RENEWAL CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FOR THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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KENSINGTON, NH RENEWAL FRANCHISE

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire, Inc., (hereinafter "Franchisee"), is the duly authorized holder of a renewal Franchise to operate a Cable Television System in the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Town") pursuant to NH R.S.A. 53-C, as amended, said Franchise having commenced on October 17, 1988 and the Town and Franchisee having previously extended the Franchise by mutual agreement, upon the same terms and conditions, to April 16, 2009;

WHEREAS, Franchisee filed a written request for a renewal of its Franchise by letter dated January 10, 2006, in conformity with the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 ("Cable Act");

WHEREAS, there has been an opportunity for public comment, as required by Section 626(h) of the Cable Act;

WHEREAS, the Franchising Authority has determined that the financial, legal, and technical ability of Franchisee is reasonably sufficient to provide services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, and desires to enter into this Renewal Franchise with Franchisee for the construction and continued operation of a Cable System on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Town's Board of Selectmen, as the Franchising Authority, finds that Franchisee has complied with the terms of its previous Franchise; and

WHEREAS, insofar as the State of New Hampshire has delegated to the Town the authority to grant a Franchise for Cable System operation within the Town's territorial boundaries, the Town hereby exercises its authority to grant a non-exclusive Franchise permitting the operation of a cable communications system within the Town of Kensington.

NOW THEREFORE, after due and full consideration, the Franchising Authority and Franchisee agree that this Renewal Franchise is issued upon the following terms and conditions:

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Renewal Franchise, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time, 47 U.S.C. §§521 et seq. (the "Cable Act"), and the Revised Statutes Annotated of New Hampshire, as amended from time to time, unless otherwise defined herein.

- (a) <u>Basic Cable Service</u> shall mean the lowest tier of service which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast Signals.
- (b) <u>Cable Act</u> shall mean the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984), 47 U.S.C. 521 et. seq., amending the Communications Act of 1934, as further amended by the 1992 Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act, Public Law No. 102-385 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) and as may be further amended.
- (c) <u>Cable Television System or Cable System</u> shall mean the facility owned, constructed, installed, operated and maintained by Franchisee in the Town of Kensington, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated Signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designated to provide Cable Service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within a community, but such term does not include (a) a facility that serves only to retransmit the television Signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (b) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public right-of-way; (c) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Cable Act, except that such facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of video programming directly to Subscribers unless the extent of such use is solely to provide

interactive on-demand services; or (d) an open video system that complies with section 653 of this title, or (e) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

- (d) <u>Cable Service</u> shall mean the one-way transmission to Subscribers of (I) video programming, or (ii) other programming service, and Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.
- (e) <u>Drop</u> shall mean the coaxial cable that connects a home or building to the feeder cable of the Subscriber Network.
 - (f) <u>Effective Date</u> shall mean July 17, 2009.
- (g) <u>FCC</u> shall mean the Federal Communications Commission or any successor governmental entity.
- (h) <u>Franchising Authority</u> shall mean the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire, or the lawful designee thereof.
- (i) <u>Franchisee</u> shall mean Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire, Inc., or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal Franchise.
- (j) <u>Franchise Fee</u> shall mean the payments to be made to the Franchise Authority or other governmental entity which shall have the meaning set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. §542.
- (k) Gross Annual Revenue shall mean the revenue received from Subscribers by Franchisee from the operation of the Cable System in the Town of Kensington to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including but not limited to monthly Basic Cable Service, premium and pay-per-view fees, installation fees, advertising and home shopping revenue, and equipment rental fees. In the event that an affiliate is responsible for advertising, advertising revenues shall be deemed to be the pro-rata portion of advertising revenues, excluding commissions or agency fees, paid to the Cable System by an Affiliate for said Affiliate's use of the Cable System for the carriage of advertising. Gross Annual Revenue shall not include fee on Subscriber fees, refundable deposits, bad debt, late fees,

investment income, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority and collected by Franchisee on behalf of such entity.

- (l) <u>Multichannel Video Programming Distributor</u> shall mean a Person such as, but not limited to, a cable operator, a multichannel multipoint distribution service, a direct broadcast satellite service, or a television receive-only satellite program distributor, who makes available for purchase, by Subscribers or customers, multiple channels of video programming.
- (m) <u>Outlet</u> shall mean an interior receptacle that connects a television set to the Cable Television System.
- (n) <u>PEG Access User</u> shall mean a Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities for purposes of production and/or transmission of PEG access Programming.
- (o) <u>Person</u> shall mean any natural Person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for profit, but shall not mean the Franchising Authority.
- (p) <u>Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channel</u> shall mean a video channel designated for non-commercial use by the public, educational institutions such as public or private schools, but not "home schools," community colleges, and universities, as well as the Franchising Authority.
- (q) <u>Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Programming</u> shall mean non-commercial programming produced by any Kensington residents or organizations, schools and government entities and the use of designated facilities, equipment and/or channels of the Cable System in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 531 and this Franchise Renewal.
- (r) <u>Public Way</u> shall mean the surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, way, lane, Public Way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the

Franchising Authority in the Town of Kensington, which shall entitle Franchisee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. Public Way shall also mean any easement now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority within the Town of Kensington for the purpose of public travel, or for utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle Franchisee to the use thereof for the purposes of installing, operating, and maintaining Franchisee's Cable System over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the Cable System.

- (s) <u>Public Buildings</u> shall mean those buildings owned or leased by the Franchising Authority for government administrative purposes, and shall not include buildings owned by Franchising Authority but leased to third parties or buildings such as storage facilities at which government employees are not regularly stationed.
- (t) <u>Renewal Franchise or Franchise</u> shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications in accordance with the terms herein.
- (u) <u>Signal</u> shall mean any transmission which carries Programming from one location to another.
- (v) <u>Standard Installation</u> shall mean the standard one hundred fifty foot (150') aerial Drop connection to the existing distribution system.
- (w) <u>Subscriber</u> shall mean a Person or user of the Cable System who lawfully receives Cable Service with Franchisee's express permission.
- (x) <u>Subscriber Network</u> shall mean the trunk and feeder Signal distribution network over which video and audio Signals are transmitted to Subscribers.
 - (y) Town shall mean the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire.
- (z) <u>Trunk and Distribution System</u> shall mean that portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Drop Cable(s) to Subscriber's residences.

(aa) <u>Video Programming or Programming</u> – shall mean the Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

SECTION 2.1 - GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

- (a) Pursuant to the authority of RSA 53-C and the Cable Act, the Franchising Authority hereby grants a non-exclusive Renewal Franchise to Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire, Inc., a New Hampshire Corporation, authorizing and permitting Franchisee to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System in the Public Way within the municipal limits of the Town of Kensington. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prohibit Franchisee from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by Federal or State law.
- (b) This Renewal Franchise is granted under and in compliance with the Cable Act and RSA 53-C of the Laws of New Hampshire, and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the FCC and other applicable rules and regulations in force and effect during the period for which this Renewal Franchise is granted.
- (c) Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Franchising Authority hereby grants to Franchisee the right to construct, upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the Public Way.

SECTION 2.2 - TERM: NON-EXCLUSIVITY

The term of this non-exclusive Renewal Franchise shall be for a period of five (5) years and shall commence on July 17, 2009, following the expiration of the current Franchise, and shall expire at midnight on July 16, 2014.

SECTION 2.3 – RENEWAL OF FRANCHISE

The renewal of this Franchise shall be governed by applicable Federal law and regulations promulgated there under and by applicable New Hampshire law.

SECTION 2.4 – NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF FRANCHISE

- (a) Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the Franchising Authority reserves the right to grant one or more additional Franchises to other Cable Service providers within the Town for the right to use and occupy the Public Ways or streets within the Franchising Authority's jurisdiction; provided, however, that in accordance with RSA 53-C:3-b no such Franchise agreement shall contain terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those in any existing Franchise within the Town.
- (b) In the event that the Franchisee believes that any additional Franchise has been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee may so notify the Franchising Authority in writing and may request that the Franchising Authority convene a hearing on such issue. Along with said written request, the Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with written reasons for its belief. At said hearing, the Franchisee shall have an opportunity to demonstrate that any such additional Franchise is on terms more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal Franchise. The Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with such financial or other relevant information as is requested.
- (c) Should the Franchisee demonstrate that any such additional Franchise has been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal Franchise, the Franchising Authority shall consider and negotiate, in good faith, equitable amendments to this Renewal Franchise within a reasonable time.
- (d) In the event that Franchisee demonstrates that an existing or future Cable Service provider in the Town has been provided relief by the Franchising Authority from any obligation of its Franchise, then Franchisee shall be awarded an equivalent amount of relief from obligations herein. Such relief shall be in writing and in the form of an amendment to this Franchise. The Franchising Authority shall convene a public hearing on the issue within sixty (60) days of Franchisee's notification to the Franchising Authority requiring such relief, unless otherwise mutually agreed to. Franchisee shall provide reasons for its belief in the notification. At the

public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall afford Franchisee an opportunity to demonstrate that any existing or future service providers in the Town have been provided relief by the Franchising Authority from any obligation of its cable television Franchise. Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with such financial or other relevant information as is requested to justify its belief.

