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# CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL **AGREEMENT**

# **Between**

# TOWN OF MILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

# And

# **METROCAST CABLEVISION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, LLC**



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#### CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT

This Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement entered into this 19 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by and between the Town of Milton, New Hampshire (the "Town") and MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, L.L.C. ("MetroCast"), a limited liability company.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Franchise Authority (as defined below) of the Town is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive, revocable cable television Franchise Renewals (as defined below) to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System (as defined below) within the Town;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Section 1.1 - DEFINITIONS:**

For the purpose of this Franchise Renewal, the following words, terms, phrases, and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning. When not consistent with the context, the masculine pronoun includes the feminine pronoun, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- 1. **Abandonment:** (i) The cessation by act or failure to act of the Franchisee or any Affiliated Person, of the provisions of all, or substantially all, of the Services being provided over the Cable System to Subscribers or the Town for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, except if due to a Force Majeure; and (ii) the completion of any action described in Section 2.8 hereof without the prior written consent of Franchise Authority, provided that a change of Control, which is not initiated or participated in by the Franchisee or any Affiliated Person or, if applicable, is opposed actively and publicly by the Franchisee and all applicable Affiliated Persons shall not be considered Abandonment.
- 2. Access: The right or ability of any Milton resident and/or any Persons affiliated with the Town or a Town-designated institution to use for non-commercial purposes designated facilities, equipment and/or Channels of the Cable Television System, subject to the conditions and procedures established by the Town or pursuant to applicable laws for such use.
- 3. Access Channel: A video Channel which the Franchisee shall make available for non-commercial purposes to the Town, and/or Milton educational institutions, without charge to the User, for the purpose of transmitting programming by members of the public, Town departments and divisions, schools, education, institutional and similar organizations.
- 4. **Addressable Technology:** The capability of a Cable System to electronically add, change or delete certain programming or Service(s) from a remote location.

- 5. Affiliate or Affiliated Person: Each Person who falls into one or more of the following categories (i) each Person having, directly or indirectly, a Controlling Interest in the Franchisee; (ii) each Person in which the Franchisee has, directly or indirectly, a Controlling Interest; (iii) each Person directly or indirectly, controlling, controlled by, or under common Control with the Franchisee; provided that "Affiliated Person" shall in no event mean the Town or any party to a contract with the Franchisee, any limited partner or any creditor of the Franchisee solely by virtue of its status as a creditor and which is not otherwise an Affiliated Person by reason of owning a Controlling Interest in, being owned by or being under common ownership, management, or common control with the Franchisee.
- 6. **Basic Service:** Unless otherwise defined by the Communications Act or other laws, any Service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast Signals, all Signals of domestic television broadcast stations provided to any Subscriber (except a Signal secondarily transmitted by satellite carrier beyond the local Service area of such station, regardless of how such Signal is ultimately received by the Cable System), any public, educational, and governmental Access programming required to be carried on the Basic Service Tier, and any additional Video Programming Signals and Services added to the basic tier by Franchisee.
- 7. Cable Act: Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984) (the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984), as amended by Public Law No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992) (the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as further amended by Public Law No. 104A58, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (the Telecommunications Act of 1996) and any future amendments.
- 8. **Cable Advisory Board of Milton:** A Person or group designated by the Board of Selectmen.
- 9. **Cable Service:** The one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or Other Programming Service, together with Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or Other Programming Service.
- 10. Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement (Franchise Renewal): The non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise granted to the Franchisee by this instrument.
- of closed transmission paths and associated Signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service, which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Town, 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 that is subject in whole or in part, to the provisions of title 2 of the Communications Act, as it may be amended, except such facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of Section 621 (c) of said Communications Act, as it may be amended) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of Cable Service directly to Subscribers; or (d) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

- 12. **Channel:** A band of frequencies in the electromagnetic spectrum or any other means of transmission (including, without limitation, optical fibers or any other means now available or that may become available), which is capable of carrying video Signal, or an audio Signal.
- 13. Commercial Subscriber: A commercial, non-residential Subscriber to Cable Service.
- 14. **Communications Act:** The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, including the Cable Act.
- 15. **Complaint:** Any verbal or written inquiry, allegation or assertion made by a Person, which requires subsequent corrective action to the Cable System or any portion thereof, or any subsequent investigation, research and, or a Service call to be undertaken by the Franchisee.
- 16. **Control:** The legal or practical ability to exert actual working control in whatever manner exercised, over the affairs and/or the day-to-day operations of a Franchisee, either directly or indirectly, whether by contractual agreement, majority ownership interest, or any lesser ownership interest, equity or non-equity, or in any other manner, whether by a Parent at any level or by any other entity.
- 17. **Controlling Interest:** Actual working Control in whatever manner exercised, including, without limitation, working Control through ownership, management, debt instruments, or negative Control, as the case may be, of the system, the Franchise or the Franchisee. A rebuttable presumption of the existence of Control or a Controlling Interest shall arise from the beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group of persons acting in concert (other than underwriters during the period in which they are offering securities to the public) of fifty percent (50%) or more of any Person (which Person or group of persons is hereinafter referred to as "controlling person"). "Control" or "Controlling Interest" as used herein may be held simultaneously by more than one Person or group of persons.
- 18. **Converter:** Any device changing the frequency or modulation of a Signal. A Subscriber Converter may expand reception capacity and/or unscramble coded Signals distributed over the Cable System.
- 19. **Cost(s):** A price designed to recover actual Costs (i.e. labor, material, etc.), including a reasonable rate of return as defined by the FCC Cost of Service Order, MM. Docket No. 98-275, Para. 207 (released March 30, 1994) or as such term is amended by the FCC from time to time.
  - 20. **Days:** Calendar Days unless otherwise specified.
- 21. **Drop or Cable Drop:** The coaxial or fiber cable that connects each home or building to the feeder line of the Cable System.
- 22. **Effective Date:** The date that this Renewed Franchise has been executed by both parties hereto.

- 23. **FCC:** The Federal Communications Commission, or any successor agency.
- 24. **Force Majeure:** As used herein the term shall mean the following: any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Franchisee including, but not limited to, 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 subdivision, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightening; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; civil disturbances, explosions; strikes; and unavailability of essential equipment and/or materials beyond the control of the Franchisee.
- 25. **Franchise:** An initial authorization, or renewal thereof(including a renewal of an authorization which has been granted subject to Section 626 of the Communications Act), issued by the Franchising Authority, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, agreement, or otherwise, which authorizes the construction or operation of a Cable System.
- 26. **Franchise Fee:** The payments to be made by the Franchisee to the Town, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622 of the Communications Act and applicable FCC regulations.
- 27. **Franchise Renewal:** The non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement granted to the Franchisee by this instrument.
- 28. **Franchisee:** MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, L.L.C. or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Franchise Renewal.
- 29. **Franchise Authority:** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Milton, New Hampshire.
- 30. Gross Annual Revenues: Except for any revenue excluded below and consistent with the requirements of Section 622 of the Communications Act, all revenue received by the Franchisee derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service within the Town, including, without limitation, the distribution over the System of any Service and related Service fees; revenues received by the Franchisee for advertising distributed over the Cable System within the Town; all Commercial Subscriber revenues; fees paid for Channels designated for commercial use pursuant to Section 612 of the Communications Act; and revenues from the operation Cable Service facilities to deliver Cable Services within the Town. Excluded are the following revenues:
- (a) any tax, levy, assessment or other fee imposed on the Franchisee which is imposed directly or indirectly on any Subscriber by any governmental unity or governmental agency, and which is collected by Franchisee on behalf of such governmental unity or governmental agency:
  - (b) the revenue of any Affiliate;

- (c) the revenue derived by the Franchisee from activities or businesses for which a Franchise is not required;
- (d) the revenue of the Franchisee or any Affiliate from the operation of a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title 11 of the Communications Act.
- (e) the revenue derived by the Franchisee or any Affiliate from the provision of Internet Services or telephony Services.
- 31. **Headend:** The electronic control center of the Cable System containing equipment that receives, amplifies, filters and converts incoming Signals for distribution over the Cable System.
- 32. **Installation:** The connection of the Cable System from feeder cable to the point of interconnection with Subscriber-owned facilities.
- 33. Liability or Liabilities: Any and all encumbrances, defects of title, easements, mortgages, security interest or agreements, pledges, liens, charges, damages, expenses, penalties, fines, Costs, conditional sales agreements, title retention agreements, claims, assessments, restrictions, Liabilities, obligations, debts, commitments, undertakings, taxes, covenants and responsibilities of every kind and character, known and unknown, contingent or otherwise, or existing by operation of law, by judicial decrees of judgment, by contract or otherwise, including, without limitation, those evidenced by contracts, agreements, memoranda, indentures, mortgages and security agreements and conditional sales and other title retention agreements. "Liability or Liabilities" shall also mean any damage or loss to any real or personal property of, or any injury or death of, any Person or the Town.
  - 34. NTSC: The acronym for National Television Systems Committee.
- 35. **Normal Business Hours:** 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.
- 36. **Other Programming Service:** Information that the Franchisee makes available over the Cable System to all Subscribers generally.
- 37. **Outlet:** An interior receptacle, generally mounted in a wall that connects a Subscriber's or User's equipment to the Cable System.
- 38. **Parent:** Any entity that directly or indirectly, whether immediately or through any number of intermediaries, owns or Controls the Franchisee or any successor in interest to any such entity.
- 39. Pay Cable or Premium Services: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-Channel basis.

- 40. **PEG:** The acronym for "public, educational, and governmental", used in conjunction with Access Channels, support and facilities.
- 41. **PEG Access Channels:** Any Channel(s) made available for the presentation of PEG Access Programming.
- 42. **Person:** Any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, trust, organization, other business entity, individual or group of individuals acting in concert.
- 43. **Public Way or Street:** The surface of, as well as the spaces above and below any and all public Streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, concourses, driveways, bridges, public grounds or waters and all other publicly owned real property within or belonging to the Town now or hereafter existing. Reference herein to "Public Way" or "Street" shall not be construed to be a representation or guarantee by the Town that its property rights are sufficient to permit its use for any purpose, or that the Franchisee shall gain or be permitted to exercise any rights to use property in the Town greater than those already possessed by the Town.
- 44. **Reasonable Notice or Notice:** Shall be a written Notice received by the Franchisee, at its principal office within the Town or such other office as the Franchisee has designated to the Town as the address to which Notice shall be transmitted to it, which Notice shall be certified and post marked not less than thirty (30) Days prior to that date in which the party giving such Notice shall commence any action which requires the giving of Notice, except as otherwise provided herein. In computing the thirty-day period, holidays recognized by the Town shall be excluded.
- 45. **Residential Subscriber:** A resident who lawfully receives any Service on the Subscriber Network, except to the extent that said Services are used by said Subscriber in connection with a trade, business, or profession, either directly or indirectly.
- 46. **Scrambling:** The electronic rearrangement of a Signal(s) in order to render it unintelligible or not viewable without the use of a Converter or other decoding device.
- 47. **Service:** Any Basic Service, Pay Cable Service or other cable programming service, whether or not originated by the Franchisee, which is distributed over the Cable System to any Subscriber.
- 48. **Service Interruption:** The full or partial loss of picture or sound on one or more cable Channels.
- 49. **Service Related Activity:** Any activity or function associated with the production or distribution of any Service over the Cable System, including, without limitation, use of studio or other facilities or equipment, billing, audience promotion, or Installation or lease of equipment.
- 50. **Signal:** Any transmission of radio frequency energy or of optical information.
  - 51. State: The State of New Hampshire.

