant of Stock Units under the Plan is specifically conditioned on, and subject to, any regulatory approvals required in the Employee's country. These approvals cannot be assured. If necessary approvals for grant or payment are not obtained, the Stock Units may be cancelled or rescinded, or they may expire, as determined by the Company in its sole and absolute discretion.

17. <u>Applicable Laws and Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. The validity, construction, interpretation and enforceability of this Agreement shall be determined and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law. For the purpose of litigating any dispute that arises under this Agreement, the parties hereby consent to exclusive jurisdiction in Virginia and agree that such litigation shall be conducted in the courts of Fairfax County, Virginia or the federal courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia.

18. <u>Compliance with Section 409A</u>. This Award is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A so that no taxes under Section 409A are triggered, and shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with that intent (e.g., the definition of "termination of employment" (or similar term used herein) shall have the meaning ascribed to "separation from service" under Section 409A). If any provision of these Terms and Conditions would otherwise conflict with or frustrate this intent, the provision shall not apply. Notwithstanding any provision in this Award Agreement to the contrary and solely to the extent required by Section 409A, if the Employee is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A and if delivery of shares is being made in connection with the Employee's separation from service other than by reason of the Employee's death, delivery of the shares shall be delayed until six months and one

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day after the Employee's separation from service with the Company (or, if earlier than the end of the six-month period, the date of the Employee's death). The Company shall not be responsible or liable for the consequences of any failure of the Award to avoid taxation under Section 409A.

## AWARD AGREEMENT

#### PERFORMANCE SHARES

The Executive Compensation Committee of the TEGNA Inc. Board of Directors has approved your opportunity to receive Performance Shares (referred to herein as "Performance Shares") under the 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010), as set forth below.

This Award Agreement and the enclosed Terms and Conditions effective as of

January 1, 2016, constitute the formal agreement governing this award.

Please sign both copies of this Award Agreement to evidence your agreement with the terms hereof. Keep one copy and return the other to the undersigned.

Please keep the enclosed Terms and Conditions for future reference.

Employee:	Location:
Grant Date:	1/1/16
Performance Period Commencement Date:	1/1/16
Performance Period End Date:	12/31/18
Performance Share Payment Date:	On a date specified by the Committee that is within the first 90 days of 2019
Target Number of Performance Shares:	*

\* The actual number of Performance Shares you may receive will be higher or lower depending on the Company's performance versus certain designated companies and your continued employment with the Company, as more fully explained in the enclosed Terms and Conditions.

TEGNA Inc.

Employee's Signature

By:

Kevin E. Lord Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

## PERFORMANCE SHARES TERMS AND CONDITIONS Under the TEGNA Inc. 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010)

These Terms and Conditions, dated January 1, 2016, govern the right of the employee (the "Employee") designated in the Award Agreement dated coincident with these Terms and Conditions to receive Performance Shares (referred to herein as "Performance Shares"). Generally, the Employee will not receive any Performance Shares unless the specified service and performance requirements set forth herein are satisfied. The Performance Shares are granted under, and are subject to, the TEGNA Inc. (the "Company") 2001 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of May 4, 2010) (the "Plan"). Terms used herein that are defined in the Plan shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan. If there is any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Plan, the Plan's terms shall supersede and replace the conflicting terms herein.

1. <u>Grant of Performance Shares</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of (i) the Plan, (ii) the individual Award Agreement governing the grant, and (iii) these Terms and Conditions, the Employee may be entitled to receive Performance Shares. Each Performance Share that becomes payable shall entitle the Employee to receive from the Company one share of the Company's common stock ("Common Stock") upon the expiration of the Incentive Period, except as provided in Section 13. The actual number of Performance Shares an Employee will receive will be calculated in the manner described in these Terms and Conditions, including Exhibit A, and may be different than the Target Number of Performance Shares set forth in the Award Agreement. 2. <u>Incentive Period</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 13 below, the Incentive Period in respect of the Performance Shares shall commence on the Performance Period Commencement Date specified in the Award Agreement and end on the Performance Period End Date specified in the Award Agreement.

3. No Dividend Equivalents. No dividend equivalents shall be paid to the Employee with regard to the Performance Shares.

4. <u>Delivery of Shares</u>. The Company shall deliver to the Employee a certificate or certificates, or at the election of the Company make an appropriate book-entry, for the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Performance Shares that have been earned based on the Company's performance during the Incentive Period as set forth in Exhibit A and satisfaction of the Terms and Conditions set forth herein, which number of shares shall be reduced by the value of all taxes which the Company is required by law to withhold by reason of such delivery. Except as provided in Sections 13 or 14, such delivery shall take place on the Performance Share Payment Date. An Employee shall have no further rights with regard to the Performance Shares once the underlying shares of Common Stock have been delivered.