SECTION 2.5 - RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

Nothing in this Renewal Franchise shall (i) abrogate the right of the Franchising Authority to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (ii) be construed as a waiver of any codes or bylaws/ordinances/ordinances of general applicability and not specific to the Cable Television System, Franchisee, or this Franchise, or (iii) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the Franchising Authority in and to the Public Ways. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal Franchise and any present or future exercise of the municipality's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

SECTION 2.6 - POLE AND CONDUIT ATTACHMENT RIGHTS

- (a) If Franchisee desires to install its own poles in the right of way, it shall comply with RSA 231:161 and 160-a. Pursuant to RSA 231:161, permission is hereby granted to Franchisee to attach or otherwise affix including, but not limited to cables, wire, or optical fibers comprising the Cable Television System to the existing poles and conduits on and under public streets and ways, provided Franchisee secures the permission and consent of the public utility companies to affix the cables and/or wires to their pole and conduit facilities. By virtue of this Franchise the Franchising Authority grants Franchisee equal standing with power and telephone utilities in the manner of placement of facilities on Public Ways, subject to the lawful exercise of the authority of the Town to approve the location of all installations in the Public Ways, and subject to the Town's lawful use of the Public Ways.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law and in accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), the Franchisee(s) and any other entity now or hereafter using or occupying

property of the state or of a city, town, school district or village district pursuant to this Franchise shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, all properly assessed current and potential personal and real property taxes, if any, for such use or occupation and all properly assessed current and potential personal and real property taxes, if any, on structures or improvements added by Franchisee or any other entity using or occupying such property pursuant to this Franchise. Pursuant to the provisions of this section and subject to the provisions of Section 9.8 (Notice and Opportunity to Cure) herein, "failure of the Franchisee to pay the duly assessed personal and real estate taxes when due shall be cause to terminate said lease or agreement by the Franchising Authority." Accordingly, this is a material term of the Franchise and failure to pay duly and properly assessed personal and real property taxes when due shall be cause for Franchising Authority to provide a written notice to Franchisee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.8, to show cause by a date certain specified in the notice as to why this Franchise should not be revoked pursuant to Section 9.7 of the Franchise. To the extent applicable law provides authority for the Franchising Authority to assess taxes on Franchisee, pursuant to RSA 72:23, I(b), 72:8-a, 73:10 and/or 48-B:4 or otherwise, the Franchising Authority shall be authorized to impose such taxes and Franchisee shall be obligated to pay such properly assessed taxes. However, Franchisee reserves all rights to appeal any assessment of personal or real property taxes. Further, the parties acknowledge that there is a dispute between the parties concerning the applicability of RSA 72:23 to the Cable System. The parties agree to abide by any final decision made by a court of competent jurisdiction, after all appeals by either party have been exhausted.

- c) Nothing in this Franchise shall be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any rights, defenses or claims that Franchisee may have with respect to the application of any law referenced in this Section 2.6 to Franchisee's services or the operation of its Cable System. Franchisee shall have the right to pass through to Subscribers and to itemize separately on Subscribers' monthly bills any tax imposed on Franchisee by the Franchising Authority.
- d) If at any time during the term of this Renewal Franchise Agreement, Franchisee is obligated to pay a Franchise Fee to the Town equal to a percentage of Franchisee's Gross Annual

Revenue, pursuant to Section 9.4 of this Agreement, and, if any tax assessment is imposed and Franchisee is correspondingly obligated to pay taxes as provided in subsection (b) above, but not including any taxes assessed on pole owners other than Franchisee and included in any pole attachment fee charged to Franchisee by the pole owner, and if the combined amount of assessed taxes and the Franchise Fee owed exceeds five percent (5%) of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue, then Franchisee shall be entitled to a credit, applied to the Franchise Fee, as described in subsection (e) below.

e) The amount of the credit pursuant to subsection (d) above shall be equal to the lesser of (1) the Franchise Fee owed or (2) the amount that the Franchise Fee owed and the taxes paid as provided in subsection (b) above, combined, exceeds five percent (5%) of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue.

SECTION 2.7 – POLICE AND REGULATORY POWERS

Franchisee's rights are subject to the powers of the Town of Kensington to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary for the safety and welfare of the public, provided that such ordinances are of general applicability and not specific to the Cable System, the Franchisee, or this Franchise; and to adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations pertaining to cable rates and Cable Services but only to the extent authorized or allowed by State law, Federal law and regulations of the FCC. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal Franchise and any present or future exercise of the Town's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 3.1 - AREA TO BE SERVED

- Franchisee shall make Cable Service available to every residential dwelling unit within the Town where the minimum density is at least twenty (20) dwelling units per aerial mile and forty (40) dwelling units per underground mile providing however, that any plant extension is measured from the existing Trunk and Distribution System and Franchisee is able to obtain from property owners any necessary easements and/or permits in accordance with Cable Act. Franchisee shall make service available to multiple dwelling units (MDU) where economically feasible and providing that Franchisee is able to obtain from the property owners any necessary easements, permits and agreements to provide service to said MDU. Subject to the density requirement, Franchisee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within one hundred fifty feet (150') of Franchisee's Distribution Cable within thirty (30) days of a written request by an occupant. For non-Standard Installations Franchisee shall offer said service within ninety (90) days of a Subscriber's request for such aerial installations and one hundred eighty (180) days, weather permitting, of a Subscriber's request for such underground installations. With respect to areas of the Town which are currently served by Franchisee from a contiguous Cable Television System or currently unserved but could be served by abutting town(s)/city(s) served by Franchisee, Franchisee shall have the option to serve such areas from its Cable Television System in such abutting town.
- (b) Installation costs shall conform with the Cable Act. Any dwelling unit within an aerial one hundred fifty feet (150 ft.) of the Trunk and Distribution Cable shall be entitled to a Standard Installation rate in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws. Underground installs are considered non-Standard Installations. All non-Standard Installations shall be provided at a rate established by the Franchisee in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

(c) Provided Franchisee has at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice concerning the opening of residential subdivision trenching, or of the installation of conduit for the location of utilities, it shall install its cable in such trenching or conduits or may seek permission to utilize alternative trenching or conduits within a comparable time frame. If a substantial quantity of cable is required for a large subdivision and said quantity is not in stock, Franchisee shall be allowed additional time for said installation. The Franchising Authority, or its designee, shall exercise reasonable efforts to have the Planning Board and developers give timely written notice of trenching and underground construction to Franchisee. Developer shall be responsible for the digging and back-filling of all trenches.

SECTION 3.2 - SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

Franchisee shall maintain a Cable Television System, fully capable of carrying a minimum bandwidth of 750MHz.

SECTION 3.3 - SUBSCRIBER NETWORK CABLE DROPS

- (a) Franchisee shall maintain the current level of existing active Drops, Outlets and Basic Cable Service, at no charge to the Town, to each Public Building located along the existing cable route as of the Effective Date, as designated by the Franchising Authority within the Town, listed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, provided such are considered to be a Standard Installation and absent of other unusual installation conditions and requirements.
- (b) Upon written request by the Franchising Authority, Franchisee shall provide one (1) Standard Installation, Drop, Outlet and Basic Cable Service at no charge to any new Public Buildings and other Town owned Public Buildings, along the distribution cable subject to the limitations set forth above. The Franchising Authority or its designee shall consult with a representative of Franchisee to determine the appropriate location for each of such Public Building's respective Outlet prior to requesting that Franchisee install the service at no charge.

- (c) Nothing in this Section shall require Franchisee to move existing or install additional Drops or Outlets at no charge to those buildings included in **Exhibit A**, or to move existing or install additional Drops or Outlets already installed in buildings pursuant to subsection (b) above.
- (d) It is understood that Franchisee shall not be responsible for any internal wiring of such Public Buildings.