- 52. **Subscriber:** Any Person, which elects to subscribe to, for any purpose, a Service provided by the Franchisee by means of, or in connection with, the Cable Television System.
- 53. **Subscriber Network:** The network to be owned and operated by the Franchisee, over which Signals can be transmitted to Subscribers.
  - 54. **Town:** Town of Milton
- 55. **Transfer**: Any transaction in which there is any change, acquisition or Transfer of Control of: the Franchise, the Franchisee's Cable Television System or the rights and/or obligations held by the Franchisee.
- 56. Trunk and Distribution System: That portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Cable Drop(s) to Subscriber's residences.
- 57. **Two-Way:** A system design feature whereby the Headend, trunk cables, distribution plant, amplifiers and other technical components of the Cable System have the requisite equipment to pass video, audio, voice and/or data Signals in both directions simultaneously.
- 58. **Upstream Channel:** A Channel over which Signals travel from an authorized location, such as a Subscriber's residence, to the Cable System Headend.
- 59. User: A Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities for purposes of production and/or transmission of Signals, as opposed to utilization solely as a Subscriber.
  - 60. VCR: The acronym for video cassette recorder.
- 61. Video Programming: Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### GRANT OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

#### Section 2.1 - GRANT OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Board of Selectmen of the Town, as the Franchise Authority for the Town, hereby grants a non-exclusive, revocable cable television Franchise Renewal to the Franchisee authorizing the Franchisee to operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the corporate limits of the Town. This Franchise Renewal is subject to the regulations of the FCC; the Communications Act and applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Franchise Authority hereby grants to the Franchisee the right to operate and maintain the Cable Television System in, under, over, along, across, or upon the Public Ways for the purpose of reception, transmission, collection,

amplification, origination, distribution and/or redistribution of Signals in accordance with the laws of the United States of America, the State of New Hampshire and the Town. In exercising rights pursuant to this Franchise Renewal, the Franchisee shall not endanger the lives of Persons, or unreasonably interfere with any Installations of the Town, any public utility serving the Town or any other Persons permitted to use the Public Ways.

Grant of this Franchise Renewal does not establish priority for use over other present or future permit holders or the Town's own use of Public Ways. Disputes between the Franchisee and other parties regarding use of Public Ways shall be resolved in accordance with any applicable regulations or procedures and ordinances of the Town.

# Section 2.2 - TERM OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

The term of this Franchise Renewal shall commence on the Effective Date and shall end ten (10) years after Effective Date. The Franchisee shall give Notice to the Board of Selectmen of Franchisee's intent to seek renewal of this Franchise Renewal Agreement no more than thirty-six (36) months and no less than thirty (30) months prior to the expiration of this Franchise Renewal term. The Town may conduct a renewal proceeding, pursuant to the procedures set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 546 of Section 626 of the Communications Act. This paragraph does not vest in Franchisee a right of renewal. The Board of Selectmen may invite proposals from other applicants and the decision regarding renewal shall be solely at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. During the term of this renewal, the terms of this Franchise Renewal shall continue in force unless modified in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.

#### Section 2.3 - RIGHT OF TOWN TO ISSUE FRANCHISE

Franchisee acknowledges and accepts the legal right of the Franchise Authority to issue this Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement.

#### Section 2.4 - NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Subject to Section 2.3 above, this Franchise Renewal shall not affect the right of the Franchise Authority to grant to any other Person a license or right to occupy or use Public Ways and Streets, or portions thereof, for the construction, Installation, operation, or maintenance of a Cable Television System within the Town, or the right of the Franchise Authority to permit the use of the Public Ways of the Town for any purpose whatsoever. The Franchisee hereby acknowledges the Franchise Authority's right to make such grants and permit such uses. If the Franchise Authority grants another Franchise to operate a Cable Television System in the Town, such Franchise shall be on terms no more favorable or less burdensome than the terms hereof.

# **Section 2.5 - POLICE AND REGULATORY POWERS**

By executing this Franchise Renewal, the Franchisee acknowledges that its rights are subject to the powers of the Town to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to the safety and welfare of the public. The Franchisee shall comply with all generally applicable Department of Public Works regulations and any ordinances of general applicability enacted by the Town. Any conflict between the terms of this Franchise Renewal and any present or future lawful exercise of the Town's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved in favor of the latter.

#### **Section 2.6 - CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board of Selectmen shall designate or appoint a Person or group of persons (which may consist of or include themselves or a subcommittee thereof) to serve as the Cable Advisory Board of Milton; and may delegate to such Cable Advisory Board as much or as little as the Selectmen see fit of the responsibility of exercising the Board of Selectmen's rights under this Franchise Renewal, exclusive of renewal and revocation hearings, which must be heard and decided by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen may from time to time, at their discretion, alter the number or charge of the Cable Advisory Board. Unresolved disputes regarding the Cable System may be brought to the Cable Advisory Board by local people, defined as those who reside, work, own property or do business with the Town, whether they are Users of the Cable System, prospective Users, or non-Users, and the Cable Advisory Board shall mediate. The Cable Advisory Board may conduct a total system review on a periodic basis, not less frequently than every three to five years from the Effective Date.

#### Section 2.7 - REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

Upon termination of this Franchise Renewal by passage of time or otherwise, and unless (i) the Franchisee renews its Franchise for another renewal term or (ii) the Franchisee completes a Transfer of the Cable Television System to a transferee approved by the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee shall remove all of its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems, and all of its appurtenances from the Public Ways and shall restore all areas to as good a condition as before entry.

#### Section 2.8 - TRANSFER OF THE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

This Franchise Renewal may not be sold or otherwise assigned or Transferred resulting in a change in the control of the Franchise Renewal without the written consent of the Board of Selectmen, which may not unreasonably withhold its consent. Advance Notice of intent to Transfer must be given to the Board of Selectmen at least one-hundred and twenty (120) Days before the proposed consummation date of the Transfer, and Franchisee shall provide acceptable evidence that the proposed new operator is qualified together with such other information as is properly requested by the Board of Selectmen regarding the transferee's legal, financial and technical qualifications.

Upon Transfer, the new operator shall be bound fully by all provisions of this Franchise Renewal, excepting only that which may be mutually agreed upon in writing between the Board of Selectmen and the new operator; and the Board of Selectmen having not exercised any provision thereof prior to the Transfer shall be no bar to its exercise thereafter. The limitations and restrictions in this Section 2.8 shall not prohibit the provision of security interests in MetroCast or the Cable System for the purpose of securing financing.

A transaction in which ownership interests in Franchisee or a Parent is transferred from an individual to a family member or members of that individual shall not be considered a change in control for the purposes of this section.

A transaction involving a third party minority investment in the Franchisee or Parent shall not be considered a change in control for the purposes of this section.

#### Section 2.9 - CONDITIONS ON FRANCHISE-PUBLIC WAYS IMPROVEMENTS

Nothing in this Agreement shall abrogate the right of the Town to perform any public works or other public improvements of any description, including, without limitation, all work authorized by the Public Works Department, the Cable Advisory Board, and applicable State and local law. In the event that the Cable System interferes with the construction, operation, maintenance or repair of such public works or public improvements, the Franchisee shall, at its own cost and expense, protect or properly alter or relocate the Cable System or any part thereof, as directed by the Town. In the event that the Franchisee refuses or neglects, after Reasonable Notice, to so protect, alter or relocate all or party of the Cable System, the Town shall have the right to break through, remove, alter or relocate all or any part of the Cable System without any Liability to the Franchisee and the Franchisee shall pay to the Town the Costs incurred in connection with such breaking through, removal, alteration or relocation.

#### ARTICLE 3

#### CABLE SYSTEM DESIGN

#### Section 3.1 - SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

- (a) The Franchisee shall continue to operate and maintain the Subscriber Network at all times, in accordance with the FCC's Technical Standards codified at Title 47, Part 76 Multichannel Video and Cable Television Service, Subpart K Technical Standards or amendments thereto, included herein as Exhibit A.
- (b) Any Cable System construction in the Town shall be subject to the Town's public inspection and oversight in accordance with the Town's policies and ordinances generally applicable to works in the Public Ways. Upon request of the Town and subject to confidential treatment, the Franchisee shall submit to the Board of Selectmen (i) a construction plan including construction progress schedules; (ii) area construction maps; and (iii) projected dates for offering Cable Service(s).
- (c) The Franchisee shall maintain a Two-Way residential Cable System utilizing Addressable Technology, and cable and electronics capable of transmitting a bandwidth of 860 MHz, providing a minimum of seventy-five (75) Channels in the downstream direction and four (4) Channels in the upstream direction.

# **Section 3.2 - EQUIPMENT**

Franchisee shall use equipment for the Cable System, which shall be of good and durable quality, and Franchisee shall service and repair such equipment on a regular basis.

# **Section 3.3 - EMERGENCY ALERT**

The Cable System will comply with FCC EAS standards as set forth in Part 11 of the FCC rules and the State of New Hampshire Emergency Alert Operation Plan.

#### **Section 3.4 - TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

The Cable System shall be installed and operated in conformance with this Franchise Renewal and FCC rules and regulations.

### Section 3.5 - TESTS AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Franchisee shall perform all Cable System tests and maintenance procedures as required by the FCC (Exhibit A). Copies of any test results shall be provided to the Town upon request.

#### **Section 3.6 - MAINTENANCE LOG**

Franchisee shall maintain an annual log showing the date, approximate time and duration, type and probably cause of all Cable System outages, whole or partial, due to causes other than routine testing or maintenance. The entries in such log shall be retained by Franchisee for a three-year period and shall be provided to the Town upon request.

#### Section 3.7 - NOTICE OF SHUTDOWN

Except in an emergency, Franchisee shall give Notice on a cable Channel at least twelve (12) hours before any planned shutdown for maintenance or major equipment change-outs, which will result in loss of Service for two (2) hours or more to a neighborhood fiber node or larger area.

#### Section 3.8 - EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION

Franchisee shall provide a standard identification document to all employees, including employees of subcontractors, who will be in contact with the public. Such documents shall include a telephone number that can be used to verify identification. In addition, Franchisee shall clearly identify all field personnel, vehicles and other major equipment operating under the authority of Franchisee.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

#### **Section 4.1 - LINE EXTENSIONS**

(a) New Construction Areas: The areas of Milton highlighted in blue on the map attached as Exhibit B shall be connected within one year of the Effective Date of the Franchise Renewal execution. The areas of Tenerife Road and Mason Road as indicated on Exhibit B shall be built within ninety (90) Days of the Effective Date of this Agreement. If Franchisee is unable to complete the extension due to Force Majeure, performance of make ready or availability of construction crews and equipment, MetroCast shall provide written Notice and explanation to the Town on a monthly basis until such extension is completed. To the extent that Franchisee has not previously done so, Franchisee shall submit a pole permit application within thirty (30) Days of the execution of this Franchise Renewal. Subject to Exhibit B, every public highway with a minimum density of 10 homes per mile from the existing cable plant, shall be serviced by feeder cable unless such Service can be supplied using alternative cable technology. Cable Service shall be provided to every existing dwelling unit requesting Cable Service and located on public Streets and private roads, as marked on Exhibit

B, provided Franchisee is able to obtain from property owners any necessary easements at no Cost and/or any applicable permits.

(b) During the term of this Franchise Renewal Agreement, the Franchisee shall provide for construction of all necessary line extensions for Cable Service to new dwelling units when the number of new Subscribers reaches the density requirement of ten (10) full-time Subscribers per mile of cable facilities, with a one-year Service commitment, which shall not be payable in advance, but which shall become due and payable on a pro-rate basis if the Subscriber terminates Service in the Subscriber's first year of Service. Any payments required for the connection of cable Service may, at the Subscriber's option, be paid over a ninety (90) Day period in three (3) equal installments with the Subscriber's regular bill for Cable Services. In the areas with less than ten (10) Subscribers per mile of plant, the Franchisee shall require payment (which may be paid in six (6) equal installments over a six (6) month period from the date of connection as follows:

Where there are fewer than ten (10) Subscribers per mile, the Franchisee shall construct line extensions as follows:

- (i) where there are nine (9) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay ninety (90) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay ten (10) percent;
- (ii) where there are eight (8) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay eighty (80) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay ten (20) percent;
- (iii) where there are seven (7) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay seventy (70) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay thirty (30) percent;
- (iv) where there are six (6) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay sixty (60) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay forty (40) percent;
- (v) where there are five (5) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay fifty (50) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay fifty (50) percent;
- (vi) where there are four (4) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay forty (40) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay sixty (60) percent;

- (vii) where there are three (3) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay thirty (30) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay seventy (70) percent;
- (viii) where there are two (2) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay twenty (20) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay eighty (80) percent;
- (ix) where there is one (1) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to subscribe for one year of Cable Service, the Franchisee shall pay ten (10) percent of the Cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay ninety (90) percent.
- (c) A standard Installation charge shall be established by the Franchisee, which shall apply to any Drop of not more than two hundred feet (200'). If a Drop of more than two hundred feet (200') is required, there may be an additional charge based on the actual Cost for the extra footage above two hundred feet (200'). Any underground Installation may be provided at the Franchisee's actual Cost, and the work thereon shall be performed only after the Franchisee has provided the affected party with a Cost estimate in writing of any such Costs and has obtained the party's acceptance thereof.

