

207 CMR: CABLE TELEVISION DIVISION

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6.01: Adoption of Federal Cable Rate Regulations

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, § 15 and 47 U.S.C. § 543, federal regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission at Subpart N, "Cable Rate Regulations," 47 CFR § 76.901 *et seq.*, as amended, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in 207 CMR 6.01.

6.02: Commission as Rate Regulator

The Commission is the certified "franchising authority" for regulating basic service tier rates and associated equipment costs in Massachusetts.

6.03: Rate Hearing Procedures

All rate hearings conducted in accordance with M.G.L. c. 166A, § 15 shall be subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.00.

6.04: Commission Rate Regulation

The Commission shall, consistent with FCC regulations, regulate the basic service tier and equipment rates:

- (1) At the request of an issuing authority; or
- (2) On its own if the Commission finds such regulation to be in the public interest. In any case where the Commission acts on its own to regulate rates without the request of an issuing authority, the Commission shall notify the relevant issuing authority and cable operator prior to commencing regulation.

6.05: Hearing and Notice Requirements

For purposes of fixing and establishing rates pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, § 15, the Commission shall conduct public hearings at the Commission's principal office or at such other site as it may designate. Public notice of any hearing shall be made pursuant to 207 CMR 2.02, to insure that there is a reasonable opportunity for consideration of the views of interested parties.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

207 CMR 6.00: M.G.L. c. 166A

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