

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS REGULATION

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY Cable Television Division

ORDER ON COMPLIANCE FILING

CTV 04-6

Review by the Cable Television Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of Federal Communications Commission Forms 1240 and 1205 filed by Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C., d/b/a Charter Communications-Massachusetts.

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On December 13, 2005, the Cable Television Division ("Cable Division") of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy issued a rate order concerning Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C., d/b/a Charter Communications Massachusetts's ("Charter" or "the Company") proposed Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Forms 1240 and 1205 for its regulated Massachusetts communities. Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C., d/b/a Charter Communications-Massachusetts, CTV 04-6 (2005) ("Order"). During the proceeding, Charter indicated that, due to the Cable Division's concerns about the appropriateness of including marketing expenses in the regulated equipment rate, it would not seek to recover any commission expenses on the FCC Form 1205 at this time, and proposed to remove these costs from the form (Tr. at 54-55; Order at 5). We therefore directed Charter to resubmit its FCC Form 1205, with no commission expenses included on Schedule B. Order at 5, 12.

On December 20, 2005, Charter resubmitted its FCC Form 1205 ("Compliance Filing"). We find that Charter has modified its FCC Form 1205 and removed all commission expenses from Schedule B, in compliance with the Order. We therefore approve the Compliance Filing. The Compliance Filing does not adjust the maximum permitted rates for equipment, but does reduce the hourly service charge, and hence the maximum permitted rates for installations. However, because Charter is charging subscribers less than its maximum permitted rates for equipment and installations, no refunds to subscribers are due.

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The attached schedule provides, for all communities, Charter's previous and current equipment rates, as well as its proposed and approved maximum permitted equipment rates.

By Order of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy Cable Television Division

/s/ Alicia C. Matthews
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Director

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REGULATED EQUIPMENT RATES For All Communities

	Previous Operator Selected Rate	Current Operator Selected Rate Effective February 1, 2005	Proposed Maximum Permitted Rate	Approved Maximum Permitted Rate
Remote	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.39	\$0.39
Converter 1	\$3.96	No charge	\$3.26	\$3.26
Converter: Digital	\$3.96	\$3.96	\$6.76	\$6.76
Converter: HD/DVR	-	\$6.95	\$7.89	\$7.89
Cable Card	-	\$1.50	\$1.59	\$1.59
Hourly Service Charge	\$25.49	\$25.49	\$37.13	\$36.82