SECTION 3.4 - PARENTAL CONTROL CAPABILITY

- (a) Pursuant to applicable law, upon request, and at no separate, additional charge, Franchisee shall provide Subscribers with the capability to control the reception of any channel on the Cable System.
- (b) The Franchising Authority acknowledges that the parental control capability may be part of a converter box and Franchisee may charge Subscriber for use of said box.

SECTION 3.5 - EMERGENCY ALERT OVERRIDE CAPACITY

Franchisee shall comply with the FCC's Emergency Alert System ("EAS") regulations.

TECHNOLOGICAL & SAFETY STANDARDS

SECTION 4.1 - SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

- (a) In installing, operating and maintaining equipment, cable and wires, Franchisee shall avoid damage and injury to trees, structures and improvements in and along the routes authorized by the Franchising Authority, except as may be approved by the Franchising Authority if required for the proper installation, operation and maintenance of such equipment, cable and wires.
- (b) The construction, maintenance and operation of the Cable Television System for which this Renewal Franchise is granted shall be done in conformance with all applicable laws, bylaws/ordinances of general applicability, codes and regulations, including but not limited to OSHA, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the FCC as the same exist or as same may be hereafter changed or amended.
- (c) Operating and maintenance personnel shall be trained in the use of all safety equipment and the safe operation of vehicles and equipment. Franchisee shall install and maintain its equipment, cable and wires in such a manner as shall not interfere with any installations of the Town or any public utility serving the Town.
- (d) All structures and all equipment, cable and wires in, over, under, and upon streets, sidewalks, alleys, and public rights of ways of the Town, wherever situated or located shall at all times be kept and maintained in a safe and suitable condition and in good order and repair.
- (e) The Signal of any Broadcast station carried on the Cable Television System shall be carried without material degradation in quality at all subscribing locations within the limits imposed by the technical specifications of the Cable System and as set forth by the FCC. The Cable System shall be operated and maintained so as to comply with the technical standards set forth in the FCC's rules and regulations as they apply to Cable Television Systems.
- (f) Upon written notice from the Franchising Authority, Franchisee shall remedy a general deficiency with respect to the technical standards described herein within sixty (60) days of

receipt of notice and a safety deficiency within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of notice and shall notify the Franchising Authority when the deficiency has been corrected.

SECTION 4.2 - CABLE LOCATION

- (a) In all areas of the Town where all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all public or municipal utilities are installed underground, Franchisee shall install its Cable System underground provided that such facilities are actually capable of receiving Franchisee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's Signal quality.
- (b) In all areas of the Town where public utility lines are aerially placed, if subsequently during the term of Franchisee Renewal such public utility lines are required by local ordinance or State law to be relocated aerially or underground, Franchisee shall similarly relocate its Cable System if it is given reasonable notice and access to the public and municipal utilities facilities at the time that such are placed underground. Any costs incurred by Franchisee for relocating utility poles or trenching for the placement of underground conduits shall be entitled to reimbursement of such relocation costs in the event public or private funds are raised for the project and made available to other users of the Public Way.
- (c) Provided Franchisee has at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice concerning the opening of residential subdivision trenching, or of the installation of conduit for the location of utilities, it shall install its cable in such trenching or conduits or may seek permission to utilize alternative trenching or conduits within a comparable time frame. If a substantial quantity of cable is required for a large subdivision and said quantity is not in stock, Franchisee shall be allowed additional time for said installation. The Franchising Authority, or its designee, shall exercise reasonable efforts to have the Planning Board and developers give timely written notice of trenching and underground construction to Franchisee. Developer shall be responsible for the digging and back-filling of all trenches.
- (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require Franchisee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line

extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

SECTION 4.3 - REPAIRS AND RESTORATION

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Cable System</u>: Franchisee shall maintain its Cable System to the standards set by the FCC. Whenever it is necessary to interrupt service for the purpose of making repairs, adjustments, installation or other maintenance activities, Franchisee shall do so at such time as will cause the least inconvenience to Subscribers. Except where there exists an emergency situation necessitating a more expeditious procedure, the Franchisee may interrupt service for the purpose of repairing or testing the Cable System only during periods of minimum use.
- (b) Repairs to Public Property: Whenever the Franchisee takes up or disturbs any pavement, sidewalk or other improvement of any public right of way or public place, the same shall be replaced and the surface restored in as good condition as possible as before entry as soon as practicable, subject to all permitting and code specifications. Franchisee shall notify the Franchising Authority when such repairs are completed. If not so repaired or restored, the Franchising Authority shall notify the Franchisee in writing and such repair or restoration shall be made within thirty (30) days, unless delayed by weather or events beyond the reasonable control of Franchisee, after Franchisee's receipt of written notification from the Franchising Authority, unless otherwise agreed by Franchisee and the Franchising Authority. Upon failure of the Franchisee to comply within the time specified (unless the Franchising Authority sets an extended time period for such restoration and repairs) or if such damage presents an emergency situation presenting a threat to public safety, the Franchising Authority may cause proper restoration and repairs to be made and the reasonable expense of such work shall be paid by the Franchisee upon demand by the Franchising Authority.
- (c) <u>Failure to Repair</u>: In addition, upon the failure, refusal or neglect of Franchisee to cause any work or other act required by law or by this Renewal Franchise to be properly completed in any Public Way within any time prescribed, the Franchising Authority may cause such work or other act to be performed or completed in whole or in part, and prior to so doing shall submit to Franchisee in advance an itemized estimate of the cost thereof. Franchisee shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a statement of the actual cost incurred, pay to the Franchising Authority the

entire amount thereof. The Franchising Authority, at its option, subject to the provisions of Section 9.8 herein, and in its sole discretion, may draw upon the bond described herein to recover any cost incurred pursuant to this section, should Franchisee fail to pay such costs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the statement of those costs.

(d) Repairs to Private Property: The Franchisee shall be subject to all laws of general applicability regarding private property in the course of constructing, installing, operating and maintaining the Cable System in the Town. The Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, promptly repair or replace all private property, real and personal, damaged or destroyed as a result of the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of the Cable System.

SECTION 4.4 - TREE TRIMMING

Franchisee shall have authority to trim trees upon and overhanging public streets, alleys, sidewalks and ways and places of the Town so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires, cables and equipment of Franchisee, in accordance with applicable State law and any Town bylaws/ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 4.5 - BUILDING MOVES

In accordance with applicable laws, Franchisee shall, upon the written request of any Person holding a building moving permit issued by the Town, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of the building(s). Franchisee shall be given not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes. The cost to raise or lower wires shall be borne exclusively by the Person(s) holding the building move permit.

SECTION 4.6 – PLANT MAPS

Franchisee shall maintain a complete set of plant maps of the Town which will show those areas in which its facilities exist. The plant maps will be retained at Franchisee's primary place of business and will be available to the Franchising Authority for inspection by the Franchising Authority upon written request.

SECTION 4.7 - DIG SAFE

Franchisee shall comply with all applicable "dig safe" provisions, pursuant to RSA 374:51 of the New Hampshire Laws.

SECTION 4.8 - DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION

- (a) Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street, or other Public Right of Ways, or remove from any street or any other Public Ways and places, any of its property as required by the Franchising Authority or its designee by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street construction, change or establishment of street grade, or the construction of any public improvement or structure by any Town department acting in a governmental capacity.
- (b) In requiring Franchisee to protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate or remove any portion of its property, the Franchising Authority shall treat Franchisee the same as, and require no more of Franchisee, than any other similarly situated utility.
- (c) In either case, Franchisee shall have the right to seek reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement.

SECTION 4.9 – PROHIBITION AGAINST RESELLING OF SERVICE

No Person shall resell, without the express prior written consent of Franchisee, any Cable Service, program or Signal transmitted over the Cable System by Franchisee.

SECTION 4.10 - EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT

(a) If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the Town, it shall be necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Franchising Authority to cut or move any of the wires, cable or equipment of the Cable Television System, the Town shall have the right to do so without cost or liability, provided however that, wherever possible, the Franchising Authority gives Franchisee written notice and the ability to relocate wires, cable or other equipment.

(b) In either case, Franchisee shall have the right to seek reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement. All cable operators or public or municipal utility companies shall be treated alike if reimbursed for such costs by the Town.

SECTION 4.11 – EMERGENCY POWER

The Cable System shall incorporate equipment capable of providing standby powering of the head end for a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours upon failure of the power furnished by the electric utility company unless for reasons of force majeure.

PROGRAMMING

SECTION 5.1 - BASIC CABLE SERVICE

Franchisee shall make available a Basic Cable Service tier to all Subscribers in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 534.