5. Forfeiture and Cancellation of Right to Receive Performance Shares.

(a) <u>Termination of Employment</u>. Except as provided in Sections 6, 13, and 14, an Employee's right to receive Performance Shares shall automatically be cancelled upon the Employee's termination of employment (as well as an event that results in the Employee's employer ceasing to be a subsidiary of the Company) prior to the Performance Period End Date, and in such event the Employee shall not be entitled to receive any shares of Common Stock in respect thereof.

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(b) <u>Forfeiture of Performance Shares/Recovery of Common Stock</u>. Pursuant to its recoupment policy, the Company may forfeit an Employee's Performance Shares or recover shares of Common Stock issued in connection with a Performance Share. Generally, under the Company's recoupment policy, if the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, and the Committee determines that:

(iii) the fraud or intentional misconduct of the Employee contributed (either directly or indirectly) to the noncompliance that resulted in the obligation to restate the Company's financial statements; and

(iv) a lower award of Performance Shares would have been made to the Employee had it been based upon the restated financial results;

then the Company may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, and subject to the approval of the Committee, forfeit Performance Shares awarded to the Employee or seek to recoup shares of Common Stock issued in connection with Performance Shares in excess of the amount that would have been received under the accounting restatement. In each such instance, the Company may seek to forfeit the Employee's relevant Performance Shares or seek to recover the relevant Common Stock issued in connection with a Performance Shares granted or issued during the three-year period preceding the date the Company is required to prepare the accounting restatement, regardless of whether the Employee is then employed by the Company. In addition, the Company may assert any other remedies that may be available to the Company, including, without limitation, those available under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

6. <u>Death, Disability, Retirement</u>. Except as provided in Sections 13 or 14 below, in the event that the employment of the Employee shall terminate prior to the Performance Period End Date by reason of death, permanent disability (as determined under the Company's Long Term Disability Plan), termination of employment after attaining age 65, or termination of employment after both attaining age 55 and completing at least 5 years of service, the Employee (or in the case of the Employee's death, the Employee's estate or designated beneficiary) shall be entitled to receive at the Performance Share Payment Date the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the product of (i) the total number of shares in respect of such Performance Shares which the Employee would have been entitled to receive upon the expiration of the Incentive Period had the Employee's employment not terminated, and (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of full calendar months from the Performance Period Commencement Date to the Performance Period End Date.

7. <u>Non-Assignability</u>. Performance Shares may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, whether by operation of law or otherwise, nor may the Performance Shares be made subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

8. <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. The Employee shall have no rights as a shareholder by reason of the Performance Shares.

9. <u>Discretionary Plan; Employment</u>. The Plan is discretionary in nature and may be suspended or terminated by the Company at any time. With respect to the Plan, (a) each grant of Performance Shares is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of Performance Shares, or benefits in lieu of Performance Shares; (b) all

determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when the Performance Shares shall be granted, the number of Performance Shares, and the Incentive Period, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (c) the Employee's participation in the Plan shall not create a right to further employment with the Employee's employer and shall not interfere with the ability of the Employee's employer to terminate the Employee's employment relationship at any time with or without cause; (d) the Employee's participation in the Plan is voluntary; (e) the Performance Shares are not part of normal and expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payment, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits, or similar payments; and (f) the future value of the Performance Shares is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty.

10. <u>Effect of Plan and these Terms and Conditions</u>. The Plan is hereby incorporated by reference into these Terms and Conditions, and these Terms and Conditions are subject in all respects to the provisions of the Plan, including without limitation the authority of the Executive Compensation Committee of the Company (the "Committee") in its sole discretion to make interpretations and other determinations with respect to all matters relating to the applicable Award Agreements, these Terms and Conditions, the Plan and awards made pursuant thereto. These Terms and Conditions shall apply to the grant of Performance Shares made to the Employee on the date hereof and shall not apply to any future grants of Performance Shares made to the Employee.

11. <u>Notices</u>. Notices hereunder shall be in writing and, if to the Company, shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Company at 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22107, and, if to the Employee, shall be addressed to the Employee at his or her address as it appears on the Company's records.

12. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The applicable Award Agreement and these Terms and Conditions shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company and, to the extent provided in Section 6 hereof, to the estate or designated beneficiary of the Employee.

## 13. Change in Control Provisions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Terms and Conditions, the following provisions shall apply to the right of an Employee to receive Performance Shares under the attached Award Agreement.

## (a) <u>Definitions</u>.

As used in Article 15 of the Plan and in these Terms and Conditions, a "Change in Control" shall mean the first to occur of the following:

(i) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (A) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the thenoutstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or one of its affiliates, or (iv) any acquisition pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 13(a)(iii)(A), 13(a)(iii)(B) and 13(a)(iii)(C); (ii) individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board;

(iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar corporate transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation or entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company

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or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or any corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation or entity, except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation or entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(b) <u>Acceleration Provisions</u>. In the event of a Change in Control, the number of Performance Shares payable to an Employee shall be calculated in accordance with the Change in Control rules set forth in Exhibit A, subject to the vesting rules set forth below.

(i) In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Performance Shares are not continued or assumed (i.e., the Performance Shares are not equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Performance Shares that have not been cancelled shall become fully vested and shall be paid out to the Employee as soon as administratively practicable on or

following the effective date of the Change in Control (but in no event later than 30 days after such event), provided that the Change in Control also constitutes a change in ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder ("Section 409A"), and such payout will not result in additional taxes under Section 409A. Otherwise, in the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Performance Shares are not continued or assumed, the vested Performance Shares shall be paid out at the earlier of the Employee's termination of employment or the Performance Share Payment Date.

(ii) In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Performance Shares are continued or assumed (i.e., the Performance Shares are equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Performance Shares shall not vest upon the Change in Control, provided that the Performance Shares that have not vested under the other provisions of this Award shall become fully vested in the event that the Employee has a "qualifying termination of employment" within two years following the date of the Change in Control. In the event of the occurrence of a Change in Control in which the Performance Shares are continued or assumed, vested Performance Shares shall be paid out to the Employee at the earlier of the Employee's termination of employment or the Performance Share Payment Date.

A "qualifying termination of employment" shall occur if the Company involuntarily terminates the Employee without "Cause" or the Employee voluntarily terminates for "Good Reason". For this purpose, "Cause" shall mean:

• any material misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or its affiliate by the Employee;

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- unreasonable and persistent neglect or refusal by the Employee to perform his or her duties which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Company; or
- conviction, including a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, of the Employee of a securities law violation or a felony.

For this purpose, "Good Reason" means the occurrence after a Change in Control of any of the following circumstances without the Employee's express written consent, unless such circumstances are fully corrected within 90 days of the Notice of Termination described below:

- the material diminution of the Employee's duties, authorities or responsibilities from those in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control;
- a reduction in the Employee's base salary or target bonus opportunity as in effect on the date immediately prior to the Change in Control;
- failure to provide the Employee with an annual long-term incentive opportunity whose grant date value is equivalent to or greater in value than Employee's regular annual long-term incentive opportunity in effect on the date of the Change of Control (counting only normal long-term incentive awards made as a part of the regular annual pay package, not special awards not made on a regular basis), calculated using widely recognized valuation methodologies by an experienced compensation consultant at a nationally recognized firm;
- the relocation of the Employee's office from the location at which the Employee is principally employed immediately prior to the date of the Change in Control to a location 35 or more miles farther from the Employee's residence immediately prior to the Change in Control, or the Company's requiring the Employee to be based anywhere other than the Company's offices at such location, except for required travel on the Company's business to an extent substantially consistent with the Employee's business travel obligations prior to the Change in Control; or
- the failure by the Company or its affiliate to pay any compensation or benefits due to the Employee.

Any termination by the Employee for Good Reason shall be communicated by a Notice of Termination that (x) indicates the specific termination provision in the Award Agreement relied upon, and (y) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated. Such notice must be provided to the Company within ninety (90) days after the event that created the "Good Reason".