#### Section 4.2 - COMMERCIAL SERVICES

The Franchisee shall extend Cable Service to commercial areas that are within one hundred and twenty-five feet (125') of the existing Cable System. The commercial property/customer may be required to pay the Cost of connecting the Cable System to locations more than one hundred and twenty-five feet (125') from the existing Cable System in addition to the Cost of internally wiring a facility to receive Cable Service.

#### Section 4.3 - LOCATION OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

The Franchisee shall construct, install, operate and maintain the Cable Television System within the Town. Poles, towers and other obstructions shall be erected so as not to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic over Public Ways. The erection and location of all poles, towers and other obstructions shall be in accordance with all applicable State and local laws and regulations and this Franchise Renewal.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

# **Section 5.1 - RIGHT TO INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION**

The Town or its designee shall have the right to inspect at any time all construction or Installation work performed subject to the provisions of this Franchise Renewal and to make such tests as it shall deem necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Franchise Renewal and all other applicable law. Franchisee shall cooperate fully with the Town during all

inspections and tests and shall provide Access to all equipment, records, and other materials and information necessary for such inspections and tests. Except as otherwise provided by this Franchise Renewal, the Cost of copying any documents provided in connection with an inspection shall be borne by the Franchisee.

#### Section 5.2 - COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Franchisee and its subcontractors shall construct, rebuild, install, operate and maintain its Cable System in a manner consistent with all laws, construction standards and codes, safety regulations, governmental requirements and FCC technical standards.

# Section 5.2.1 - CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Any contractor proposed for work on construction, Installation, operation, maintenance and repair of Cable System equipment, must be properly licensed under laws of the State and local ordinances.

#### Section 5.2.2 - INSTALLATION

Franchisee shall also insure that all equipment is installed in accordance with good engineering practices and of sufficient height to comply with all existing Town regulations, ordinances, and State laws, so as not to interfere in any manner with the rights of the public or individual property owner, and so as not to interfere with the travel and use of the Public Ways. During the construction, repair, or removal thereof, Franchisee shall not, except as permitted below, obstruct or impede traffic.

#### Section 5.2.3 - MINIMUM INTERFERENCE AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Franchisee shall, at all times, install, maintain and locate all transmission lines, equipment and structures within its Control so as to cause minimum interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners, and shall, at all times, keep and maintain such transmission liens, equipment and structures in a safe and adequate condition, and in good order and repair. Franchisee shall, at all times, employ necessary and reasonable care, and shall install, maintain, and use commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures and accidents, which are likely to cause damage, injury or nuisances to the public. Suitable barricades, flags, lights, flares or other devices shall be used at such times and places as are reasonably required for the safety of all members of the public.

# Section 5.2.4 - MAPS

Neither the Franchisee nor the Town guarantees the accuracy of any maps showing the horizontal or vertical location of existing structures or substructures.

# **Section 5.2.5 - QUALITY OF CONSTRUCTION**

Construction, Installation, operation and maintenance of the Cable System shall be performed in an orderly and workmanlike manner. All cables and wires shall be installed, where reasonably possible, parallel and bundled with due respect for aesthetic and engineering considerations.

#### **Section 5.2.6 - ANTENNAS**

Any antenna structure used in the Cable System shall comply with construction, marking and lighting of antenna structure standards as required by Federal, State and local laws and regulations.

#### Section 5.2.7 - TOWN LAWS

All work in any way necessitated by the business of the Franchisee, which may involve the opening, breaking up or tearing up of a portion of a Street, sidewalk, or other party of any Townowned or Town-controlled property, shall be done and repaired in accordance with Town permit and other procedures generally applicable to work in the Public Ways. Nothing herein shall be construed as a requirement that the Town conduct an excavation or repair on behalf of or agent for the Franchisee.

#### Section 5.2.8 - RESTORATION OF PROPERTY

The Franchisee, at its sole expense, shall restore all damage to property, both public and private, caused by construction, operation, maintenance and repair of the Cable System. Such restoration shall be made as soon as practicable after completion of work necessitating the restoration. In no event shall such restoration be made later than fifteen (15) Days, weather and/or ground conditions permitting, after the Franchisee's receipt of written notification from the owner of the property so damaged, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Franchisee and the property owner in writing. Any repairs of public or private property shall be to a condition as good as that prevailing before said damage.

# Section 5.2.9 - UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION

All Installations shall be underground in those areas of the Town where public utilities providing both telephone and electric service are underground whether required by law or not, unless otherwise specified and approved by the Town at the time of Installation. In areas where either telephone or electric utility facilities are above ground at the time of Installation, Franchisee may install its Cable System above ground, provided that at such time as those facilities are required to be placed underground by the Town, the Franchisee shall likewise place its Cable System underground without additional cost to the Town.

Underground cable lines shall be placed beneath the pavement subgrade in compliance with applicable Town ordinances, rules, regulations and/or standards. It is the policy of the Town that existing poles for electric and communication purposes be utilized wherever possible and that underground Installation is preferable to the placement of additional poles.

Where not otherwise required to be placed underground by this Franchise Renewal, and where compatible with the design of the Cable System, the Franchisee's Drops shall be located underground at the request of the property owner, provided that the excess Cost over aerial Cost for such Drops shall be borne by the property owner making the request.

In the case of new construction or property development where utilities are to be placed underground, the developer or property owner shall give Franchisee Reasonable Notice of not less than forty-five (45) Days prior to such construction or development, and, if applicable, of the particular date on which open trenching will be available for Franchisee's Installation of conduit,

pedestals and/or vaults, and materials to be provided at Franchisee's expense. Franchisee shall also provide specifications as needed for trenching. Cost of trenching and easements required to bring Service to the development shall be borne by the developer or property owner.

Franchisee shall locate, mark and map any of its installed cable or Cable System for the Franchise Authority or its designee(s) at no expense to Town.

Drops, which are intended to be underground, shall be buried within ten (10) Days of placement, weather and ground conditions permitting. On Notice from Franchise Authority that any work is being performed contrary to the provisions of this Franchise Renewal, or in an unsafe or dangerous manner as determined by Franchise Authority, or in violation of the terms of any applicable permit, laws, regulations, ordinances or standards, the Franchise Authority may exercise any and all remedies available to it under applicable law.

# Section 5.2.10 - COOPERATION WITH BUILDING MOVERS

The Franchisee shall, on the request of any Person holding a building-moving permit issued by the Town, temporarily raise or lower its Cable System to permit the moving of such building. The expense of such temporary removal, raising or lowering of the Cable System shall be paid by the Person requesting the same, and the Franchisee shall have the authority to require such payment in advance. The Franchisee shall be given not less than fifteen (15) working Days' advance Notice to arrange for such temporary changes.

#### **Section 5.2.11 - TREE TRIMMING**

The Franchisee may trim trees or other vegetation owned by the Town to prevent branches, leaves or roots from touching or otherwise interfering with its wires, cable, or other structure, provided that such trimming or pruning shall be at the expense of the Franchisee and shall be in accordance with applicable ordinances, rules, regulations and procedures of the Town.

The Franchisee shall obtain the prior permission of the owner of any privately owned trees or other vegetation before it prunes or trims same.

#### Section 5.2.12 - PUBLIC PROPERTY

Franchisee shall, prior to performing any excavation of any public right-of-way for underground construction, notify the Department of Public Works and, if said right of way is a Class I, Class III, or State-maintained Class II highway, shall obtain the necessary written permission, permits, and/or licenses from the State pursuant to RSA 231:159 et seq. and/or RSA236:9-12. For excavation on all other public highways written permission, permits, and/or licenses shall be sought from the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 231:159 et seq. and/or RSA 236:9-12. If written permission is required from the Board of Selectmen it shall be given within thirty (30) Days, assuming the proposed excavation is in compliance with State and local regulations.

The Franchisee shall replace and properly relay and repair the surface, base and landscape treatment of any public sidewalk or right-of-way that may be excavated or damaged by reason of the erection, construction, maintenance or repair of Franchisee's Cable System within a reasonable time after completion of the work to a condition as good as that prevailing before said work. Should the Town reasonably determine, within six (6) months from the date of any restoration performed by the Franchisee, that such surface, base or landscape treatment requires

additional restoration work to meet the foregoing standard; the Franchisee shall perform such additional restoration work to the reasonable satisfaction of the Town.

Upon the request of the Franchisee, the Town shall use reasonable efforts to locate, in advance, any Town-owned water, sewage and drainage lines. Any damages or alterations that occur to the Town's water, sewage or drainage lines or to any other municipal structures in the Streets during the construction, which are due to the presence, operation or maintenance of the Cable System, or to the Franchisee's negligence, shall be the Franchisee's responsibility. The Cost of such repairs made by the Town including all Services and materials shall be charged to the Franchisee by the Town, and these charges shall be paid promptly. All necessary easements over and under private property shall be secured by the Franchisee.

#### Section 5.2.13 - APPROVAL FOR POLES

No poles shall be erected by the Franchisee without prior approval of the Town with regard to location, height, types and any other pertinent aspects. However, no erection of any pole or wire-holding structure of the Franchisee shall give rise to a vested interest in same, and such poles or structures shall be removed or modified by the Franchisee at its own expense whenever the Town determines that the public convenience would be enhanced thereby.

# Section 5.2.14 - REQUIREMENTS TO USE EXISTING POLES

Where poles already existing for use in serving the Town are available for use by the Franchisee, but it does not make arrangements for such use, the Town may require the Franchisee to use such poles and structures if it determines that the public convenience would be enhanced thereby and the terms of the use available to the Franchisee are satisfactory to the Franchisee.

#### Section 5.2.15 - JOINT USE OF FACILITIES

Nothing in this Franchise shall authorize the Town to use any Franchisee owned conduits or facilities until the Town has entered into a separate agreement with the Franchisee, supported by independent consideration, for such rights of attachment or use.

# **Section 5.3 - DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATIONS**

The Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same Street or other Public Way, or remove from any Street or any other Public Ways, any of its property as required by the Franchise Authority or its designee(s) 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.

#### **Section 5.4 - SAFETY STANDARDS**

The Franchisee shall construct, install, operate, maintain and remove the Cable System in conformance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the National Electrical Code, the NCTA Safety Manual, the National-Electrical Safety Code, the National Television Standards Code, the Bell Telephone Systems Code of Pole Line Construction (when applicable), the rules and regulations of the Commission and the FCC, all State and local laws, and all land use restrictions as the same exist or may be amended hereafter.

#### Section 5.5 - PEDESTALS

In any cases in which pedestals housing active and passive devices are to be utilized in Public Ways, such equipment must be installed in accordance with Section 621 (a)(2) of the Communications Act and Town ordinances and regulations.

## Section 5.6 - QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL

For reference purposes, and upon request, the Franchisee shall provide the Franchise Authority with the names and addresses of any construction companies, or if operating as individuals, the names and addresses of such individuals, who will be subcontracted by the Franchisee to fulfill construction obligations of this Franchise Renewal.

# **ARTICLE 6**

#### SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

#### Section 6.1 - BASIC SERVICE

Franchisee shall provide a Basic Service, which shall include all Signals, which are required to be carried on Basic Service by a Cable Television System serving the Town.