SECTION 5.2 - PROGRAMMING

- (a) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 544, Franchisee shall maintain the mix, quality and broad categories of Video Programming as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Pursuant to Federal law, all Video Programming decisions, excluding PEG Access Programming, are at the sole discretion of Franchisee.
- (b) Franchisee shall comply with Section 76.309(c)(3)(i)(b) of the FCC Rules and Regulations regarding notice of programming changes as that regulation may be amended.

SECTION 5.3 - REMOTE CONTROLS

Franchisee shall allow Subscribers to purchase remote control devices which are compatible with the converter installed by Franchisee, if any, and allow the use of remotes. Franchisee takes no responsibility for changes in its equipment or services that might render inoperable the remote control devices acquired by Subscribers.

SECTION 5.4 - STEREO TV TRANSMISSIONS

All Broadcast Signals that are transmitted to Franchisee's head end in stereo shall be transmitted in stereo to Subscribers.

SECTION 5.5 - CABLE CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 532, Franchisee shall make available channel capacity for commercial use by Persons unaffiliated with Franchisee. Rates for use of commercial access channels shall be negotiated between Franchisee and the commercial user in accordance with Federal law.

PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S)

SECTION 6.1 - PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S)

- (a) At the request of at least three (3) of the towns comprising School Administrative Unit 16 ("SAU 16"), including this Franchising Authority, Franchisee shall provide an Educational Access Channel to be shared by the schools in SAU 16, fed off the same head end, as they may determine. Franchisee shall activate one (1) channel for this Educational Access Channel to be used for public video programming provided by the schools in SAU 16 or their designee, within ninety (90) days of a request in writing from each of at least three (3) of the towns comprising SAU 16, including this Franchising Authority.
- (b) Franchisee will continue to provide the Exeter Access Channel to the Town of Kensington. At the option of the Franchising Authority, on or after the second anniversary of the Effective Date, by vote of the Board of Selectmen for the Town at a public meeting, the Franchising Authority may request in writing and Franchisee shall provide within ninety (90) days of that request, capacity on one (1) channel for a Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Channel to be used for public video programming provided by the Franchising Authority or its designee, educational access video programming provided by the Franchising Authority or designated educational institution, and governmental video programming provided by the Franchising Authority. A Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channel may not be used to cablecast programs for profit, political or commercial fundraising in any fashion.
- (c) Use of channel capacity for PEG Access Programming shall be provided in accordance with Federal law, 47 U.S.C. 531, and as further set forth below. Franchisee does not relinquish its ownership of or ultimate right of control over a channel by designating it for PEG use. A PEG access user whether an individual, educational or governmental user acquires no property or other interest by virtue of the use of a channel so designated, and may not rely on the continued use of a particular channel number, no matter how long the same channel may have

been designated for such use. Franchisee shall not exercise editorial control over any public, educational, or governmental use of channel capacity, except Franchisee may refuse to transmit any public access program or portion of a public access program that contains obscenity, indecency, or nudity pursuant to Section 611 of the Cable Act. The Franchising Authority shall be responsible for developing, implementing, interpreting and enforcing rules for PEG Access Channel use which shall insure that PEG Access Channel and PEG Access equipment will be available on a first-come non-discriminatory basis.

- (d) The Franchisee shall not move or otherwise relocate the channel location of the PEG Access Channel or the Educational Access Channel, once established, without thirty (30) days' advance, written notice to the Franchising Authority. The Franchisee shall use its best efforts, in good faith, to minimize any PEG Access Channel relocation.
- (e) The Franchisee shall continue to make PEG Access Programming available to all Subscribers.

SECTION 6.2 - PEG ACCESS CABLECASTING

- (a) In order that PEG Access Programming and shared SAU 16 educational programming can be cablecast over Franchisee's downstream PEG Access Channels, including the shared SAU 16 educational channel, if elected, all PEG Access Programming shall be modulated, then transmitted from origination locations designated by the Franchising Authority to the Franchisee-owned head end or hub-site on a Franchisee-owned upstream channel made available, without charge, to the Town for its use. At the Franchisee-owned head end, said PEG Access Programming and shared SAU 16 educational programming shall be retransmitted in the downstream direction on the Franchisee-owned Subscriber Network downstream PEG Access Channels and shared SAU 16 educational channel.
- (b) The Franchisee shall provide and maintain all necessary switching and/or processing equipment located at its hub-site or head end in order to switch upstream Signals carrying PEG Access Programming and shared SAU 16 educational programming from the locations designated

by the Franchising Authority to the designated Franchisee-owned Subscriber Network downstream PEG Access Channel, including the shared SAU 16 educational channel.

- (c) The Franchisee shall own, maintain, repair and/or replace any Franchisee-owned head end or hub-site audio or video Signal processing equipment. If the Town exercises its options in Section 6.1 (a) and/or (b), and if it requests Franchisee to construct a video return line to enable the Town to do live origination programming from the Town for either the Town's own PEG channel or for the SAU 16 shared educational channel, Franchisee shall provide an estimate of the cost. In years one or two of the Franchise Agreement, upon direction from the Town, Franchisee shall construct such a return line, which cost shall be a franchise-related cost, pursuant to Section 6.5. In years three through five of the Franchise Agreement, after providing the estimate to the Town and receiving direction from the Town, Franchisee shall construct such a return line, which shall be paid for by the Town. The Town and/or PEG access provider or designee shall own, maintain, repair and/or replace studio or portable modulators and demodulators. The demarcation point between the Franchisee's equipment and the Town's, its designee or PEG access provider's equipment shall be at the output of the Town's, its designee's and/or the PEG access provider's modulator(s) at any of the origination locations designated by the Franchising Authority for the PEG Access Channel and/or the SAU 16 shared educational channel.
- (d) The Franchisee shall maintain the PEG Access Channels and the SAU 16 shared educational channel, and shall monitor them for technical Signal quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards commensurate with those that apply to the Cable System's commercial channels pursuant to FCC technical standards. The Franchising Authority or its designee shall be responsible for the picture quality of all PEG Access Programming and shared SAU 16 educational programming at the demarcation point(s), which shall be the output of the modulator. To provide for adequate picture quality, the Franchising Authority's video Signal shall meet NTSC standards and/or the minimum operating input parameters of the modulators.

SECTION 6.3 - PROGRAMMING EXCLUSIVITY AND NON-COMPETITION

The Franchising Authority, or its designee, agrees that it will not use its designated PEG Access Channels, equipment, or other facilities to provide for-profit commercial services which have the effect of competing with the Franchisee's business. In addition, any Video Programming cablecast under the provisions of this Article 6 shall not be commercially distributed to a competing Multichannel Video Programming Distributor without the written consent of the Franchisee.

SECTION 6.4 – INTERCONNECTION WITH COMPETING CABLE FRANCHISEE

In the event a franchise is issued by the Franchising Authority for a competing franchise and such competing franchisee desires to cablecast the PEG access programming originating from a PEG access studio as provided in Section 6.1, the parties agree that the competing franchisee shall maintain its own upstream video return link from the studio location as set forth in paragraph 6.1(c). If PEG Access Programming is originating from Franchisee's hub rather than a studio location as contemplated by Subsection 6.1(c), Franchisee shall make the programming on the PEG Access Channel available to the holder of the additional franchise for cable casting over its Cable System in the Town upon execution of an interconnection agreement between Franchisee and the holder of the additional franchise. If a competing provider provides PEG access in the Town, Franchising Authority will seek a similar and reciprocal requirement in the competitor's franchise agreement.

SECTION 6.5 – FRANCHISE RELATED COST

The Franchising Authority acknowledges that under the Cable Act, certain costs, including but not limited to costs of Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") Access, the cost to construct video return lines, from video origination sites, the cost to activate a PEG channel and the cost of other franchise requirements, may be passed through to the Subscribers in accordance with Federal law.

