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#### BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Board of Selectmen Town of Cohasset 41 Highland Avenue Cohasset, MA 02025

Re: Cohasset - Verizon Final Cable Television License

#### Dear Board of Selectmen:

Enclosed please find two (2) original executed copies of the Cable Television Final License granted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset to Verizon New England Inc. on November 30, 2009.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Antonucci

Attorney for Verizon Communications, Inc.

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#### Enclosures

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# CABLE TELEVISION FINAL LICENSE

GRANTED TO VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

**NOVEMBER 30, 2009** 

BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF COHASSET, MASSACHUSETTS

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THIS CABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT (this "License") is entered into by and between the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset, as Issuing Authority for the grant of the cable television license pursuant to the Massachusetts Cable Law (M.G.L. c. 166A), and Verizon New England, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the applicable laws of the State of New York (the "Licensee").

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority wishes to grant Licensee a nonexclusive License to install, maintain, extend and operate a Cable System in the Town as designated in this License;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority is a "franchising authority" in accordance with Title VI (as hereinafter defined) (see 47 U.S.C. § 522(10)) and is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive cable licenses pursuant to the Massachusetts Cable Law;

WHEREAS, Licensee is in the process of upgrading its existing Telecommunications Facilities through the installation of a Fiber to the Premise Telecommunications Network ("FTTP Network") in the Town which transmits Non-Cable Services pursuant to authority granted by M.G.L. c. 166 and Title II, which Non-Cable Services are not subject to the Massachusetts Cable Law or Title VI;

WHEREAS, the FTTP Network occupies the Public Rights-of-Way within the Town, and Licensee desires to use portions of the FTTP Network once installed to provide Cable Services (as hereinafter defined) in the Town;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 207 CMR 3.03(2), Licensee submitted an application dated February 2, 2009, on Cable Division Form 100 for a license to operate and maintain a Cable System in the Town;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 207 CMR 3.03(3), the Issuing Authority released an Issuing Authority Report dated April 7, 2009, and Licensee submitted an amended application dated May 14, 2009;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 207 CMR 3.03(4), the Issuing Authority held a public hearing to assess the qualifications of Licensee, and has found Licensee to be financially, technically and legally qualified to operate the Cable System;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Cable Law, the grant of a nonexclusive License to Licensee is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority and Licensee have reached agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein and the parties have agreed to be bound by those terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority exercised diligent efforts to ensure that the terms and conditions of this License are, when taken as a whole in light of all relevant circumstances, not more favorable nor less burdensome than those in the Renewal Cable Television License dated April 15, 2009, granted by the Issuing Authority to Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc., and the

Issuing Authority has made findings reasonably demonstrating such equivalency of overall benefits and burdens.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Issuing Authority's grant of a License to Licensee, Licensee's promise to provide Cable Service to residents of the Town pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and the adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged,

THE SIGNATORIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and word usages set forth in the Communications Act are incorporated herein and shall apply in this License. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1.1. Access Channel: A video Channel, which Licensee shall make available to the Town and/or its designee(s) without charge for non-commercial public, educational, or governmental use for the transmission of Video Programming as directed by the Town and in accordance with the terms of this License.
- 1.2. Affiliate: Any Person who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, the Licensee.
- 1.3. Basic Service: Any service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals as well as the PEG Access Channels required by this License.
- 1.4. Cable Division: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.
- 1.5. Cable Service or Cable Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(6) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).
- 1.6. Cable System or System: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(7) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(7).
- 1.7. Channel: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).
  - 1.8. CMR: The Code of Massachusetts Regulations.
- 1.9. Communications Act: The Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.), which includes the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended (including as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996).