(iii) If in connection with a Change in Control, the Performance Shares are assumed (i.e., the Performance Shares are equitably converted into, or substituted for, a right to receive cash and/or equity of a successor entity or its affiliate), the Performance Shares shall refer to the right to receive such cash and/or equity. An assumption of this Performance Share award must satisfy the following requirements:

- The converted or substituted award must be a right to receive an amount of cash and/or equity that has a value, measured at the time of such conversion or substitution, that is equal to the value of this Award as of the date of the Change in Control;
- Any equity payable in connection with a converted or substituted award must be publicly traded equity securities of the Company, a successor company or their direct or indirect parent company, and such equity issuable with respect to a converted or substituted award must be covered by a registration statement filed with the Securities Exchange Commission that permits the immediate sale of such shares on a national exchange;
- The vesting terms of any converted or substituted award must be substantially identical to the terms of this Award; and
- The other terms and conditions of any converted or substituted award must be no less favorable to the Employee than the terms of this Award are as of the date of the Change in Control (including the provisions that would apply in the event of a subsequent Change in Control).

The determination of whether the conditions of this Section 13(b)(iii) are satisfied shall be made by the Committee, as constituted immediately before the Change in Control, in its sole discretion.

(c) <u>Legal Fees.</u> The Company shall pay all legal fees, court costs, fees of experts and other costs and expenses when incurred by Employee in connection with any actual, threatened or contemplated litigation or legal, administrative or other proceedings involving the provisions of this Section 13, whether or not initiated by the Employee. The Company agrees to pay such

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amounts within 10 days following the Company's receipt of an invoice from the Employee, provided that the Employee shall have submitted an invoice for such amounts at least 30 days before the end of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which such fees and disbursements were incurred.

14. <u>Employment or Similar Agreements</u>. The provisions of Sections 1, 4, 5, 6 and 13 of these Terms and Conditions shall not be applied to or interpreted in a manner which would decrease the rights held by, or the payments owing to, an Employee under an employment agreement, termination benefits agreement or similar agreement with the Company that pre-exists the Grant Date and contains specific provisions applying to Plan awards in the case of any change in control or similar event or termination of employment, and if there is any conflict between the terms of such employment agreement, termination benefits agreement or similar agreement and the terms of Sections 1, 4, 5, 6 or 13, the employment agreement or termination benefits agreement shall control.

15. <u>Grant Subject to Applicable Regulatory Approvals</u>. Any grant of Performance Shares under the Plan is specifically conditioned on, and subject to, any regulatory approvals required in the Employee's country. These approvals cannot be assured. If necessary approvals for grant or payment are not obtained, the Performance Shares may be cancelled or rescinded, or they may expire, as determined by the Company in its sole and absolute discretion.

16. <u>Applicable Laws and Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. The validity, construction, interpretation and enforceability of this Agreement shall be determined and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law. For the purpose of litigating any dispute that arises under this Agreement, the parties hereby consent to exclusive jurisdiction in Virginia and agree that such litigation shall be conducted in the courts of Fairfax County, Virginia or the federal courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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17. <u>Compliance with Section 409A</u>. This Award is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A so that no taxes under Section 409A are triggered, and shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with that intent (e.g., the definition of "termination of employment" (or similar term used herein) shall have the meaning ascribed to "separation from service" under Section 409A). If any provision of these Terms and Conditions would otherwise conflict with or frustrate this intent, the provision shall not apply. Notwithstanding any provision in this Award Agreement to the contrary and solely to the extent required by Section 409A, if the Employee is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A and if delivery of shares is being made in connection with the Employee's separation from service other than by reason of the Employee's death, delivery of the shares shall be delayed until six months and one day after the Employee's separation from service with the Company (or, if earlier than the end of the six-month period, the date of the Employee's death). The Company shall not be responsible or liable for the consequences of any failure of the Award to avoid taxation under Section 409A.

#### Exhibit A

#### **Performance Share Calculation**

The number of Performance Shares that the Employee will be entitled to receive if the Employee satisfies the applicable service requirements will be calculated based on how the Company's Total Shareholder Return compares to the Total Shareholder Return of the Comparator Companies during the Incentive Period (i.e., the Company's Total Shareholder Return will be ranked against the Total Shareholder Return of the Comparator Companies). Specifically, the Committee shall calculate the number of Performance Shares that may be paid to the Employee by multiplying the Employee's Target Number of Performance Shares by the applicable percentage determined under the following chart:

Company's Percentile in 3-Year <u>TSR vs. Comparator Companies</u>	Resulting Shares Earned (% of Target)	Value of Each Share Earned
90 <sup>th</sup> or above		Each share earned is also impacted by share price
	200%	change during the cycle
70th	150%	
50th	100%	
30th	50%	
<30th	0%	

#### Straight-line interpolation between points

Total Shareholder Return will be calculated from the first day of the Incentive Period to the applicable measurement date. For purposes of calculating the payout, the Company's performance versus the Comparator Companies will be based on the average payout that would be made based on the Company's cumulative Total Shareholder Return relative to the Comparator Companies at the end of each of the last 4 quarters of the Incentive Period.