CUSTOMER SERVICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

SECTION 7.1 - INSTALLATION VISITS - SERVICE CALLS - RESPONSE TIME

- (a) <u>Timetable for Installations</u>: The Franchisee shall respond to all requests for aerial installation(s) within seven (7) business days of such request, or at such other time as is mutually agreed upon by the Franchisee and said Subscriber. Underground installation shall be completed as expeditiously as practicable but in no event later than six (6) months after a written request for such connection by the owner of the dwelling, taking into account and subject to weather, force majeure, and performance of make ready. If requested in writing by the Franchising Authority, Franchisee shall provide a written progress report to the Town for a non-standard connection, subject to Subscriber privacy laws.
- (b) Appointments for Service Calls: When arranging appointments for installation or service, the Franchisee shall specify in advance whether such will occur in the morning or afternoon, and a narrow interval, if possible within the morning and afternoon time frame, and the Franchisee shall make reasonable efforts to install at times convenient to Subscribers (including times other than between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays). If Franchisee does not make the service call within the designated time frame, it shall be considered a missed visit, absent obtaining the Subscriber's permission to reschedule.
- (c) <u>Converters</u>: Subscribers may bring converters to office locations identified by the Franchisee in notifications to Subscribers (such as a bill message) for drop off or exchange.
- (d) <u>After Hours Service Calls</u>: A Subscriber complaint or request for service received after normal business hours shall be responded to the next business day.
- (e) <u>Technicians on Call</u>: The Franchisee shall ensure that there are stand-by technicians on call at all times after normal business hours. The answering service shall be required to notify the stand-by technician(s) of (i) any emergency situations or (ii) an outage as described in Section 7.1(f) below.

- (f) <u>System Outages</u>: System outages shall be responded to within twenty-four (24) hours by technical personnel. For purposes of this section, an outage shall be considered to occur when three (3) or more calls are received from any one neighborhood concerning such an outage, or when the Franchisee has reason to know of such an outage.
- (g) <u>Removal of Drops</u>: The Franchisee shall remove all Subscriber cable Drops within seven (7) days of receiving a request from a Subscriber to do so.

SECTION 7.2 - CUSTOMER SERVICE

Franchisee shall comply with all customer service regulations of the FCC (47 CFR §76.309) as they exist or as they may be amended from time to time, which standards are attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and made a part hereof.

SECTION 7.3 - CONSUMER COMPLAINT

- (a) The Franchisee shall establish a procedure for resolution of complaints by Subscribers. Franchisee shall notify Subscribers of its procedures in accordance with Federal law.
- (b) Upon reasonable notice, the Franchisee shall expeditiously investigate and resolve all complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment malfunctions and similar matters.
- (c) Except as limited by Federal law or FCC regulations concerning privacy, the Franchisee shall comply with the provisions of NH RSA 53-C:3-e, as it may be amended, regarding Subscriber complaints. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisee to maintain records of oral complaints which can be handled to the Subscriber's satisfaction in the course of the initial conversation in which the complaint is made or does not require technical field response.
- (d) In the event that a Subscriber is aggrieved, the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) shall be responsible for receiving and acting upon such Subscriber complaints and/or inquiries, subject to Subscriber privacy laws as follows:
 - (i) Upon the written request of the Franchising Authority or its designee(s), the Franchisee shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving such request,

- send a written report to the Franchising Authority with respect to any complaint. Such report shall provide a full explanation of the investigation, finding and corrective steps taken by the Franchisee.
- (ii) Should a Subscriber have an unresolved complaint regarding cable television operations, the Subscriber shall be entitled to file his or her complaint with the Franchising Authority or its designee(s), who shall have primary responsibility for the continuing administration of this Renewal Franchise and the implementation of complaint procedures. The Subscriber shall thereafter meet jointly with the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) and a representative of the Franchisee within thirty (30) days of the Subscriber's filing of his or her complaint, in order to fully discuss and resolve such matter.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Franchising Authority or designee(s) determines it to be in the public interest, the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) may investigate any multiple complaints or disputes brought by Subscribers arising from the operations of the Franchisee.
- (f) In the event that the Franchising Authority, or its designee(s), finds a pattern of multiple unresolved Subscriber complaints, the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) and the Franchisee shall discuss, in good faith, possible amendments to the Franchisee's procedures for the resolution of complaints.
- (g) In its Annual Report, requested by the Franchising Authority pursuant to Section 10.5(a), the Franchisee shall provide to the Franchising Authority and keep current the name and contact information, including address and telephone number, of the individual that Town personnel may contact for issues relating to this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 7.4 - SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

In the event that Franchisee's service to any Subscriber is completely interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, Franchisee will grant such Subscriber a pro rata credit or rebate upon request, on a daily basis, of that portion of the service charge during the next consecutive billing cycle, or at its option, apply such credit to any outstanding balance then currently due. In the instance of other individual Subscriber service interruptions, credits shall be applied as described above after due notice to Franchisee from the Subscriber.

SECTION 7.5 - SUBSCRIBER TELEVISION SETS

Franchisee shall not engage directly or indirectly in the business of selling or repairing television sets; provided however that Franchisee may make adjustments to television sets in the course of normal maintenance.

SECTION 7.6 - PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

Franchisee shall comply with all applicable Federal and State privacy laws and regulations, including 47 U.S.C. 551 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

SECTION 7.7 – PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Franchise, Franchisee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The Franchising Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by Franchisee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the Franchising Authority who have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise and who shall agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. Franchisee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of 47 U.S.C. 551 or any other applicable Federal or State privacy law. For purposes of this Section, the terms "proprietary or confidential" include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of franchise fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by Franchisee to be competitively sensitive. In the event that the Franchising Authority receives a request under a State "sunshine," public records or similar law for the disclosure of information Franchisee has designated as

confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the Franchising Authority shall notify Franchisee of such request and cooperate with Franchisee in opposing such request.

SECTION 7.8 - EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All of the Franchisee's employees, contractors and subcontractors entering upon private property in connection with the construction, installation, maintenance and/or operation of the Cable System, including repair and sales personnel, shall be required to produce, upon request, an employee identification card approved by the Franchisee and bearing a picture of said employee. If such employee(s) cannot produce such a photo identification card and, as a result, is not admitted to a Subscriber's home, such visit shall be deemed to be a missed service visit by the Franchisee.

All of Franchisee's and/or its contractors' or subcontractors' vehicles performing work on the Cable System in the Town shall be placarded with proper identification, making them readily identifiable.

SECTION 7.9 – MONITORING

Neither Franchisee nor its designee nor the Franchising Authority nor its designee shall, without a court order, tap, monitor, arrange for the tapping or monitoring, or permit any Person to tap or monitor, any cable, line, Signal, input device, or Subscriber Outlet or receiver for any purpose, without the prior written authorization of the affected Subscriber or user, unless otherwise required by applicable law, provided, however, that Franchisee may conduct system-wide or individually addressed "sweeps" solely for the purpose of verifying system integrity, checking for illegal taps, controlling return-path transmission, billing for pay services or monitoring channel usage in a manner not inconsistent with the Cable Act. Franchisee shall report to the affected parties any instances of monitoring or tapping of the Cable Television System, or any part thereof, of which it has knowledge, whether or not such activity has been authorized by Franchisee. Franchisee shall not record or retain any information transmitted between a Subscriber or user and any third party, except as required for lawful business purposes.

SECTION 7.10 – POLLING

No poll or other upstream response of a Subscriber or user shall be conducted or obtained, unless: 1) the program of which the upstream response is a part contains an explicit disclosure of the nature, purpose and prospective use of the results of the poll or upstream response, and 2) the program has an informational, entertainment or educational function which is self-evident. Franchisee or its designees shall release the results of upstream responses only in the aggregate and without individual references.

PRICES & CHARGES

SECTION 8.1 - PRICES AND CHARGES

All rates, fees, charges, deposits and associated terms and conditions to be imposed by Franchisee or any affiliated Person for any Cable Service as of the Effective Date shall be in accordance with applicable FCC's rate regulations, including, but not limited to, 47 CFR § 76.1602, 1603 and 1619, as those may be amended. Those regulations are set out in **Exhibit C** and made a part hereof. Before any new or modified rate, fee, or charge is imposed, Franchisee shall follow the applicable FCC and State notice requirements and rules and notify affected Subscribers, which notice may be by any means permitted under applicable law. Nothing in this Renewal Franchise shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiver of charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting or retaining Subscribers.

REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

SECTION 9.1 - INDEMNIFICATION

Franchisee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Franchising Authority, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death) that arise out of Franchisee's construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, provided that the Franchising Authority shall give Franchisee written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Franchising Authority within ten (10) business days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. If the Franchising Authority determines that it is necessary for it to employ separate counsel, the costs for such separate counsel shall be the responsibility of the Franchising Authority.

SECTION 9.2 - INSURANCE

(a) Franchisee shall carry insurance throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise and any removal period with an insurance company authorized to conduct business in New Hampshire satisfactory to the Franchising Authority protecting, as required in this Renewal Franchise, Franchisee and listing the Town as an additional insured, against any and all claims for injury or damage to Persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance or removal of its Cable System. The amount of such insurance against liability for damage to property shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) as to any one occurrence. The amount of such insurance for liability for injury or death to any Person shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The amount of such insurance for excess liability shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in umbrella form. Policy will contain a provision that the Franchising Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.