#### **Section 6.2 - PROGRAMMING**

Pursuant to Section 624 of the Communications Act, the Franchisee shall maintain broad categories of Programming. Pursuant to federal law, all programming decisions are at the sole discretion of the Franchisee.

#### Section 6.3 - VCR / CABLE COMPATIBILITY

In order that Subscribers to the Cable Television System have the capability to simultaneously view and tape any Channel and set their "time shifter" to record multiple Channels remotely, the Franchisee shall provide to any Subscriber, upon request, an A/B switch at no charge, which will allow VCR owners to tape and view any Channel capable of being tuned by such owner's television set and/or VCR, except two scrambled Signals. The Franchisee shall, upon request of any Subscriber, apprise Subscriber of the options available to all Subscribers in writing with the applicable charges, if any.

#### Section 6.4 - CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

It shall be the right of all Subscribers to receive Service insofar as their account status is in good standing, being current with obligations, and are not in delinquent status with Franchisee. The Franchisee shall ensure that all Subscribers receive continuous, uninterrupted Service, except for necessary Service interruptions.

# Section 6.5 - DROPS, OUTLETS AND MONTHLY SERVICE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(a) Franchisee shall provide and install, at no charge to the Town, one Outlet with Basic and Expanded Basic Service tiers to each municipal building, public school, and public library, as designated in <u>Exhibit C</u>, passed by the Cable System. Franchisee shall consult with the appropriate facility manager to determine the location of the Outlet prior to the

Installation of the free Service. Franchisee shall also donate coaxial Drop wire to the Town for the wiring of additional municipal and school Service Outlets. The obligation of Franchisee to provide such Service shall also apply to any addition municipal or public school buildings constructed during the term of this Renewal Franchise and passed by the Cable System.

(b) Franchisee shall provide and install, at no charge to the Town, one Outlet and cable modem with high speed residential Service tier to each municipal building, public school, and public library, as designated in <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a>, passed by the Cable System. Franchisee shall consult with the appropriate facility manager to determine the location of the Outlet prior to the Installation of the free Service. The obligation of Franchisee to provide such Service shall also apply to any addition municipal or public school buildings constructed during the term of this Renewal Franchise and passed by the Cable System.

## Section 6.6 - CHANGES IN CABLE TELEVISION TECHNOLOGY

- (a) Upon request of the Board of Selectmen, the Franchisee shall hold a performance evaluation, commencing in the third year following the Effective Date, to review with the Franchise Authority changes in relevant cable technology, assuming such changes exist, (as defined below) that might benefit Milton Subscribers. The Franchisee shall implement any such changes in relevant cable technology three (3) years after the Effective Date of the Renewal Franchise, provided (i) the Franchise Authority requests in writing that the Franchisee perform the upgrade as in the best interest of Subscribers, (ii) the change is technically feasible and economically advantageous to the Franchisee and its Subscribers, and (iii) the term of this Renewal Franchise is extended to ensure a minimum of eight (8) years remaining on the contract. If these conditions are met, the Franchisee shall complete any such changes in a timely and reasonable manner. For purposes of determining whether a change in cable television technology is economically advantageous to the Franchisee and its Subscribers, the Franchisee shall consider all relevant factors, including (i) the probable demand for the enhanced Service that the change in technology would permit and (ii) the remaining life of the renewal term over which the Cost of any such improvements would be amortized and passed through to Subscribers.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "relevant cable technology" shall be defined as those technologies that the Franchisee and the Franchise Authority shall in good faith agree to be included in the performance review mentioned above, including but not limited to Subscriber Converters optimally compatible with VCRs and cable-ready television sets, remote control devices and new Scrambling/descrambling processes.

#### Section 6.7 - SURVEYS

At the request of the Franchise Authority, Franchisee shall conduct return mail or telephone surveys (or commission such surveys) of the Cable System's Subscribers every three (3) years, beginning within sixty (60) Days of the three-year anniversary of the Effective Date, to solicit input from Subscribers regarding Subscriber preferences for existing and new programming Services. The Franchisee shall report customer-service related results to the Franchise Authority, subject to the confidentiality provisions of federal and State laws.

#### **Section 6.8 - CONVERTERS**

Subscribers shall have the option of either renting or buying any Converter box, which is (or may be) used to receive Signals on the Cable System. In the event a federal or State statute provides for private ownership of Converters, Subscribers shall have the option of purchasing a Converter from the Franchisee or any other retail source. Subscribers owning Converters that are technically compatible with the Cable System and that are not used for the purpose of avoiding payment for one or more programming Service, shall be accommodated in the Cable System at no additional Cost to the Subscriber.

# **ARTICLE 7**

# PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

#### **Section 7.1 - PEG ACCESS CHANNELS**

- (a) Franchisee shall provide one six-megahertz Channel for PEG Access programming in the Town within twelve (12) months of the Effective Date of this Franchise Renewal Agreement and a second Access Channel at such time, if any, as the Town is programming the first Access Channel for at least eighteen (18) hours per day with seventy-five percent (75%) non-duplicated programming over an eight week period. The Franchisee shall provide and maintain all necessary processing equipment at the Headend in order to switch Upstream Signals from a single location designated by the Town to the designated Downstream Access Channel.
- (b) Within ninety (90) Days of the Effective Date of this Franchise Renewal and at the request of the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee shall provide a character generator for the use of programming a community bulletin board on the PEG Access Channel, up to a Cost of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00). The Franchisee shall consult with the Town on the technical specifications of such character generator prior to its purchase.
- (c) Franchisee agrees to provide the equipment required in this section 7.1 at no cost to the Franchise Authority or the Town's Subscribers.

#### Section 7.2 - ACCESS EQUIPMENT / FACILITIES FUNDING

- (a) <u>Production Equipment for Community Local Access.</u> Franchisee shall provide a grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) within sixty (60) Days of a request by the Franchise Authority to be used by the Town for construction of a PEG Access studio and/or the purchase of PEG Access equipment.
- (b) Within two (2) years of said payment, the Town shall inform the Franchisee of the uses of these funds.

#### Section 7.3 - INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK

Upon the request of the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee shall construct, install, activate, operate and maintain a fiber-optic Institutional Network ("I-Net") backbone to be utilized by the Town. Within the Town, the I-Net shall connect the Town buildings and other institutions specified in Exhibit D attached hereto ("I-Net Buildings"). The Franchisee's obligations in this Section 7.3 shall not exceed a total of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

#### **ARTICLE 8**

#### FRANCHISE FEES

#### Section 8.1 - FRANCHISE FEE PAYMENT

If, and as, the Town may require, the Franchisee shall pay the Town, throughout the term of this Franchise Renewal Agreement, a Franchise Fee up to five (5%) percent of the Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue each year of this Renewal, but only so far as is in accordance and consistent with the Communications Act and FCC regulations.

# Section 8.2 - EXTERNALIZATION OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL COSTS

In the event that applicable State and/or federal laws and/or regulations allow and the Franchisee so elects to externalize or otherwise pass-through other Franchise Renewal Costs to Subscribers, the Franchisee may do so strictly in compliance with said laws and/or regulations.

- (i) Both parties hereto have agreed that the Franchisee may, at its sole discretion, externalize and otherwise pass-through to Subscribers any payments set out herein.
- (ii) If requested to do so by the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee shall provide a written explanation of such externalized, line-itemed or passed-through Costs, in sufficient detail to enable the Franchise Authority to understand how such Costs have been externalized, line-itemed or passed-through as allowed or required by applicable law(s). Unless agreed to otherwise, the Franchisee shall provide said detailed Costs to the Franchise Authority in writing, within thirty (30) Days of a request to do so by the Franchise Authority.

#### **Section 8.3 - AFFILIATES USE OF SYSTEM**

The Franchisee shall not permit the use or operation of the Cable System by Affiliates on terms, which result in a diversion of revenues from operation of the Cable System to the detriment of the Town under this Franchise Renewal. The Franchisee shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any dispute(s) regarding gross revenue discrepancies on account of such a relationship.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

#### RATES AND CHARGES

#### **Section 9.1 - RATE REGULATION**

The Town reserves the right to regulate the Franchisee's rates and charges to the extent allowable under State and federal laws.

#### Section 9.2 - NOTIFICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) The Franchisee shall file with the Franchise Authority schedules, which shall describe all Cable Services offered by the Franchisee, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms or conditions relating thereto. Thereafter, the Franchisee shall file with the Franchise Authority all changes in Cable Services, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms and conditions relating thereto at least thirty (30) Days prior to all such changes. The Franchisee shall notify all Subscribers of any impending rate increases no later than thirty (30) Days prior to such increase and provide each Subscriber with a schedule describing existing and proposed rates for each Cable Service offered.
- (b) At the time of Installation of Service, the Franchisee shall also provide each Subscriber with a detailed explanation of downgrade and upgrade policies and the manner in which Subscribers may terminate Cable Service. Subscribers shall have at least thirty (30) Days prior to the effective date of any rate increase to either downgrade Service or terminate Service altogether without any charge.

#### Section 9.3 - PUBLICATION

All rates for Subscriber Services shall be published. A written schedule of all rates shall be available upon request during Normal Business Hours at the Franchisee's business office. Nothing in this Franchise Renewal shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiver of charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting or maintaining Subscribers.

#### Section 9.4 - CREDIT FOR SERVICE INTERRUPTION

- (a) Pursuant to RSA 52-C:3-c, Franchisee shall grant a pro-rate credit or rebate to any Subscriber, upon request, whose Cable Service is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, if the interruption was not caused by the Subscriber.
- (b) If an entire tier or Premium Service of a Subscriber's Cable Service is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, the Franchisee shall, upon the Subscriber's request, provide a pro-rate credit or rebate for each tier or Premium Service interruption.

#### ARTICLE 10

# **INSURANCE AND BONDS**

# Section 10.1 - INSURANCE; PERFORMANCE BOND AND INDEMNIFICATION

(a) At all times during the term of the Franchise Renewal, including the time for removal of facilities provided for herein, the Franchisee shall maintain the following insurance policies:

PERSONAL DAMAGES PER PERSON: \$1,000,000.00 PERSONAL DAMAGES PER OCCURRENCE: \$1,000,000.00 PROPERTY DAMAGE PER OCCURRENCE: \$1,000,000.00 PROPERTY DAMAGE AGGREGATE: \$1,000,000.00 AUTOMOBILE COVERAGE: \$1,000,000.00 UMBRELLA POLICY: \$2,000,000.00

- (b) Franchisee shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect the parties from any claim under the Workmen's Compensation Laws. All insurance required by this section shall be and remain in force throughout the duration of this Franchise Renewal. Policies of this insurance, or certified copies thereof, shall be delivered to the Town Clerk on or prior to the Effective Date of this agreement, and kept on file and up-to-date in the offices of the Board of Selectmen.
- (c) Franchisee shall post a performance bond, in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), which performance bond shall be maintained during the term of this Agreement. Such performance bond shall be in a form acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.
- (d) Franchisee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Selectmen, its agents, employees, residents and property owners for any claim of damages to Person(s) or property resulting from the installation, maintenance, operation, use or removal of the system, for the duration of this Franchise Renewal.
- (e) In the event of any claim, demand or litigation specified in Section 10.1(d), the indemnified party shall give prompt written notice to the Franchisee of such claim, demand or litigation. The Franchisee, at its sole cost and expense, shall resist and defend such claim, demand or litigation with legal counsel selected by the Franchisee or Franchisee's applicable insurer and shall have sole control of the defense or settlement of any claim, demand or litigation and all negotiations for the settlement or compromise of the same. The indemnified party and its representatives shall cooperate with the Franchisee and its representatives in the defense and/or settlement of any claim, demand or litigation. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the indemnified party from participating in the defense and/or settlement of any claim, demand or litigation by the indemnified party's own counsel at the indemnified party's own expense; however, Franchisee shall have sole control of the defense and/or settlement of any claim, demand or litigation and all negotiations for the settlement or compromise of the same. To the extent the Franchisee makes payment pursuant to this section, it may require from the indemnified party an assignment of all right of recovery against any party.

