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July 16, 2015

Sara Clark
Executive Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street-Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Re: DTC 15-1/Cox Form 1205 and Form 1240 Annual Filings for Holland, MA

Dear Secretary Clark:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above matter an original and three (3) copies the responses of Cox Communications to the Department's hearing Record Requests 1-6. Do not hesitate to contact me if the Department has any questions regarding these responses or needs any additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Alan D. Mandl

Enclosures
cc: Service List by email

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

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Town of Holland)
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D.T.C. 15-1

**RESPONSES OF COX COMMUNICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD
REQUESTS**

RR-1 In what DMA(s) are Hartford, Connecticut and Springfield, Massachusetts located?

RESPONSE Hartford is part of the Hartford-New Haven DMA. Springfield is part of the Springfield Holyoke DMA.

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- RR-3** (a) Would Cox be able to carry WBZ content (news, non-CBS programming) that is separate from CBS content?
- (b) If so, has Cox investigated this type of carriage of WBZ?

RESPONSE

- (a) No, Cox does not have the rights to carry WBZ in whole or in part.
- (b) N/A.

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- RR-4** (a) Does Cox carry NECN in Holland?
 (b) If so, would Cox consider moving NECN to the basic service tier?

RESPONSE

- (a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

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- RR-5**
- (a) Referring to Form 1205 Schedule C, Line D, please explain how the gross book values for remotes and addressable boxes were derived.
 - (b) Referring to Form 1205 Schedule C, Line D, please explain why the gross book values are lower than they were on the previous Form 1205.

RESPONSE

- (a) These gross book values are taken directly from our fixed asset ledger and represent the gross book value that we carry on our books.
- (b) These gross book values are lower on the 2013 Form 1205 than on the 2012 Form 1205 due to a significant amount of disposals performed to remove dollars for equipment that was no longer in service or in inventory.

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- RR-6** (a) Referring to Form 1205 Schedule C, Line J, please explain how the current provision for depreciation was derived.
- (b) Explain why the current provision for depreciation expense for addressable boxes is higher than the net book value of addressable boxes as shown in Schedule C, Line G.

RESPONSE

- (a) The current provision for depreciation is taken from the fixed asset ledger. It represents the total depreciation that was calculated and recorded on existing converters and remotes for the period in question. This equipment is depreciated over a 3 year life using straight line depreciation.
- (b) The fact that the depreciation expense is higher than the net book value means that there is depreciation from prior periods that has reduced net book value, whereas the current provision for depreciation is derived by applying the applicable depreciation rate to gross book value for the 2013 period. Converter additions were \$7.4 million in 2011, \$11.6 million in 2012 and \$6.3 million in 2013.

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