- (b) Franchisee shall carry insurance against all claims arising out of the operation of motor vehicles and general tort or contract liability in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Policy will contain a provision that the Franchising Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.
- (c) All insurance coverage, including Workers' Compensation, shall be maintained throughout the period of this Renewal Franchise. All expenses incurred for said insurance shall be at the sole expense of Franchisee. Policy will contain a provision that the Franchising Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.
- (d) Franchisee shall provide Franchising Authority with certificate(s) of insurance for all policies required herein upon renewal of policies.

SECTION 9.3 - PERFORMANCE BOND

- (a) Franchisee has submitted and shall maintain throughout the duration of this Renewal Franchise and any removal period a performance bond in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) running to the Town with a surety company satisfactory to the Franchising Authority to guarantee the following terms:
 - (i) The satisfactory completion of the installation and operation of the Cable System in the time schedule provided herein;
 - (ii) The satisfactory restoration of pavements, sidewalks and other improvements;
 - (iii) The indemnity of the Town; and
 - (iv) The satisfactory removal or other disposition of the Cable System.
- (b) Franchisee shall not reduce the amount or cancel said bond, or materially change the terms of said bond from the provisions of Section 9.3(a) herein without the Franchising Authority's prior written consent. The Franchising Authority shall not unreasonably withhold its consent.

SECTION 9.4 - FRANCHISE FEE

- (a) Franchisee shall pay a Franchise Fee to the Town, throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise equal to three percent (3%) of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue.
- (b) The Franchise Fee shall be paid quarterly, based on revenues received during the previous calendar quarter, to the Town throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise, no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of Franchisee's fiscal quarter for that quarter, for the term of this Franchise Renewal. The first and last payments shall be prorated to reflect the time period for which this Renewal Franchise was in effect.
- (c) The Franchising Authority shall have the option, to be exercised by vote of the Board of Selectmen at a public meeting, to increase the Franchise Fee annually, up to a total of five percent (5%) of the Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue, as defined herein, in increments of one half percent (0.5%) annually. Changes to the Franchise Fee made pursuant to this Section shall be implemented within ninety (90) days after written notice of the requested increase from the Board of Selectmen.
- (d) Each payment shall be accompanied by the statement certifying the factual basis for payment, including a break-down by category of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenues upon which such payment is based. The Franchising Authority may designate in writing one or more particular accounts or funds, including any non-capital reserve fund duly established, to which the Franchisee shall direct Franchise Fees due hereunder.
- (e) In accordance with Section 622(b) of the Cable Act, Franchisee shall not be liable for a total financial commitment pursuant to this Renewal Franchise and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of its Gross Annual Revenues; provided, however, that said five percent (5%) shall also include any amounts included in the term "Franchise Fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(l) of the Cable Act and any amounts described in Section 9.4 (a), (b) and (c), but shall not include (i) interest due herein to the Franchising Authority because of late payments; (ii) any other exclusion to the term "Franchisee Fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(2) of the Cable Act.

- (f) At any time during the life of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchising Authority may, as needed to verify the information provided hereunder, upon reasonable belief and after notice and an opportunity by the Franchisee to be heard, inspect and subject to independent audit, at the Franchising Authority's expense, the financial records and books of Franchisee insofar as they apply to the calculation of (i) Gross Annual Revenues in the Town, and (ii) Franchise Fees paid to the Franchising Authority; provided, however, that if the Franchising Authority has a reasonable belief or reasonably should have such a belief of a need to verify information, it must exercise its right to inspect and audit within one (1) year of such event.
- (g) No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as an accord that the payment is, in fact, the correct amount, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as a release of (i) any claim the Franchising Authority may have for further or additional sums payable under provisions of this Renewal Franchise or (ii) any other claim whatsoever; provided, however, that if at the time of acceptance the Franchising Authority knows or reasonably should have known that a payment is incorrect, it must challenge such payment within one (1) year of acceptance.
- (h) The Franchising Authority agrees to protect any proprietary information supplied to it in accordance with Section 7.7.

SECTION 9.5 - REPORTS

Franchisee shall maintain for public inspection all records required by the FCC and as specified in 47 CFR §76.305 in the manner prescribed therein.

SECTION 9.6 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Franchisee is an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall comply with applicable FCC regulations with respect to Equal Employment Opportunities.

SECTION 9.7 - REVOCATION OF FRANCHISE

Upon written notice, the Franchise issued hereunder may, after due process pursuant to opportunity to cure (Section 9.8) and public hearing held by the Franchising Authority, subject to

any other rights available to Franchisee, be revoked by the Franchising Authority for any of the following reasons:

- (a) For failure to pay duly-assessed taxes when due, as required by Section 2.6;
- (b) For failure to file and maintain the performance bond as described in Section 9.3 (Performance Bond) or to maintain insurance as described in Section 9.2 (Insurance);
- (c) For repeated failure to maintain Signal quality pursuant to the standards provided for by the FCC;

(d)

For any transfer or assignment of the Renewal Franchise without prior notice to the Franchising Authority in violation of Section 9.9 herein; and

(e) For repeated failure to comply with the material terms and conditions of this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 9.8 - NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

In the event that the Franchising Authority has reason to believe that Franchisee has defaulted in the performance of any or several provisions of this Renewal Franchise, except as excused by Force Majeure, the Franchising Authority shall notify Franchisee in writing, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions which the Franchising Authority believes may have been in default and the details relating thereto. Franchisee shall have ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notice to:

- (a) respond to the Franchising Authority in writing, contesting the Franchising Authority's assertion of default and providing such information or documentation as may be necessary to support Franchisee's position; or
- (b) cure any such default (and provide written evidence of the same), or, in the event that by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within such ninety (90) day period, to take reasonable steps to cure said default and diligently continue such efforts until said default is cured. Franchisee shall report to the Franchising Authority, in writing, by certified mail, at forty-five (45)

day intervals as to Franchisee's efforts, indicating the steps taken by Franchisee to cure said default and reporting Franchisee's progress until such default is cured.

- (c) In the event that (i) Franchisee fails to respond to such notice of default; and/or (ii) Franchisee fails to cure the default or to take reasonable steps to cure the default within the required ninety (90) day period; the Franchising Authority or its designee shall promptly schedule a public hearing no sooner than fourteen (14) days after written notice, by certified mail, to Franchisee. Franchisee shall be provided reasonable opportunity to offer evidence, question witnesses, if any, and be heard at such public hearing.
- (d) Within thirty (30) days after said public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall issue a written determination of its findings. In the event that the Franchising Authority determines that Franchisee is in such default, the Franchising Authority may determine to pursue any lawful remedy available to it.
- (e) In the event that (i) the Franchising Authority fails to issue a written reply within 30 days accepting or rejecting Franchisees' response pursuant to 9.8(a) above; (ii) the Franchising Authority fails to issue a written acknowledgement after Franchisee's notice that it cured said default pursuant to 9.8(b) above; and/or (iii) the Franchising Authority fails to schedule a public hearing no later than thirty (30) days of having sent a written notice consistent with Section 9.8(c) above and/or (iv) the Franchising authority fails to issue a written determination with thirty (30) days after the public hearing pursuant to Section 9.8(d) above, then the issue of said default against Franchisee by the Franchising Authority shall be considered null and void.

SECTION 9.9 - TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT

This Renewal Franchise shall not be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of the Franchising Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld. No consent shall be required, however, for (i) a transfer in trust, by mortgage, hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of Franchisee in the Franchise or in the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or (ii) a transfer to an entity directly or indirectly

owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation. A transfer or assignment of a franchise or control thereof between commonly controlled entities, between affiliated companies, or between parent and subsidiary corporations, shall not constitute a transfer or assignment of a franchise or control thereof. An "affiliated company" is any Person or entity that directly or indirectly or through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another Person or entity. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for consent, the Franchising Authority shall, in accordance with FCC rules and regulations, notify Franchisee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial, and technical qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the Franchising Authority has not taken action on Franchisee's request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed given.

SECTION 9.10 - REMOVAL OF SYSTEM

Upon termination of this Franchise Renewal or of any renewal hereof by passage of time or otherwise, Franchisee shall, upon the Town's request, remove its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems and other appurtenances from the streets, ways, lanes, alleys, parkways, bridges, highways, and other public and private places in, over, under, or along which they are installed and shall restore the areas to their original condition. If such removal is not completed within six (6) months of such termination, the Franchising Authority may, at its sole option, (1) deem any property not removed as having been abandoned, or (2) at Franchisee's expense remove or cause to be removed any components of the Cable System and restore the areas to their original condition.

