

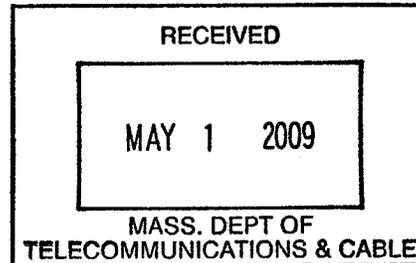


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Dear Ms. Williams:

This is in response to the Request For Comment & Notice Of Public Hearing of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication and Cable on the Verizon Petition to eliminate the Form 500 requirement that cable operators report the total numbers of their subscribers.

We believe that any application by Verizon or any other entity that would seek to replace or serve simultaneously with the current licensee should also be obliged to fulfill the same obligations that are in the current license agreements.

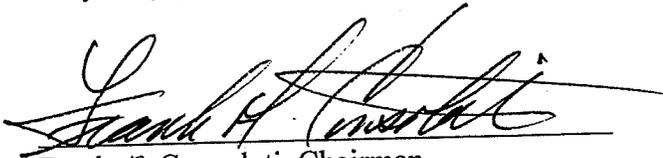
The providing of total number of subscribers has been going on for decades for good reason:

- Pending Verizon's legislation would make local payments for PEG Access providers proportional to each cable company's share of subscribers. To do so would *necessitate* the reporting of subscriber counts.
- The current licensee is the main source of funding for CTSB, our PEG Access provider based on subscriber count and it is our contention that any cable licensee, current or competitive, should continue to provide that funding. CTSB provides a significant public service and has historically based its budgeting in part on subscriber counts, thus helping to make that process as accurate as is possible.
- We believe that subscriber count information is helpful in license negotiations and oversight. With license negotiations currently in process in Sheffield and approaching for the other four towns in the not too distant future, the value subscriber counts becomes even more significant.

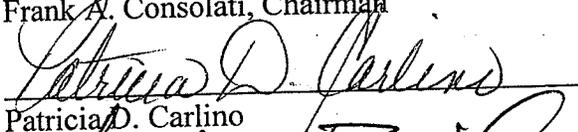
- Verizon is, in this case asking us to change the playing field but we believe that having information about the number of subscribers is a good, useful tool and should certainly be preserved if not expanded.

Thank you for your consideration.

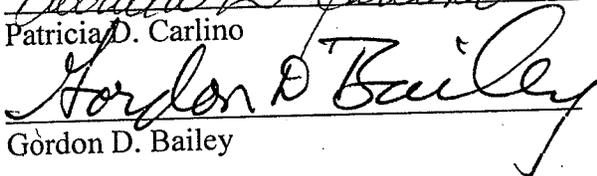
Very truly yours,



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