#### **Section 10.2 - REPORTING**

The Franchisee shall submit to the Franchise Authority or its' designee(s), upon request, copies of all current certificates regarding (i) all insurance policies as required herein; and (ii) the performance bond as required herein.

# Section 10.3 - NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR REDUCTION OF COVERAGE

The insurance policies and performance bond required herein shall each contain an explicit endorsement stating that such insurance policies and performance bond are intended to cover the Liability assumed by the Franchisee under the terms of the Franchise Renewal and shall contain the following endorsement:

"It is hereby understood and agreed that this policy and performance bond shall not be canceled, materially changed or the amount of coverage thereof reduced until thirty (30) Days after receipt by the Franchise Authority by certified mail of one (1) copy of a written Notice of such intent to cancel, materially change or reduce the coverage required herein."

#### **ARTICLE 11**

#### ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

#### Section 11.1 - REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Franchise Authority and/or its designee(s) shall monitor and enforce the Franchisee's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Franchise Renewal. The Franchise Authority shall notify the Franchisee in writing of any instance of non-compliance pursuant to Section 12.1 infra.

#### Section 11.2 - GOOD FAITH COMMUNICATION

The parties agree to act in good faith to maintain good communication between them. Barring emergency, the Franchise Authority will give to Franchisee reasonable advance Notice of the Cable System being on the agenda of the Franchise Authority. Franchisee will have the right of Notice of meetings of the Town and the right of representation thereat, and Franchisee will inform and consult with the Franchise Authority when any questions of compliance with this Franchise Renewal Agreement may be raised by change(s) in its operation.

#### **Section 11.3 - NONDISCRIMINATION**

The Franchisee shall not discriminate against any Person in its solicitation or Service on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Franchisee shall be subject to all other requirements of federal and State laws or regulations, relating to nondiscrimination through the term of the Franchise Renewal.

## Section 11.4 - EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT

If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the Town, it shall become necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Franchise Authority and/or its designee(s), to cut or move any of the wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances or appurtenances of the Cable Television System, the Franchise Authority shall have the right to do so at the sole Cost and expense of the Franchisee. In such event, the Franchisee shall reimburse the Franchise Authority the Cost and expense of such removal within thirty (30) Days of submission of a bill therefore. It is expressly understood that the Franchisee is not responsible or liable for any property damage or personal injury caused by or as a result of actions of the Franchise Authority and/or its designee(s) pursuant to this Section 11.4 of the Franchise Renewal.

#### Section 11.5 - REMOVAL AND RELOCATION

The Franchise Authority shall have the power at any time to order and require the Franchisee to remove or relocate any pole, wire, cable or other structure owned by the Franchisee that is dangerous to life or property. In the event that the Franchisee, after Notice, fails or refuses to act

within a reasonable time, the Franchise Authority shall have the power to remove or relocate the same at the sole Cost and expense of the Franchisee. In such event, the Franchisee shall reimburse the Franchise Authority the Cost and expense of such removal within thirty (30) Days of submission of a bill thereof. It is expressly understood that the Franchisee is not responsible or liable for any property damage or personal injury caused by or as a result of actions of the Franchise Authority and/or its designee(s) pursuant to this Section 11.5 of the Franchise Renewal.

#### Section 11.6 - INSPECTION

The Franchise Authority or its designee(s) shall have the right to inspect the plant, equipment or other property of the Franchisee in the Town at reasonable times and under reasonable circumstances where necessary to ascertain the Franchisee's compliance with this Franchise Renewal Agreement. The Franchisee shall fully cooperate in the performance of such testing; provided, however, that such tests are reasonable and do not interfere with the operation or the performance of the Cable System, and that such tests are conducted after Reasonable Notice to the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall be entitled to have a representative present during such tests and shall be provided complete and detailed results of such tests.

#### Section 11.7 - JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction and venue over any dispute, action or suit shall be in any court of appropriate venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the State of New Hampshire and the parties by this instrument subject themselves to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the entry of any such judgment and for the resolution of any dispute, action, or suit.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

### DETERMINATION OF BREACH - FRANCHISE REVOCATION

### Section 12.1 - NON-COMPLIANCE NOTICE

Notice of non-compliance may be issued to Franchisee by the Franchise Authority when it appears to the Franchise Authority that Franchisee has failed to comply with any provision of this Franchise Renewal. Notice may also state that, after a specified date, which shall be at least fifteen (15) weekdays (excluding holidays) subsequent to the Notice, the Franchise Authority will take corrective action at Franchisee's expense, in which case the Franchise Authority may take the necessary sum from Franchisee's bond and Franchisee shall immediately replenish the bond to the stipulated level.

# Section 12,2 - FORMAL WARNING NOTICE

If it appears to the Franchise Authority that any ground(s) for revocation of this Franchise Renewal may exist, the Franchise Authority may issue a formal warning Notice to Franchisee. This warning shall specify the apparent ground(s) for revocation, shall state a place and time for a revocation hearing, which shall be at least fifteen (15) weekdays (excluding holidays) subsequent to the mailing, and shall ask Franchisee to show cause why this Franchise Renewal should not be revoked.

#### Section 12.3 - REVOCATION

The Franchise Authority may revoke this Franchise Renewal on one or more of the following grounds:

- (a) False or misleading material statements or material omissions in Franchisee's proposal or reports to the Board of Selectmen;
- (b) Transfer of this Franchise Renewal outside the procedures defined in Section 2.8:
- (c) Failure after ninety (90) Days have elapsed from the date of Non-Compliance Notice to correct the cited non-compliance;
- (d) Failure to maintain bond or insurance as required by this Franchise Renewal.
- (e) Default or material breach of any term of this Franchise Renewal. The Franchise Authority may revoke only after holding a revocation hearing, prior to which Franchisee shall have been properly warned in accordance with Sections 12.1 and 12.2 above.

#### Section 12.4 - TERMINATION

The termination of this Franchise Renewal and the Franchisee's rights and obligations herein shall become effective upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the revocation of the Franchise Renewal by action of the Franchise Authority, pursuant to Section 12.3 above; (ii) the Abandonment of the Cable System, in whole or material part, by the Franchisee without the express, prior approval of the Franchise Authority; or (iii) the expiration of the term of this Franchise Renewal and the denial of any renewal or extension. In the event of any termination, the Franchise Authority shall have all of the rights and obligations provided in this Franchise Renewal.

#### Section 12.5 - NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION

Except in an emergency situation or where equitable relief is sought, in the event that either party intends to take legal action against the other for any reason, that party shall first (i) give the other Reasonable Notice that an action will be filed, (ii) meet with that party promptly before it files any such action, and (iii) negotiate the issue, which is the subject of any proposed legal action, in good faith.

#### Section 12.6 - NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDY

No decision by the Franchise Authority to invoke any remedy under this Franchise Renewal or under any statue, law or ordinance shall preclude the availability of any other such remedy.

#### Section 12.7 - NO WAIVER-CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

(a) No failure on the part of the Franchise Authority to exercise, and no delay in exercising any right in this Franchise Renewal, shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any

single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other right, all subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Franchise Renewal and applicable law relating to estoppel(s).

- (b) The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law, and nothing contained in this Franchise Renewal shall impair any of the rights of the Franchise Authority under applicable law, subject in each case to the terms and conditions in this Franchise Renewal.
- (c) No waiver of, nor failure to exercise any right or remedy by the Franchise Authority at any one time shall affect the exercise of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy by the Franchise Authority at any other time. In order for any waiver of the Franchise Authority to be effective, it shall be in writing. The failure of the Franchise Authority to take any action in the event of any breach by the Franchisee shall not be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of or otherwise affect the right of the Franchise Authority to take any action permitted by this Franchise Renewal at any other time in the event that such breach has not been cured, or with respect to any other breach by the Franchisee.
- (d) Upon request by the Franchise Authority at the time of termination of this Franchise Renewal Agreement or any extension thereof, whether by expiration, revocation or otherwise, Franchisee shall remove all poles, cable and apparatus from the roads and public places in, over, under or along which they were installed by Franchisee, or caused to be installed by Franchisee, and shall restore the areas to a condition as good as before.

#### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY**

#### Section 13.1 - SUBSCRIBER RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

- (a) Pursuant to RSA53-C:3-c, the Franchisee shall have at least one published telephone number, toll free, from phones in the Town, to be answered twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) Days a week, for the purpose of receiving Service Complaints. Franchisee shall also maintain technical personnel on call twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) Days a week, and shall dispatch same immediately in case of safety hazards or of Service Complaints pursuant to FCC standards as defined in section 76.309 "Customer service obligations" of Part 76 Multi-channel Video and Cable Television service.
- (b) Franchisee shall make necessary repairs promptly so as to keep Service outages as brief as possible, shall time discretionary outages to be at least inconvenient hours to Users as is reasonably possible and shall, upon request, make pro-rated rebates or credits to Users for loss of Service in excess of twenty-four (24) hours consecutively, excluding delay caused by User and exempting acts of God.
- (c) Pursuant to RSA53-C:3-d and RSA53-C:3-e and the Communications Act, Franchisee shall respond quickly and constructively to all Complaints, from Users or non-Users, shall keep logs of same together with resolutions thereof, and shall make logs available for inspection by the Franchise Authority for up to a year following the latest Complaint in the log. Franchisee shall give to each new User a copy of Complaint and dispute resolution practices.

Franchisee shall, upon request, provide the Franchise Authority with a quarterly summary of Service Complaints and corrective actions.

#### Section 13.2 - DISCONNECTION AND TERMINATION OF CABLE SERVICES

In no event shall the Franchisee disconnect a Subscriber's Cable Service for nonpayment unless (i) the Subscriber is delinquent, (ii) the Franchisee has given said Subscriber written Notice of such past due amount in a clear and conspicuous manner, (iii) the Subscriber has been given a second Notice of delinquency and (iv) the Subscriber is given a disconnection Notice at thirty (30) Days. In no event shall such disconnection or termination for nonpayment occur in less than thirty (30) Days after a bill is due. Any Subscriber, including seasonal Subscribers, may request to be reconnected to the system at any time upon payment of the standard connection charge and any past amounts due to be paid by that Subscriber.

# Section 13.3 - DAMAGE OR LOSS OF EQUIPMENT

In the event that a Subscriber is unable to provide documentation to substantiate that a Converter or other Franchisee provided equipment was stolen or destroyed by fire or other acts of God, the Franchisee shall be entitled to assess a charge for a missing Converter or other Franchisee provided equipment. In the event that a Subscriber supplies the Franchisee with a police or fire report, which evidences that the loss of a Converter or other Franchisee provided equipment resulted from theft, fire or other acts of God, the Franchisee may assess the Subscriber the replacement Cost of such Converter and other Franchisee provided equipment or, at its election, waive any charges.

# **Section 13.4 - REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES**

The Franchisee shall allow its Subscribers to purchase from legal and authorized parties other than the Franchisee, own, utilize and program remote control devices, which are compatible with the Converter(s) provided by the Franchisee. The Franchisee takes no responsibility for changes in its equipment, which might make inoperable the remote control devices acquired by Subscribers.

# **Section 13.5 - CHANGE OF SERVICE**

Upon notification by a Subscriber to disconnect or downgrade Service, the Franchisee shall cease and/or adjust said Subscriber's monthly Service charges immediately or as of the Subscriber's specified disconnect or downgrade date. In no case shall said Subscriber be charged for Service(s) requested to be changed after the Franchisee is notified of said change(s). In the event that Subscribers request disconnection or downgrade of Service(s) as a result of a rate increase, the Franchisee shall in no case impose a fee or charge for such disconnection or downgrade, provided, however, that Subscribers notify the Franchisee of such disconnection or downgrade within thirty (30) Days of receipt of Notice of such rate increase(s).

# Section 13.6 - PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

(a) The Franchisee shall respect the rights of privacy of every Subscriber and/or User of the Cable Television System and shall not violate such rights through the use of any device or Signal associated with the Cable Television System, and as hereafter provided.