SECTION 9.11 - INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

(a) All presently and hereafter applicable conditions and requirements of Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to the rules and regulations of the FCC and the State of New Hampshire, as they may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent not enumerated herein. All such general laws, rules, and regulations, as amended,

shall control the interpretation and performance of this Renewal Franchise to the extent that any provision of this Renewal Franchise conflicts with or is inconsistent with such laws, rules or regulations.

(b) Should the State of New Hampshire, the Federal government or the FCC require Franchisee to perform or refrain from performing any act the performance or non-performance of which is inconsistent with any provisions herein, the Franchising Authority and Franchisee will thereupon, if they determine that a material provision herein is affected, modify any of the provisions herein to reflect such government action.

SECTION 9.12- NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing in this Renewal Franchise is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Renewal Franchise.

ARTICLE 10

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 10.1 - SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Renewal

Franchise is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency,

commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be

deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity

of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 10.2 - FORCE MAJEURE

If for any reason of force majeure Franchisee is unable in whole or in part to carry out its

obligations hereunder, said Franchisee shall not be deemed in violation or default during the

continuance of such inability. Unless further limited elsewhere in this Renewal Franchise, the term

"force majeure" as used herein shall have the following meaning: strikes; acts of God; acts of public

enemies, orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State of

New Hampshire or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivisions, or officials, or any civil

or military authority; insurrections; riots, epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; tornados;

fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; civil disturbances;

explosions; partial or entire failure of utilities; unavailability of materials and/or essential equipment,

environmental restrictions or any other cause or event not reasonably within Franchisee's control.

SECTION 10.3 - NOTICES

Every notice to be served upon the Franchising Authority shall be delivered or sent by

certified mail (postage prepaid) to the following address or such other address as the Franchising

Authority may specify in writing to Franchisee.

Town of Kensington

Attn: Board of Selectmen

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95 Amesbury Road Kensington, NH 03833

(b) Every notice served upon Franchisee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the following address or such other address as Franchisee may specify in writing to the Franchising Authority.

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.
Attn: Government & Community Relations
4 Lyberty Way
Westford, MA 01886

with copies to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Attn: Vice President, Government Relations 676 Island Pond Road Manchester, NH 03109

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Attn: Government Affairs One Comcast Center Philadelphia, PA 19103

(c) Delivery of such notices shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt.

SECTION 10.4 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements or proposals except as specifically incorporated herein, and cannot be changed without written amendment following publication of the proposed amendment in a manner consistent with the publication and notice provisions of RSA Chapter 43.

SECTION 10.5 - CAPTIONS

The captions to sections throughout this Renewal Franchise are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the Renewal Franchise. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 10.6 - WARRANTIES

Franchisee warrants, represents and acknowledges that, as of the Effective Date of this Franchisee Renewal:

- (a) Franchisee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State;
- (b) Franchisee has the requisite power and authority under applicable law and its by-laws and articles of incorporation and/or other organizational documents, is authorized by resolutions of its Board of Directors or other governing body, and has secured all consents which are required to be obtained as of the date of execution of this Franchise Renewal, to enter into and legally bind Franchisee to this Franchise Renewal and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this Franchise Renewal;
- (c) This Franchise Renewal is enforceable against Franchisee in accordance with the provisions herein; and
- (d) There is no action or proceeding pending or threatened against Franchisee which would interfere with performance of this Franchise Renewal.

SECTION 10.7 - APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

All of the provisions in this Renewal Franchise shall apply to the Town, Franchisee, and their respective successors and assigns.

SECTION 10.8 - ANNUAL TOWN REVIEW AND REPORT

At the Town's request the Franchisee will attend an annual meeting with the Board of Selectmen or their designee to review compliance with the terms of this Franchise and matters of interest to either party. No later than five (5) days prior to such meeting, either party may submit a list of items to be reviewed.

Additionally, Franchisee shall submit an annual report in the form attached as **Exhibit E**, on or before the anniversary of the Effective Date.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND OFFICIAL SEAL, THIS 20^{th} DAY OF July 2009.

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

By:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen

COMCAST OF MAINE/NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. By:

Kevin M. Casey

President

North Central Division

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EXHIBIT A

PUBLIC BUILDINGS ON THE CABLE SYSTEM

Municipal Buildings:

Kensington Town Hall 95 Amesbury Road

(includes Police Department)

Kensington Fire Department 124 Amesbury Road

Kensington Public Library 126 Amesbury Road

Kensington Park Building Trundle Bed Lane

Public School Buildings:

Kensington Elementary School 122 Amesbury Road

EXHIBIT B

PROGRAMMING

Franchisee shall provide the following broad categories of Video Programming:

- News Programming;
- Sports Programming;
- Public Affairs Programming;
- Children's Programming;
- Entertainment Programming; and
- Local Programming.

EXHIBIT C

CUSTOMER SERVICE REGULATIONS

Code of Federal Regulations 47 CFR §76.309

- (a) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators ninety (90) days written notice of its intent to enforce the standards.
- (b) Nothing in this rule should be construed to prevent or prohibit:
- (1) A franchising authority and a cable operator from agreeing to customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section;
- (2) A franchising authority from enforcing, through the end of the franchise term, pre-existing customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section and are contained in current franchise agreements;
- (3) Any State or any franchising authority from enacting or enforcing any consumer protection law, to the extent not specifically preempted herein; or
- (4) The establishment or enforcement of any State or municipal law or regulation concerning customer service that imposes customer service requirements that exceed, or address matters not addressed by the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.
- (c) Effective July 1, 1993, a cable operator shall be subject to the following customer service standards:
 - (1) Cable system office hours and telephone availability--
- (i) The cable operator will maintain a local, toll-free or collect call telephone access line which will be available to its subscribers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- (A) Trained company representatives will be available to respond to customer telephone inquiries during normal business hours.
- (B) After normal business hours, the access line may be answered by a service or an automated response system, including an answering machine. Inquiries received after normal business hours must be responded to by a trained company representative on the next business day.
- (ii) Under normal operating conditions, telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. These standards shall be met no less than ninety (90) percent of the time under normal operating conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.
- (iii) The operator will not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards above unless an historical record of complaints indicates a clear failure to comply.

- (iv) Under normal operating conditions, the customer will receive a busy signal less than three (3) percent of the time.
- (v) Customer service center and bill payment locations will be open at least during normal business hours and will be conveniently located.
- (2) Installations, outages and service calls. Under normal operating conditions, each of the following four standards will be met no less than ninety-five (95) percent of the time measured on a quarterly basis:
- (i) Standard installations will be performed within seven (7) business days after an order has been placed. "Standard" installations are those that are located up to 125 feet from the existing distribution system.
- (ii) Excluding conditions beyond the control of the operator, the cable operator will begin working on "service interruptions" promptly and in no event later than 24 hours after the interruption becomes Known. The cable operator must begin actions to correct other service problems the next business day after notification of the service problem.
- (iii) The "appointment window" alternatives for installations, service calls, and other installation activities will be either a specific time or, at maximum, a four-hour time block during normal business hours. (The operator may schedule service calls and other installation activities outside of normal business hours for the express convenience of the customer.)
- (iv) An operator may not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment.
- (v) If a cable operator representative is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the customer will be contacted. The appointment will be rescheduled, as necessary, at a time that is convenient for the customer.
 - (3) Communications between cable operators and cable subscribers-
 - (i) Refunds--Refund checks will be issued promptly, but no later than either--
- (A) The customer's next billing cycle following resolution of the request or thirty (30) days, whichever is earlier, or
 - (B) The return of the equipment supplied by the cable operator if service is terminated.
- (ii) Credits--Credits for service will be issued no later than the customer's next billing cycle following the determination that a credit is warranted.

(4) Definitions-

- (i) Normal business hours--The term "normal business hours" means those hours during which most similar businesses in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, "normal business hours" must include some evening hours at least one night per week and/or some weekend hours.
- (ii) Normal operating conditions—The term "normal operating conditions" means those service conditions which are within the control of the cable operator. Those conditions which are not within the control of the cable operator include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are ordinarily within the control of the cable operator include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the cable system.

(iii) Service interruption--The term "service interruption" means the loss of picture or sound on one or more cable channels.

Regulations Re: Notifications

Sec. 76.1602 Customer service-general information.