- 1.10. Control: The ability to exercise de facto or de jure control over day-to-day policies and operations or the management of corporate affairs.
- 1.11. Educational Access Channel: An Access Channel available for the use of the local public schools in the Town and/or of a non-profit entity, as designated by the Issuing Authority.
- 1.12. FCC: The United States Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.
- 1.13. Force Majeure: An event or events reasonably beyond the ability of Licensee or the Issuing Authority to anticipate and control. With respect to the Licensee, Force Majeure includes, but is not limited to, severe or unusual weather conditions, strikes, labor disturbances, lockouts, war or act of war (whether an actual declaration of war is made or not), insurrection, riots, act of public enemy, actions or inactions of any government instrumentality or public utility including condemnation, accidents for which the Licensee is not primarily responsible, fire, flood, or other acts of God, or work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor utility poles to which Licensee's FTTP Network is attached, and unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.
- 1.14. Franchise Fee: Shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622 (g) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §542(g)).
- 1.15. FTTP Network: Shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals of this License.
- 1.16. Government Access Channel: An Access Channel available for use of the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s).
- 1.17. Gross Revenue: All revenue, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which is derived by Licensee from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Town, including, without limitation, the following items: fees, charges and payments collected from Subscribers for Cable Services (including, but not limited to, basic and premium Cable Services and pay-per-view Cable Services); installation, reconnection, change-in-service (upgrades, downgrades, etc.) and similar charges; revenues received from rentals or sales to Subscribers of converters, remote controls and other Subscriber equipment used to provide Cable Service over the Cable System; fees from third parties for leased access programming; revenues that the Licensee receives from home shopping channels for the use of the Cable System to sell merchandise as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the Town; advertising revenues as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the Town; and all fees imposed on the Licensee by this License and applicable law that are passed through and paid by Subscribers (including the License Fee (Section 6.1), and the PEG Access Support (Section 5.2.2) as long as the Issuing Authority provides evidence that these fees of the other cable provider(s) in the Town are included in their respective gross revenue). Gross Revenue shall include revenue of an Affiliate only to the extent that such Affiliate revenue relates to the provision of Cable Services over the Cable System in the Town, and not the revenues of any such Affiliate that are not related thereto.

In no event shall revenue of an Affiliate be Gross Revenue to the Licensee if such revenue is otherwise subject to Franchise Fees and paid to the Issuing Authority.

Provided, however, that Gross Revenue shall not include:

- 1.17.1. Revenues received by any Affiliate or other Person in exchange for supplying goods or services used by Licensee to provide Cable Service over the Cable System, except to the extent that such revenues are derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Town;
- 1.17.2. Bad debts written off by Licensee in the normal course of its business, provided, however, that bad debt recoveries shall be included in Gross Revenue during the period collected;
  - 1.17.3. Refunds, rebates or discounts made to Subscribers;
- 1.17.4. Any revenues classified as Non-Cable Services revenue under federal or State law including, without limitation, revenue received from Telecommunications Services; or revenue received from Information Services, including, without limitation, Internet Access Service, electronic mail service, electronic bulletin board service, or similar online computer services;
- 1.17.5. Any revenue of Licensee or any other Person which is received directly from the sale of merchandise through any Cable Service distributed over the Cable System, notwithstanding that portion of such revenue which represents or can be attributed to a Subscriber fee or a payment for the use of the Cable System for the sale of such merchandise, which portion shall be included in Gross Revenue;
- 1.17.6. Revenues from the sale of Cable Services on the Cable System to a reseller, when the reseller is required by law to pay (and does pay) Franchise Fees and other cable license fees to the Town on the resale of the Cable Services. Nothing under this Section is intended to limit the rights of the Town pursuant to Section 622(h) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 542(h));
- 1.17.7. Any tax of general applicability imposed by a Town, state, federal or any other governmental entity and required to be collected from Subscribers by Licensee and remitted to the taxing entity (including, but not limited to, sales/use taxes and non-cable license fees):
- 1.17.8. Any revenue foregone as a result of the Licensee's provision of free or reduced cost Cable Services as required by this License to any Person, including without limitation, employees of Licensee and public institutions or other institutions as required or permitted herein and to other customers which are exempt, as required or allowed by the Town; provided, however, that such foregone revenue which Licensee chooses not to receive in exchange for trades, barters, services or other items of value shall be included in Gross Revenue;
- 1.17.9. Revenues from the sales of capital assets or sales of surplus equipment;

#### 1.17.10. Program launch fees; and

- 1.17.11. Directory or Internet advertising revenue including, but not limited to, yellow page, white page, banner advertisement and electronic publishing.
- 1.18. Information Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(20).
- 1.19. *Internet Access Service*: Dial-up or broadband access service that enables Subscribers to access the Internet.
  - 1.20. Issuing Authority: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset.
- 1.21. License Fee: The payments to be made by the Licensee to the Town, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 9 of the Massachusetts Cable Law.
- 1.22. Licensee: Verizon New England, Inc., and its lawful and permitted successors, assigns and transferees.
- 1.23. Massachusetts Cable Law: Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 1.24. *Non-Cable Services*: Any service that does not constitute the provision of Cable Services, including, but not limited to, Information Services and Telecommunications Services.
- 1.25. 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.
- 1.26. Normal Operating Conditions: Those service conditions which are within the control of the Licensee. Those conditions which are not within the control of the Licensee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are within the control of the Licensee include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or rebuild of the Cable System. See 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c)(4)(ii).
  - 1.27. PEG: Public, educational, and governmental.
- 1.28. *Person*: An individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.
- 1.29. Public Access Channel: An Access Channel available for the use by the residents in the Town.
- 1.30. Public Rights-of-Way: The surface and the area across, in, over, along, upon and below the surface of the public streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, lanes, courts, ways,

alleys, and boulevards, including, public utility easements and public lands and waterways used as Public Rights-of-Way, as the same now or may thereafter exist, which are under the jurisdiction or control of the Town.