(b) The Franchisee shall comply with all privacy provisions contained in all applicable federal and State laws including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 631 of the Communications Act.

# Section 13.7 - NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS REGARDING QUALITY OF SERVICE

In accordance with RSA 53-C:3-d, Franchisee will provide annually a Notice to each Subscriber which:

- (a) Informs Subscribers how to communicate their views to the cable company and to the office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau;
- (b) States the responsibility of the office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau to receive and act on consumer Complaints.

Such Notice shall be in non-technical language, understandable by the general public, and in a convenient format. On or before January 30 of each year, the operator shall certify to the Franchise Authority and to the office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau that it has distributed the Notice as provided in RSA 53-C:3-d during the previous calendar year as required.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

# REPORTS, AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE TESTS

## Section 14.1 - GENERAL

- (a) Upon request of the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee shall promptly submit to the Franchise Authority any information regarding the Franchisee, its business and operations, and/or any Affiliated Person, with respect to the Cable System, including, but not limited to, all matters in connection with or affecting the construction, reconstruction, removal, maintenance, operation and repair of Franchisee's Cable System, which is reasonably required to establish the Franchisee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to this Franchise Renewal.
- (b) If the Franchisee believes that the documentation requested by the Franchise Authority involves proprietary information, then the Franchisee shall submit the information to its counsel, who shall confer with the Franchise Authority's Attorney for a determination of the validity of the Franchisee's claim of a proprietary interest.
- (c) If the Franchise Authority's Attorney agrees that the material is of a proprietary nature, the information furnished shall not become a public record and shall be accepted by the Franchise Authority on the condition of confidentiality. If no agreement is reached, either party may have recourse to a court of competent jurisdiction in the State.

#### Section 14.2 - COMPLAINT LOG

- (a) Pursuant to RSA53-C:3-e and the regulations of the Communications Act and the FCC, the Franchisee shall keep a record or log of all Complaints. Such records shall be maintained by the Franchisee for a period of three (3) years.
- (b) Such record(s) shall contain the following information for each Complaint received:
  - (i) Date, time, and nature of the Complaint
  - (ii) Name, address, telephone number of complainant;
  - (iii) Investigation of the Complaint; and
  - (iv) Manner and time of resolution of the Complaint.
- (c) If the Complaint regards equipment malfunction or the quality of reception, the Franchisee shall maintain a log indicating the corrective steps it has taken, with the nature of the problem stated. This log shall be available upon request for inspection by the Franchise Authority or its designee(s) at the Cable System office during regular business hours.
- (d) If the Franchise Authority is concerned about unresolved Complaints, the Franchisee shall make available to the Franchise Authority for its inspection such records, as allowed by applicable law.

#### Section 14.3 - OUTAGE LOG

The Franchisee shall maintain an outage log showing the date, approximate time, duration, type and probably cause of all Headend, Trunk and Distribution System Service failures due to causes other than routine testing or maintenance at reasonable times. These logs shall be made available, upon request, to the Franchise Authority or its designee(s), for inspection at the System office or Headend and maintained by the Franchisee for a period of not less than three (3) years.

# **Section 14.4 - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE TESTS**

- (a) Franchisee agrees to maintain its cables, Cable Drops and all connectors used therewith, in good condition and good repair at all times. Franchisee shall insure that its system is in full compliance with all applicable technical rules contained in part 76 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (See Exhibit A).
- (b) Franchisee shall make measurements of leakage, as defined in 76.609 of the FCC Rules (Exhibit A). A report of these tests shall be provided by the Franchisee to the Franchise Authority or their designee(s), upon request. Franchisee agrees to respond within twenty-four (24) hours to any and all Complaints of radio frequency interference alleged to be caused by the operation of its Cable System and shall resolve such Complaints at the

Franchisee's own expense and initiative. The Franchisee shall maintain a log of each Complaint of alleged radio frequency interference to other radio or television Users or Services along with a description of the resolution of the Complaint.

(c) Franchisee further agrees to respond within twenty-four (24) hours to any and all Complaints of radio frequency interference caused to its cable Subscribers from other radio users upon Reasonable Notice of such interference, and to the extent that such interference is under the Control of the Franchisee, shall resolve any interference, which may be occurring. The Costs to eliminate the interference will be the responsibility of the party causing the interference pursuant to FCC rules and regulations.

#### Section 14.5 - FILINGS

- (a) The Franchisee shall make available upon request from the Franchise Authority, copies of any petitions or communications with any State or federal agency or commission pertaining to any material aspect of the Cable System operation hereunder.
- (b) In the event that either the Franchise Authority or the Franchisee requests from any State or federal agency or commission a waiver or advisory opinion that would affect the operations of the Cable Television System hereunder, it shall immediately notify the other party in writing of said request, petition or waiver.
- (c) Any materials, reports, survey results or other documents required to be provided to the Franchise Authority pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided on a confidential basis, pursuant to R.S.A. Section 91A.

#### **Section 14.6 - INVESTIGATION**

The Franchisee shall cooperate fully and faithfully with any lawful investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a Town governmental department, division or agency.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### **Section 15.1 - 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 or amended orally in any manner, but only by an instrument in writing executed by both parties.

#### **Section 15.2 - CAPTIONS**

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

#### Section 15.3 - SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision of this Franchise Renewal is determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any State or federal regulatory agency having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect for the term of this Franchise Renewal.

## Section 15.4 - ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AFFILIATES

During the term of this Franchise Renewal, the Franchisee shall be liable for the acts or omission of its Affiliates while such Affiliates are involved directly or indirectly, in the construction, Installation, extension, maintenance or operation of the Cable System as if the acts or omissions of such Affiliates were the acts of omissions of the Franchisee.

#### Section 15.5 - FRANCHISE RENEWAL EXHIBITS

The Exhibits to this Franchise Renewal attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are incorporated herein by this reference and expressly made a part of this Franchise Renewal.

# **Section 15.6 - WARRANTIES**

The Franchisee warrants, represents and acknowledges, and agrees that at or before the execution of this Franchise Renewal, the Franchisee shall submit to the Franchise Authority, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Franchise Authority's Attorney, an appropriate document evidencing its warranties, that, as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Renewal:

- (a) The Franchisee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire;
- (b) The 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 Effective Date of this Franchise Renewal and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this Franchise Renewal:
- (c) To the best of the Franchisee's knowledge, there is no action or proceedings pending or threatened against the Franchisee, which would interfere with performance of this Franchise Renewal.

# **Section 15.7 - FORCE MAJEURE**

If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party is unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations hereunder, said party shall not be deemed in violation or default during the continuance of such inability.

### Section 15.8 - APPLICABILITY OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

All of the provisions in this Franchise Renewal shall apply to, and are enforceable against, the Franchise Authority, the Franchisee, and their respective successors and assignees.

#### **Section 15.9 - NOTICES**

All Notices to be sent pursuant to this section shall be in writing and shall be mailed by Certified Mail with Return Receipt requested to verify delivery. Notice to the Franchise Authority shall be given to: Board of Selectmen, Town of Milton, 45 Washburn Road, Milton, NH 03222. Notice to Franchisee shall be given to General Manager, MetroCast Cablevision, 9 Apple Road, Belmont, NH 03220. Either party may advise the other in writing of any change in address or designated agency for receipt of Notice.

## Section 15.10 - PROPRIETARY AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If the Franchisee reasonably believes that any documentation to be provided, or requested to be provided, to the Franchise Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Franchise Renewal Agreement, contains proprietary or confidential information, then the Franchisee shall provide the Franchise Authority with written Notice thereof, and the Franchise Authority shall safeguard the information against disclosure, to the extent authorized under RSA91-A.

#### Section 15.11 - TERM

All obligations of the Franchisee and the Franchise Authority set forth in the Franchise Renewal, except as set forth herein differently, shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Franchise Renewal and shall continue for the term of the Franchise Renewal except as expressly provided for herein.

#### Section 15.12 - AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Each of the parties hereto has had full opportunity to review, revise and clarify the provisions and terms of this agreement with the assistance of an attorney and no party hereto shall be deemed to be drafter of this document for the purpose of having ambiguities construed against the drafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Franchise Renewal to be executed by their duly authorized representative this 1974 day of May, 2008.

Witness:

Drew Walente

Witness:

TOWN OF MILTON, NH

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Bv:

METROCAST CABLEVISION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By: Moira Campbell General Manager MetroCast Cablevision

Date: 5-19-08

# $\underline{Exhibit\ A-FCC\ Technical\ Standards}$

(attached)



# SUBPART K - TECHNICAL STANDARDS

- §76.601 Performance tests. (a) The operator of each cable television system shall be responsible for insuring that each such system is designed, installed, and operated in a manner that fully complies with the provisions of this subpart.
- (b) The operator of each cable television system shall conduct complete performance tests of that system at least twice each calendar year (at intervals not to exceed seven months), unless otherwise noted below. The performance tests shall be directed at determining the extent to which the system complies with all the technical standards set forth in §76.605(a) and shall be as follows:
- (1) For cable television systems with 1000 or more subscribers but with 12,500 or fewer subscribers, proof-of-performance tests conducted pursuant to this section shall include measurements taken at six (6) widely separated points. However, within each cable system, one additional test point shall be added for every additional 12,500 subscribers or fraction thereof (e.g., 7 test points if 12,501 to 25,000 subscribers; 8 test points if 25,001 to 37,500 subscribers, etc.). In addition, for technically integrated portions of cable systems that are not mechanically continuous (i.e., employing microwave connections), at least one test point will be required for each portion of the cable system served by a technically integrated microwave hub. The proof-of-performance test points chosen shall be balanced to represent all geographic areas served by the cable system. At least one-third of the test points shall be representative of subscriber terminals most distant from the system input and from each microwave receiver (if microwave transmissions are employed), in terms of cable length. The measurements may be taken at convenient monitoring points in the cable network: Provided, that data shall be included to relate the measured performance of the system as would be viewed from a nearby subscriber terminal. An identification of the instruments, including the makes, model numbers, and the most recent date of calibration, a description of the procedures utilized, and a statement of the qualifications of the person performing the tests shall also be included.
- (2) Proof-of-performance tests to determine the extent to which a cable television system complies with the standards set forth in §76.605(a)(3), (4), and (5) shall be made on each of the NTSC or similar video channels of that system. Unless otherwise as noted, proof-of-performance tests for all other standards in §76.605(a) shall be made on a minimum of four (4) channels plus one additional channel for every 100 MHz, or fraction thereof, of cable distribution system upper frequency limit (e.g., 5 channels for cable television systems with a cable distribution system upper frequency limit of 101 to 216 MHz; 6 channels for cable television systems with a cable distribution system upper frequency limit of 217-300 MHz; 7 channels for cable television systems with a cable distribution upper frequency limit to 300 to 400 MHz, etc.). The channels selected for testing must be representative of all the channels within the cable television system.
- (3) The operator of each cable television system shall conduct semi-annual proof-of-performance tests of that system, to determine the extent to which the system complies with the technical standards set forth in §76.605(a)(4) as follows. The visual signal level on each channel shall be measured and recorded, along with the date and time of the measurement, once every six hours (at intervals of not less than five hours or no more than seven hours after the previous measurement), to include the warmest and the coldest times, during a 24-hour period in January or February and in July or August.
- (4) The operator of each cable television system shall conduct triennial proof-of-performance tests of its system to determine the extent to which the system complies with the technical standards set forth in §76.605(a)(11).
- (c) Successful completion of the performance tests required by paragraph (b) of this section does not relieve the system of the obligation to comply with all pertinent technical standards at all subscriber terminals. Additional tests, repeat tests, or tests involving specified subscriber terminals may be required by the Commission or the local franchiser to secure compliance with the technical standards.