## Other Rules:

1. In the event that the price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Performance Share Payment Date is more than 300% of the price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Performance Period Commencement Date, the number of shares delivered under the Award will be reduced so the value of the Award does not exceed 300% of the price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Performance Period Commencement Date is \$10 on the Performance Period Commencement Date, (ii) the Employee's Target Number of Shares is 100, (iii) the Employee earns 100% of the Target Number of Shares (or 100 shares), and (iv) the value of such shares on the Performance Share Payment Date is \$50, the number of the shares will be reduced because the value of the shares on the Performance Share Sonthe Performance Period Commencement Date. Specifically, the award to the Employee would be reduced to 60 shares (i.e., (100 shares x (300% x \$10)/\$50)).

2. Comparator Companies that are involved in bankruptcy proceedings (and thus no longer traded on a national securities exchange) during the Incentive Period will remain in the group at -100% Total Shareholder Return.

3. The following rules shall apply to Comparator Companies during the Incentive Period:

(a) If a Comparator Company enters into or becomes subject to a definitive agreement to be acquired (whether by acquisition, merger, tender offer or otherwise) on or before the last day of the second year of the Incentive Period, the Comparator Company will be eliminated from the Total Shareholder Return calculations for the entire period. If, however, such an agreement is rescinded, revoked or abandoned by the end of the second year of the Incentive Period and no new agreement is entered into by the end of the second year, the Comparator Company will be taken into account unless it is subject to another rule set forth below.

(b) If a Comparator Company is subject to a public announcement of a takeover attempt or enters into or is subject to a definitive agreement to be acquired in the third year of the Incentive Period, the Comparator Company will be fixed above or below TEGNA using 30-trading day average prices for both companies up to the day before the announcement of the takeover attempt or definitive agreement.

(c) If a Comparator Company enters into or is subject to a definitive agreement to be acquired by TEGNA or one of its subsidiaries, it will be eliminated for the entire measurement period.

## **Definitions**:

"Total Shareholder Return" means a fraction whose numerator is the stock price change plus dividends paid on such stock (which are assumed to be reinvested in the stock) and whose denominator is the stock price on the Performance Period Commencement Date.

"Comparator Companies" means:

Angie's List, Inc. Discovery Communications, Inc. Groupon, Inc. Linkedin Corp. Monster Worldwide, Inc. Tribune Media Co. CBS Corp. EW Scripps/CLA Harte Hanks, Inc. Media General, Inc. Nexstar Broadcasting Group Yahoo, Inc. Constant Contact, Inc. Gray Television IAC/Interactivecorp Meredith Corp. Sinclair Broadcast Gp/CLA Yelp, Inc.

The Committee, in its sole discretion, is responsible for making the above calculations.

## **Change In Control**

In the event of a Change in Control to the Company and provided that the Employee's right to receive Performance Shares has not previously been cancelled, the number of Performance Shares an Employee may be paid will be calculated based on the Company's relative Total Shareholder Return positioning on the date of the Change in Control and there will be no four quarter averaging. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Change in Control occurs in the first twelve (12) months of the Incentive Period, the Employee will, instead, receive the Target Number of Performance Shares as set forth in the Employee's Award Agreement; provided that the Employee's right to receive Performance Shares has not previously been cancelled.

# Code Section 162(m)

This Award is intended to comply with the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) and the provisions of this Award shall be interpreted and administered consistently with that intent. In that light, the following rules shall apply to the award:

- (a) To the extent permitted by Code Section 162(m) and the Plan, the Committee shall have the authority to adjust the number of Performance Shares that are payable under the Award Agreement, adjust the Total Shareholder Return calculations or alter the methodology for calculating the number of Performance Shares to take into account the effects of a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, spin-off, reorganization, recapitalization or similar transaction.
- (b) The aggregate grant with respect to awards of Performance Shares or Restricted Stock Units made in any one fiscal year to any one participant under the Plan may not exceed the value of five hundred thousand (500,000) Shares.
- (c) Before any Performance Shares are paid to the Employee, the Committee will certify, in writing, the Company's satisfaction of the preestablished performance target and the number of Performance Shares payable to the Employee.