- 1.31. Service Area: All portions of the Town where Cable Service is being offered, as outlined in Exhibit A.
- 1.32. Service Date: The date that the Licensee first provides Cable Service on a commercial basis directly to multiple Subscribers in the Town. The Licensee shall memorialize the Service Date by notifying the Issuing Authority in writing of the same, and the date set forth in such notice shall become a part of this License.
  - 1.33. State: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
  - 1.34. Subscriber: A Person who lawfully receives Cable Service in the Town.
- 1.35. Telecommunications Facilities: Licensee's existing Telecommunications Services and Information Services facilities, including the FTTP Network.
- 1.36. Telecommunication Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(46).
  - 1.37. Title II: Title II of the Communications Act.
  - 1.38. Title VI: Title VI of the Communications Act.
  - 1.39. Town: The Town of Cohasset, Massachusetts.
  - 1.40. Transfer: Any transaction in which:
- 1.40.1. an ownership or other interest in Licensee is transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly, from one Person or group of Persons to another Person or group of Persons, so that Control of Licensee is transferred; or
- 1.40.2. the rights held by Licensee under the License are transferred or assigned to another Person or group of Persons.
- 1.41. Video Programming: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(20) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(20).

# 2. GRANT OF AUTHORITY; LIMITS AND RESERVATIONS

2.1. Grant of Authority: Subject to the terms and conditions of this License and the Massachusetts Cable Law, the Issuing Authority hereby grants the Licensee the right to operate and maintain a Cable System within the Town, for the purpose of providing Cable Service. Reference herein to "Public Rights-of-Way" 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 Licensee shall gain or be permitted to exercise any rights to use property Town of Cohasset - Verizon Cable Television Final License

in the Town greater than those already possessed by the Town or which is inconsistent with the purposes for which it was taken, purchased and/or dedicated. This License grants no authority for the Licensee to use the Public Rights-of-Way within the Town for any other purpose unless otherwise provided herein. However, nothing in this License shall be construed to prohibit the Licensee from offering any service over the Cable System that is not prohibited by federal or State law provided that any requirements for Town authorization or permitting not inconsistent with federal and State law are satisfied. The Licensee's FTTP Network in the Public Rights-of-Way, which the Licensee has upgraded under its Title II authority, is subject to M.G.L. c. 166. The Licensee shall, subject to Section 2.2 below, adhere to all applicable Town bylaws and lawful regulations of the Town regarding rights-of-way and public works matters, including rights-of-way management requirements with regard to public safety and other legitimate municipal concerns. Nothing in this Section 2.1 shall be deemed to prohibit the right of the Licensee to challenge the legality of such a Town bylaw or regulation. No privilege or power of eminent domain is bestowed by this grant; nor is such a privilege or power bestowed by this License.

- 2.2. Issuing Authority Does Not Regulate Telecommunications: The parties recognize that the Licensee's FTTP Network is being constructed and will be operated and maintained as an upgrade to and/or extension of its existing Telecommunications Facilities for the provision of Non-Cable Services. The jurisdiction of the Town over such Telecommunications Facilities is restricted by federal and State law, and the Town does not assert jurisdiction over the Licensee's FTTP Network in contravention of those limitations. Therefore, the Issuing Authority's regulatory authority under Title VI is not applicable to the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the FTTP Network to the extent the FTTP Network is constructed, installed, maintained and operated for the purpose of upgrading and/or extending Verizon's existing Telecommunications Facilities for the provision of Non-Cable Services.
- 2.3. Term: This License shall become effective on November 30, 2009 (the "Effective Date"). The term of this License shall be ten (10) years from the Effective Date unless this License is earlier revoked or terminated as provided herein, or surrendered.
- 2.4. Grant Not Exclusive: This License and the rights granted herein to use and occupy the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Cable Services shall not be exclusive, and the Issuing Authority reserves the right to grant other licenses for similar uses or for other uses of the Public Rights-of-Way, or any portions thereof, to any Person, or to make any such use themselves, at any time during the term of this License. Any such rights shall not be in conflict with the authority as granted by this License. Disputes between the Licensee and other parties regarding use of Public Rights-of-Way shall be resolved in accordance with applicable law.
- 2.5. License Subject to Federal and State Law/Preemption: This License is subject to and shall be governed by all applicable provisions of federal and State law and regulations as they may be amended, including but not limited to the Communications Act and the Massachusetts Cable Law. In the event that federal or State law, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this License, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent, and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required by law. In the event such federal or State law, rule or regulation is subsequently

repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the parties hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if subsequent to the Effective Date, there is a change in federal or State law that eliminates the authority of the Issuing Authority to require, grant or maintain this License, then to the extent permitted under law this License shall survive such legislation and remain in effect for the term of this License.