- §76.605 Technical standards. (a) As of December 30, 1992, unless otherwise noted, the following requirements apply to the performance of a cable television system as measured at any subscriber terminal with a matched impedance at the termination point or at the output of the modulating or processing equipment (generally the headend) of the cable television system or otherwise as noted. The requirements are applicable to each NTSC or similar video downstream cable television channel in the system:
- (1)(i) The cable television channels delivered to the subscriber's terminal shall be capable of being received and displayed by TV broadcast receivers used for off-the-air reception of TV broadcast signals, as authorized under Part 73 of this chapter; and
- (ii) Cable television systems shall transmit signals to subscriber premises equipment on frequencies in accordance with the channel allocation plan set forth in the Electronics Industries Association's "Cable Television Channel Identification Plan, EIA IS-132, May 1994" (EIA IS-132). This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 USC §522(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Cable systems are required to use this channel allocation plan for signals transmitted in the frequency range 54 MHz to 1002 MHz. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 USC §522(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Copies of EIA IS-132 may be obtained from: Global Engineering Documents, 2805 McGraw Ave., Irvine CA 92714. Copies of EIA IS-132 may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Dockets Branch (Room 239), Washington, DC, or the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC. This requirement is applicable on May 31, 1995, for new and re-built cable systems, and on June 30, 1997, for all cable systems.
- (2) The aural center frequency of the aural carrier must be 4.5 MHz ±5 kHz above the frequency of the visual carrier at the output of the modulating or processing equipment of a cable television system, and at the subscriber terminal.
- (3) The visual signal level, across a terminating impedance which correctly matches the internal impedance of the cable system as viewed from the subscriber terminal, shall not be less than 1 millivolt across an internal impedance of 75 ohms (0 dBmV). Additionally, as measured at the end of a 30 meter (100 foot) cable drop that is connected to the subscriber tap, it shall not be less than 1.41 millivolts across an internal impedance of 75 ohms (+3 dBmV). (At other impedance values, the minimum visual signal level, as viewed from the subscriber terminal, shall be the square root of 0.0133(Z) millivolts and, as measured at the end of a 30 meter (100 foot) cable drop that is connected to the subscriber tap, shall be 2 times the square root of 0.00662(Z) millivolts, where Z is the appropriate impedance value.)
- (4) The visual signal level on each channel, as measured at the end of a 30 meter cable drop that is connected to the subscriber tap, shall not vary more than 8 decibels within any six-month interval which must include four tests performed in six-hour increments during a 24-hour period in July or August and during a 24-hour period in January or February, and shall be maintained within:



- (ii) The ratio of visual signal level to coherent disturbances which are frequency-coincident with the visual carrier shall not be less than 47 decibels for coherent channel cable systems, when measured with modulated carriers and time averaged.
  - (9) The terminal isolation provided to each subscriber terminal:
- (i) Shall not be less than 18 decibels. In lieu of periodic testing, the cable operator may use specifications provided by the manufacturer for the terminal isolation equipment to meet this standard; and
- (ii) Shall be sufficient to prevent reflections caused by open-circuited or short-circuited terminals from producing visible picture impairments at any other subscriber terminal.
- (10) The peak-to-peak variation in visual signal level caused by undesired low frequency disturbances (hum or repetitive transients) generated within the system, or by inadequate low frequency response, shall not exceed 3 percent of the visual signal level. Measurements made on a single channel using a single unmodulated carrier may be used to demonstrate compliance with this parameter at each test location.
- (11) As of June 30, 1995, the following requirements apply to the performance of the cable television system as measured at the output of the modulating or processing equipment (generally the headend) of the system:
- (i) The chrominance-luminance delay inequality (or chroma delay), which is the change in delay time of the chrominance component of the signal relative to the luminance component, shall be within 170 nanoseconds.
- (ii) The differential gain for the color subcarrier of the television signal, which is measured as the difference in amplitude between the largest and smallest segments of the chrominance signal (divided by the largest and expressed in percent), shall not exceed ±20%.
- (iii) The differential phase for the color subcarrier of the television signal which is measured as the largest phase difference in degrees between each segment of the chrominance signal and reference segment (the segment at the blanking level of 0 IRE), shall not exceed  $\pm 10$  degrees.
- (12) As an exception to the general provision requiring measurements to be made at subscriber terminals, and without regard to the type of signals carried by the cable television system, signal leakage from a cable television system shall be measured in accordance with the procedures outlined in §76.609(h) and shall be limited as follows:

	Signal Leakage	
Frequencies	Limit (Microvolts/meters)	Distance in meters (m)
Less than and including 54 MHz, and over 216 MHz	15	30
Over 54 up to and including 216 MHz	20	3

(b) Cable television systems distributing signals by using methods such as nonconventional coaxial cable techniques, noncoaxial copper cable techniques, specialized coaxial cable and fiber optical cable hybridization techniques or specialized compression techniques or specialized receiving devices, and which, because of their basic design, cannot comply with one or more of the technical standards set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, may be permitted to operate: provided, that an adequate showing is made pursuant to §76.7 which establishes that the public interest is benefited. In such instances, the Commission may prescribe special technical requirements to ensure that subscribers to such systems are provided with an equivalent level of good quality service.



Subparagraphs (a)(3)-(a)(6), (a)(10-(a)(12) and NOTE 2 amended and NOTES 4-6 added by order in Docket Nos. 91-169 and 85-38, effective December 30, 1992, 57 FR 61009. For Memorandum Opinion see 71 RR 2d 816.

Subparagraphs (a)(5) and (a)(12) amended by order in Docket No. 18397 et al., effective July 14, 1972, 37 FR 13848. For Report see 25 RR 2d 1501.

Subparagraph (a)(8) amended effective December 7, 1976, 41 FR 53027. For Order see 39 RR 2d 100.

Subdivision (a)(9)(iii) amended by order in Docket No. 78-253, effective June 17, 1982, 47 FR 21468. For Report see 51 RR 2d 476.

NOTE at end of section added by order in Docket No. 85-301, effective July 20, 1987, 52 FR 22459. For Report see 63 RR 2d 137.

Section amended by order in Docket No. 20561, effective May 16, 1977, 42 FR 19329. For Report see 40 RR 2d 571.

Section amended by order in Docket No. 20765, effective June 6, 1977, 42 FR 21779. For Report see 40 RR 2d 853.

Section revised by order in Docket Nos. 91-169 and 85-38, effective June 30, 1992, 57 FR 11000. For Report see 70 RR 2d 679.

## §76.606 Closed captioning. - (a) The requirements for closed captioning are as follows:

- (1) As of June 30, 1992, the operator of each cable television system shall not take any action to remove or alter closed captioning data contained on line 21 of the vertical blanking interval; and
- (2) As of July 1, 1993, the operator of each cable television system shall deliver intact closed captioning data contained on line 21 of the vertical blanking interval, as it arrives at the headend or from another origination source, to subscriber terminals and (when so delivered to the cable system) in a format that can be recovered and displayed by decoders meeting §15.119 of the Rules.

# **Historical Note**

Section added by order in Docket Nos. 91-169 and 85-38, effective June 30, 1992, 57 FR 11000. For Report see 70 RR 2d 679.

## §76.607 [Deleted]

#### **Historical Note**

Section ("Resolution of complaints") deleted by order in Docket No. 98-132, effective October 5, 2000, 65 FR 53610. For Report see 15 CR 406.

Section added by order in Docket Nos. 91-169 and 85-38, effective June 30, 1992, 57 FR 11000. For Report see 70 RR 2d 679.

Section revised by order in Docket Nos. 91-169 and 85-38, effective December 30, 1992, 57 FR 61009. For Memorandum Opinion see 71 RR 2d 816.



- (f) The amplitude of discrete frequency interfering signals with a cable television channel may be determined with either a spectrum analyzer or with a frequency-selective voltmeter (field strength meter), which instruments have been calibrated for adequate accuracy. If calibration accuracy is in doubt, measurements may be referenced to a calibrated signal generator, or a calibrated variable attenuator, substituted at the point of measurement. If an amplifier is used between the subscriber terminal and the measuring instrument, appropriate corrections must be made to account for its gain.
- (g) The terminal isolation between any two terminals in the cable television system may be measured by applying a signal of known amplitude to one terminal and measuring the amplitude of that signal at the other terminal. The frequency of the signal should be close to the mid-frequency of the channel being tested. Measurements of terminal isolation are not required when either (1) the manufacturer's specifications for subscriber tap isolation based on a representative sample of no less than 500 subscribers taps or (2) laboratory tests performed by or for the operator of a cable television system on a representative sample of no less than 50 subscriber taps, indicates that the terminal isolation standard of §76.605(a)(9) is met. To demonstrate compliance with §76.605(a)(9), the operator of a cable television system shall attach either such manufacturer's specifications or laboratory measurements as an exhibit to each proof-of-performance record.
- (h) Measurements to determine the field strength of the signal leakage emanated by the cable television system shall be made in accordance with standard engineering procedures. Measurements made on frequencies above 25 MHz shall include the following:
- (1) A field strength meter of adequate accuracy using a horizontal dipole antenna shall be employed.
- (2) Field strength shall be expressed in terms of the rms value of synchronizing peak for each cable television channel for which signal leakage can be measured.
- (3) The resonant half wave dipole antenna shall be placed 3 meters from and positioned directly below the system components and at 3 meters above ground. Where such placement results in a separation of less than 3 meters between the center of the dipole antenna and the system components, or less than 3 meters between the dipole and ground level, the dipole shall be repositioned to provide a separation of 3 meters from the system components at a height of 3 meters or more above ground.
- (4) The horizontal dipole antenna shall be rotated about a vertical axis and the maximum meter reading shall be used.
- (5) Measurements shall be made where other conductors are 3 or more meters (10 or more feet) away from the measuring antenna.

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*§76.610* Operation in the frequency bands 108-137 and 225-400 MHz. - scope of application. - The provisions of §§76.611, 76.612, 76.613, 76.614, 76.1803 and 76.1804 are applicable to all cable television systems transmitting carriers or other signal components carried at an average power level equal to or greater than 10<sup>-4</sup> watts across a 25 kHz bandwidth in any 160 microsecond period, at any point in the cable distribution system in the frequency bands 108-137 and 225-400 MHz for any purpose. For grandfathered systems, refer to §§76.618 and 76.619.

NOTE 1: See the provisions of §76.616 for cable operation near certain aeronautical and marine emergency radio frequencies.

NOTE 2: Until January 1, 1990, the band 136-137 MHz is allocated as an alternative allocation to the space operation, meteorological-satellite service and the space research service on a primary basis. After January 1, 1990, the space service will become secondary to aeronautical mobile service radio. Until January 1, 1990, the band 136 to 137 MHz is excluded from the rule sections regarding protection of aeronautical frequencies.

#### **Historical Note**

Section added by order in Docket No. 21006, effective January 1, 1978, 42 FR 41284. For Report see 41 RR 2d 509.

Section amended by order in Docket No. 21006, effective December 17, 1984 or upon approval by the Office of Management and Budget, 49 FR 45431. For Second Report see 57 RR 2d 144.

Section revised by order in Docket No. 21006, effective August 19, 1985, 50 FR 29394. For Opinion see 58 RR 2d 892.

Section amended by order in Docket No. 98-132, effective October 5, 2000, 65 FR 53610. For Report see 15 CR 406.