- (a) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in paragraph (b) of this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators 90 days written notice of its intent to enforce standards.
- (b) Effective July 1, 1993, the cable operator shall provide written information on each of the following areas at the time of installation of service, at least annually to all subscribers, and at any time upon request:
 - (1) Products and services offered;
 - (2) Prices and options for programming services and conditions of subscription to programming and other services;
 - (3) Installation and service maintenance policies;
 - (4) Instructions on how to use the cable service;
 - (5) Channel positions of programming carried on the system; and
- (6) Billing and complaint procedures, including the address and telephone number of the local franchise authority's cable office.
- (c) Subscribers shall be advised of the procedures for resolution of complaints about the quality of the television signal delivered by the cable system operator, including the address of the responsible officer of the local franchising authority.

Sec. 76.1603 Customer service-rate and service changes.

- (a) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in paragraph (b) of this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators 90 days written notice of its intent to enforce standards.
- (b) Customers will be notified of any changes in rates, programming services or channel positions as soon as possible in writing. Notice must be given to subscribers a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of such changes if the change is within the control of the cable operator. In addition, the cable operator shall notify subscribers 30 days in advance of any significant changes in the other information required by Sec. 76.1602.
- (c) In addition to the requirement of paragraph (b) of this section regarding advance notification to customers of any changes in rates, programming services or channel positions, cable systems shall give 30 days written notice to both subscribers and local franchising authorities before implementing any rate or service change. Such notice shall state the precise amount of any rate change and briefly explain in readily understandable fashion the cause of the rate change (e.g., inflation, change in external costs or the addition/deletion of channels). When the change involves the addition or deletion of channels, each channel added or deleted must be separately identified. For purposes of the carriage of digital broadcast signals, the operator need only identify for subscribers, the television signal added and not whether that signal may be multiplexed during certain dayparts.

- (d) A cable operator shall provide written notice to a subscriber of any increase in the price to be charged for the basic service tier or associated equipment at least 30 days before any proposed increase is effective. The notice should include the name and address of the local franchising authority.
- (e) To the extent the operator is required to provide notice of service and rate changes to subscribers, the operator may provide such notice using any reasonable written means at its sole discretion.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of part 76 of this chapter, a cable operator shall not be required to provide prior notice of any rate change that is the result of a regulatory fee, franchise fee, or any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any Federal agency, State, or franchising authority on the transaction between the operator and the subscriber.

Note 1 to Sec. 76.1603: Section 624(h) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 544(h), contains additional notification requirements which a franchising authority may enforce.

Note 2 to Sec. 76.1603: Section 624(d)(3) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 544(d)(3), contains additional notification provisions pertaining to cable operators who offer a premium channel without charge to cable subscribers who do not subscribe to such premium channel.

Note 3 to Sec. 76.1603: Section 631 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 551, contains additional notification requirements pertaining to the protection of subscriber privacy.

Sec. 76.1619 Information on subscriber bills.

- (a) Effective July 1, 1993, bills must be clear, concise and understandable. Bills must be fully itemized, with itemizations including, but not limited to, basic and premium service charges and equipment charges. Bills will also clearly delineate all activity during the billing period, including optional charges, rebates and credits.
- (b) In case of a billing dispute, the cable operator must respond to a written complaint from a subscriber within 30 days.
- (c) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators 90 days written notice of its intent to enforce standards.

EXHIBIT D

PRIVACY LAWS

47 USC § 551. Protection of subscriber privacy

(a) Notice to subscriber regarding personally identifiable information; definitions

- (1) At the time of entering into an agreement to provide any cable service or other service to a subscriber and at least once a year thereafter, a cable operator shall provide notice in the form of a separate, written statement to such subscriber which clearly and conspicuously informs the subscriber of—
 - (A) the nature of personally identifiable information collected or to be collected with respect to the subscriber and the nature of the use of such information;
 - **(B)** the nature, frequency, and purpose of any disclosure which may be made of such information, including an identification of the types of persons to whom the disclosure may be made:
 - (C) the period during which such information will be maintained by the cable operator;
 - (D) the times and place at which the subscriber may have access to such information in accordance with subsection (d) of this section; and
 - (E) the limitations provided by this section with respect to the collection and disclosure of information by a cable operator and the right of the subscriber under subsections (f) and (h) of this section to enforce such limitations.

In the case of subscribers who have entered into such an agreement before the effective date of this section, such notice shall be provided within 180 days of such date and at least once a year thereafter.

- (2) For purposes of this section, other than subsection (h) of this section—
 - (A) the term "personally identifiable information" does not include any record of aggregate data which does not identify particular persons;
 - (B) the term "other service" includes any wire or radio communications service provided using any of the facilities of a cable operator that are used in the provision of cable service; and
 - (C) the term "cable operator" includes, in addition to persons within the definition of cable operator in section 522 of this title, any person who
 - (i) is owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, a cable operator, and
 - (ii) provides any wire or radio communications service.

(b) Collection of personally identifiable information using cable system

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a cable operator shall not use the cable system to collect personally identifiable information concerning any subscriber without the prior written or electronic consent of the subscriber concerned.
- (2) A cable operator may use the cable system to collect such information in order to—
 - (A) obtain information necessary to render a cable service or other service provided by the cable operator to the subscriber; or
 - (B) detect unauthorized reception of cable communications.

(c) Disclosure of personally identifiable information

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a cable operator shall not disclose personally identifiable information concerning any subscriber without the prior written or electronic consent of the subscriber concerned and shall take such actions as are necessary to prevent unauthorized access to such information by a person other than the subscriber or cable operator.
- (2) A cable operator may disclose such information if the disclosure is—

- (A) necessary to render, or conduct a legitimate business activity related to, a cable service or other service provided by the cable operator to the subscriber;
- **(B)** subject to subsection (h) of this section, made pursuant to a court order authorizing such disclosure, if the subscriber is notified of such order by the person to whom the order is directed:
- (C) a disclosure of the names and addresses of subscribers to any cable service or other service, if...
 - (i) the cable operator has provided the subscriber the opportunity to prohibit or limit such disclosure, and
 - (ii) the disclosure does not reveal, directly or indirectly, the—
 - (I) extent of any viewing or other use by the subscriber of a cable service or other service provided by the cable operator, or
 - (II) the nature of any transaction made by the subscriber over the cable system of the cable operator; or
- **(D)** to a government entity as authorized under chapters 119, 121, or 206 of title <u>18</u>, except that such disclosure shall not include records revealing cable subscriber selection of video programming from a cable operator.

(d) Subscriber access to information

A cable subscriber shall be provided access to all personally identifiable information regarding that subscriber which is collected and maintained by a cable operator. Such information shall be made available to the subscriber at reasonable times and at a convenient place designated by such cable operator. A cable subscriber shall be provided reasonable opportunity to correct any error in such information.

(e) Destruction of information

A cable operator shall destroy personally identifiable information if the information is no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was collected and there are no pending requests or orders for access to such information under subsection (d) of this section or pursuant to a court order.

(f) Civil action in United States district court; damages; attorney's fees and costs; nonexclusive nature of remedy

- (1) Any person aggrieved by any act of a cable operator in violation of this section may bring a civil action in a United States district court.
- (2) The court may award—
 - (A) actual damages but not less than liquidated damages computed at the rate of \$100 a day for each day of violation or \$1,000, whichever is higher;
 - (B) punitive damages; and
 - (C) reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.
- (3) The remedy provided by this section shall be in addition to any other lawful remedy available to a cable subscriber.

(g) Regulation by States or franchising authorities

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prohibit any State or any franchising authority from enacting or enforcing laws consistent with this section for the protection of subscriber privacy.

(h) Disclosure of information to governmental entity pursuant to court order

Except as provided in subsection (c)(2)(D) of this section, a governmental entity may obtain personally identifiable information concerning a cable subscriber pursuant to a court order only if, in the court proceeding relevant to such court order—

- (1) such entity offers clear and convincing evidence that the subject of the information is reasonably suspected of engaging in criminal activity and that the information sought would be material evidence in the case; and
- (2) the subject of the information is afforded the opportunity to appear and contest such entity's claim.

EXHIBIT E

TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NH FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT

Location of and hours of Payment Center:
Location of and hours of Customer Service Office
Customer Service Telephone Number:
Location of Head End (Reception Facility)
Miles of Cable Plant in Town:
Number of Town Subscribers:
System Reliability Operating Percentage:
Customer Service Statistics:
a) Number of reports of system outages and response time for such outages;
b) Copy of written complaints and brief description re: resolution of such complaints
Franchise Fee Paid: \$
Contact Person to Service Unresolved Customer Complaints:
Updated Labor/Material Costs (if applicable) for Installation over 150 feet from existing plant:
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