§76.611 Cable television basic signal leakage performance criteria. - (a) No cable television system shall commence or provide service in the frequency bands 108-137 and 225-400 MHz unless such system is in compliance with one of the following cable television basic signal leakage performance criteria:

(1) Prior to carriage of signals in the aeronautical radio bands and at least once each calendar year, with no more than 12 months between successive tests thereafter, based on a sampling of at least 75% of the cable strand, and including any portions of the cable system which are known to have or can reasonably be expected to have less leakage integrity than the average of the system, the cable operator demonstrates compliance with a cumulative signal leakage index by showing either that (A) 10 log 13000 is equal to or less than -7 or (B) 10 log 1 ∞ is equal to or less than 64, using one of the following formulae:



- (2) Prior to carriage of signals in the aeronautical radio bands and at least once each calendar year, with no more than 12 months between successive tests thereafter, the cable operator demonstrates by measurement in the airspace that at no point does the field strength generated by the cable system exceed 10 microvolts per meter (uV/m) rms at an altitude of 450 meters above the average terrain of the cable system. The measurement system (including the receiving antenna) shall be calibrated against a known field of 10 uV/m rms produced by a well characterized antenna consisting of orthogonal resonant dipoles, both parallel to and one quarter wavelength above ground plane of a diameter of two meters or more at ground level. The dipoles shall have centers collocated and be excited 90 degrees apart. The half-power bandwidth of the detector shall be 25 kHz. If an aeronautical receiver is used for this purpose it shall meet the standards of the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA) for aeronautical communications receivers. The aircraft antenna shall be horizontally polarized. Calibration shall be made in the community unit or, if more than one, in any of the community units of the physical system within a reasonable time period to performing the measurements. If data is recorded digitally the 90th percentile level of points recorded over the cable system shall not exceed 10 uV/m rms; if analog recording is used the peak values of the curves, when smoothed according to good engineering practices, shall not exceed 10 uV/m rms.
- (b) In paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section the unmodulated test signal used on the cable plant shall: (1) be within the VHF aeronautical band 108-137 MHz or any other frequency in which the results can be correlated to the VHF aeronautical band and (2) have an average power level equal to the average power level of the strongest cable television carrier on the system.
- (c) In paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, if a modulated test signal is used, the test signal and detector technique must, when considered together, yield the same result as though an unmodulated test signal were used in conjunction with a detection technique which would yield the rms value of said unmodulated carrier.
- (d) If a sampling of at least 75% of the cable strand (and including any portions of the cable system which are known to have or can reasonably be expected to have less leakage integrity than the average of the system) as described in paragraph (a)(1) cannot be obtained by the cable operator or is otherwise not reasonably feasible, the cable operator shall perform the airspace measurements described in paragraph (a)(2).
- (e) Prior to providing service to any subscriber on a new section of cable plant, the operator shall show compliance with either: (1) the basic signal leakage criteria in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section for the entire plant in operation or (2) a showing shall be made indicating that no individual leak in the new section of the plant exceeds 20 uV/m at 3 meters in accordance with \$76.609 of the rules.
- (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, a cable operator shall be permitted to operate on any frequency which is offset pursuant to §76.612 in the frequency band 108-137 MHz for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the cable television basic signal leakage performance criteria.

NOTE: The provisions of §76.611 will become effective on July 1, 1990.



§76.612 Cable television frequency separation standards. - All cable television systems which operate in the frequency bands 108-137 and 225-400 MHz shall comply with the following frequency separation standards:

- (a) In the aeronautical radiocommunication bands 118-137, 225-328.6 and 335.4-400 MHz, the frequency of all carrier signals or signal components carried at an average power level equal to or greater than 10-4 watts in a 25 kHz bandwidth in any 160 microsecond period must operate at frequencies offset from certain frequencies which may be used by aeronautical radio services operated by Commission licensees or by the United States Government or its Agencies. The aeronautical frequencies from which offsets must be maintained are those frequencies which are: (1) within one of the aeronautical bands defined in this subparagraph, and (2) when expressed in MHz and divided by 0.025 yield an integer. The offset must meet one of the following two criteria:
- (1) all such cable carriers or signal components shall be offset by 12.5 kHz with a frequency tolerance of  $\pm$  /-5 kHz; or
- (2) the fundamental frequency from which the visual carrier frequencies are derived by multiplication by an integer number which shall be 6.0003 MHz with a tolerance of  $\pm$ 1-1 Hz (Harmonically Related Carrier (HRC) comb generators only).
- (b) In the aeronautical radionavigation bands 108-118 and 328.6-335.4 MHz, the frequency of all carrier signals or signal components carried at an average power level equal to or greater than  $10^{-4}$  watts in a 25 kHz bandwidth in any 160 microsecond period shall be offset by 25 kHz with a tolerance of  $\pm$ -5 kHz. The aeronautical radionavigation frequencies from which offsets must be maintained are defined as follows:
- (1) within the aeronautical band 108-118 MHz when expressed in MHz and divided by 0.025 yield an even integer.
- (2) within the band 328.6-335.4 MHz, the radionavigation glide path channels are listed in §87.501 of the rules.

NOTE: The HRC system, as described above, will meet this requirement in the 328.6-335.4 MHz navigation glide path band. Those Incrementally Related Carriers (IRC) systems, with comb generator reference frequencies set at certain odd multiples equal to or greater than 3 times the 0.0125 MHz aeronautical communications band offset, e.g. (6n + 1.250 + /-0.0375) MHz, may also meet the 25 kHz offset requirement in the navigation glide path band.



- §76.613 Interference from a multichannel video programming distributor ("MVPD"). (a) Harmful interference is any emission, radiation or induction which endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with this chapter.
- (b) An MVPD that causes harmful interference shall promptly take appropriate measures to eliminate the harmful interference.
- (c) If harmful interference to radio communications involving the safety of life and protection of property cannot be promptly eliminated by the application of suitable techniques, operation of the offending MVPD or appropriate elements thereof shall immediately be suspended upon notification by the District Director and/or Resident Agent of the Commission's local field office, and shall not be resumed until the interference has been eliminated to the satisfaction of the District Director and/or Resident Agent. When authorized by the District Director and/or Resident Agent, short test operations may be made during the period of suspended operation to check the efficacy of remedial measures.
- (d) The MVPD may be required by the District Director and/or Resident Agent to prepare and submit a report regarding the cause(s) of the interference, corrective measures planned or taken, and the efficacy of the remedial measures.

#### **Historical Note**

Section amended by order in Docket No. 21006, effective January 1, 1978, 42 FR 41284. For Report see 41 RR 2d 509.

Section (formerly "Interference from a cable television system") retitled and subsections (b), (c), and (d) amended by order in Docket Nos. 95-184 and 92-260, effective March 13, 1998, 62 FR 61016, 63 FR 15103. For Report see 10 CR 193.



# §76.615 [Deleted]

#### **Historical Note**

Section ("Notification requirements") deleted by order in Docket No. 98-132, effective October 5, 2000, 65 FR 53610. For Report see 15 CR 406.

Section added by order in Docket No. 21006, effective December 17, 1984 or upon approval by the Office of Management and Budget, 49 FR 45431. For Second Report see 57 RR 2d 144.

Section revised by order in Docket No. 21006, effective August 19, 1985, 50 FR 29394. For Opinion see 58 RR 2d 892.

Introductory text and subsection (a) amended by order in Docket No. 98-61, effective June 24, 1999, 64 FR 28106. For Report see 15 CR 537.



**§76.618** Grandfathering. - Cable television systems are permitted to use aeronautical frequencies which were requested or granted for use by November 30, 1984, under §76.619 of the rules, until July 1, 1990.

# Historical Note

Section added by order in Docket No. 21006, effective December 17, 1984 or upon approval by the Office of Management and Budget, 49 FR 45431. For Second Report see 57 RR 2d 144.

Section revised by order in Docket No. 21006, effective August 19, 1985, 50 FR 29394. For Opinion see 58 RR 2d 892.



(f) A minimum frequency offset between the nominal carrier frequency of an aeronautical radio service qualifying under paragraph (d) of this section and the nominal frequency of any cable system carrier or signal component capable of delivering peak power equal to or greater than 10<sup>-5</sup> watts shall be maintained or exceeded at all times. The minimum frequency offsets are as follows:

Frequencies	Minimum frequency offsets
108-118 MHz	······································
335.4-400 MHz	

In this table, T is the absolute value of the frequency tolerance of the cable television signal. The actual frequency tolerance will depend on the equipment and operating procedures of the cable system, but in no case shall the frequency tolerance T exceed ±25 kHz in the bands 108-136 and 225-400 MHz.

#### **Historical Note**

Section added by order in Docket No. 21006, effective August 19, 1985, 50 FR 29394. For Opinion see 58 RR 2d 892.

*§76.620* Non-cable multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs"). - (a) Sections 76.605(a)(12), 76.610, 76.611, 76.612, 76.614, 76.1804(a)-(f), 76.616, and 76.617 shall apply to all non-cable MVPDs. However, non-cable MVPD systems that are substantially built as of January 1, 1998 shall not be subject to these sections until January 1, 2003. "Substantially built" shall be defined as having 75 percent of the distribution plant completed. As of January 1, 2003, §76.1804(g) shall apply to all non-cable MVPDs.

(b) To comply with §76.1804(b), a non-cable MVPD shall submit its Internal Revenue Service's Employer Identification (E.I.) number instead of an FCC identifier.

#### **Historical Note**

Section added by order in Docket Nos. 95-184 and 92-260, effective December 15, 1997, 62 FR 61016. For Report see 10 CR 193.

Section amended by order in Docket No. 98-132, effective October 5, 2000, 65 FR 53610. For Report see 15 CR 406.



#### **Historical Note**

Section added by order in Docket No. 93-7, effective June 15, 1994, 59 FR 25339. For First Report see 75 RR 2d 152.

Subsection (a) amended by order (DA 02-577) released March 11, 2002 and effective March 25, 2002, 67 FR 13230.

Subsection (c) deleted, (d) and (e) redesignated (c) and (d) and revised by order in Docket No. 93-7, effective May 28, 1996, 61 FR 18508. For Memorandum Opinion see 2 CR 1179.

Subsections (c) and (d) deleted, NOTE amended and redesignated NOTE 1 and NOTES 2 and 3 added by order in Docket No. 98-132, effective October 5, 2000, 65 FR 53610. For Report see 15 CR 406.

NOTE 4 added by order (FCC 01-314) in Docket No. 98-132, effective February 13, 2002, 67 FR 1649. For Second Report see 24 CR 1273.

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## SUBPART L - CABLE TELEVISION ACCESS

#### **Historical Note**

Subpart L (§76.701) added by order in Docket No. 92-258, effective June 11, 1993, 58 FR 7990. For First Report see 71 RR 2d 1177.

§76.701 Leased access channels. - (a) Notwithstanding 47 USC §532(b)(2) (Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Section 612), a cable operator, in accordance with 47 USC §532(h) (Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Section 10(a)), may adopt and enforce prospectively a written and published policy of prohibiting programming which, it reasonably believes, describes or depicts sexual or excretory activities or organs in a patently offensive manner as measured by contemporary community standards.

(b) A cable operator may refuse to transmit any leased access program or portion of a leased access program that the operator reasonably believes contains obscenity, indecency or nudity.

NOTE to paragraph (b): "Nudity" in paragraph (b) is interpreted to mean nudity that is obscene or indecent.

#### **Historical Note**

[Subsection (i) added by order in Docket No. 96-85, effective April 30, 1996, 61 FR 18968. For Order see 2 CR 1147. Effective April 30, 1996, subsection (i) is stayed.]

Section revised by order in Docket No. 92-258, effective October 29, 1997, 62 FR 28371, 61034. For Memorandum Opinion see 7 CR 979. The bracketed **Historical Note** above refers to the rule prior to this revision.

NOTE to subsection (b) added by order in Docket No. 96-85, effective August 31, 1999, 64 FR 35948. For Report see 15 CR 465.

# Exhibit B - Cable Television Service Area

(attached)

# Exhibit C - Municipal & School Buildings

# Municipal:

- 1. Milton Town Hall
- 2. Milton Public Safety Building
- 3. Milton Public Works Department
- 4. Milton Fire Department, Milton Mills
- 5. Milton Police Station

# Schools:

- 1. Milton Elementary School
- 2. Milton High School

# **MetroCast**

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 310, 599 White Mountain Hwy
Milton, NH 03851
Re: Tenerife Road, Mason Road, Piggott Rd

May 9, 2008

Dear Board of Selectmen,

As requested, MetroCast has agreed to extend services to the residents of Tenerife, Mason and Piggott Road area upon the completion of an executed Franchise renewal agreement. Metrocast has agreed to be solely responsible for all construction costs without passing on the expense to these said residents. Additionally Metrocast will not require any obligation or commitment to these residents. When services are available to the residents the "Standard Installation" rate would apply.

Sincerely,

Moira Campbell General Manager

MetroCast Cablevision of NH