#### 2.6. No Waiver:

- 2.6.1. The failure of the Issuing Authority on one or more occasions to exercise a right or to require compliance or performance under this License, the Massachusetts Cable Law or any other applicable law, bylaw or lawful regulation shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of compliance or performance by the Issuing Authority, nor to excuse Licensee from complying or performing, unless such right or such compliance or performance has been specifically waived in writing by the Issuing Authority.
- 2.6.2. The failure of the Licensee on one or more occasions to exercise a right under this License or applicable law, or to require performance under this License, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or of performance of this License, nor shall it excuse the Issuing Authority from performance, unless such right or performance has been specifically waived in writing by the Licensee.

# 2.7. Construction of Agreement:

- 2.7.1. The provisions of this License shall be liberally construed to effectuate their objectives.
- 2.7.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the scope or applicability of Section 625 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 545.
- 2.7.3. Should any change to local bylaws, rules or regulations cause the Licensee's provision of Cable Services in the Town to be commercially impracticable, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate such commercial impracticability. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced modification to this License, then, at the Licensee's option the parties shall submit the matter to binding arbitration.
- 2.8. Police Powers: Nothing in this License shall be construed to prohibit the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the Town's police powers. However, if the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the Town's police powers causes the Licensee's provision of Cable Services in the Town to be commercially impracticable, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate such commercial impracticability. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced modification to this License, then, at the Licensee's option, the parties shall submit the matter to binding arbitration.

# 3. PROVISION OF CABLE SERVICE

#### 3.1. Service Area:

- 3.1.1. Service Area: Licensee shall offer Cable Service to a significant number of residents in the Service Area within twelve (12) months of the Effective Date, and shall offer Cable Service to all occupied residential dwelling units of the Service Area within five (5) years of the Effective Date of this License, except: (A) for periods of Force Majeure; (B) for periods of delay caused by the Town; (C) for periods of delay resulting from Licensee's inability to obtain authority to access rights-of-way in the Town; (D) in areas where developments or buildings are subject to claimed exclusive arrangements with other providers; and (E) in developments or buildings that Licensee cannot obtain permission to access under reasonable terms and conditions after good faith negotiation, as reasonably determined by Licensee; (F) in buildings where Licensee is unable to provide Cable Service for technical reasons or which require non-standard facilities which are not available on a commercially reasonable basis; and (G) in areas where the occupied residential household density does not meet the density requirement set forth in Section 3.1.2.
- 3.1.2. Density Requirement: Licensee shall make Cable Services available to residential dwelling units in all areas of the Service Area where the average density is equal to or greater than thirty (30) occupied residential dwelling units per mile in areas served by aerial plant or greater than sixty (60) occupied residential dwelling units per mile in areas served by underground plant, as measured in strand footage from the nearest technically feasible point on the active FTTP Network trunk or feeder line. Should, through new construction, an area within the Service Area meet the density requirement after the time stated for providing Cable Service as set forth in Section 3.1.1, Licensee shall provide Cable Service to such area within six (6) months of receiving notice from the Issuing Authority that the density requirement have been met.
- 3.2. Availability of Cable Service: Licensee shall make Cable Service available to all residential dwelling units within the Town in conformance with Section 3.1 and Licensee shall not discriminate between or among any individuals in the availability of Cable Service. In the areas in which Licensee provides Cable Service, the Licensee shall be required to connect, at Licensee's expense other than a standard installation charge, all residential dwelling units that are within one hundred twenty five (125) feet of trunk or feeder lines not otherwise already served by Licensee's FTTP Network. Where a residential connection exceeds such lengths, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from such Subscriber the actual cost of connection attributable to the distance in excess of the lengths above.
- 3.3. Availability of Cable Service To Businesses: The Licensee may make Cable Service available to businesses. The Licensee may recover the actual cost incurred to connect any business to the Cable System for the provision of Cable Service.
- 3.4. Cable Service to Public Buildings: Subject to Section 3.1 and pursuant to Section 5(e) of the Massachusetts Cable Law, Licensee shall provide a cable drop and an outlet activated for Basic Service along its cable routes within the Service Area at no cost to public schools, police and fire stations, public libraries, and other public buildings designated in writing by the Issuing Authority. All such written designations shall include the street address of each

building. The current designation of such buildings and their addresses is set forth in **Exhibit B**. Licensee shall not be responsible for the cost of any terminal equipment (including television monitors, VCRs, DVDs, DVRs and/or computers) and shall not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged converters or other equipment that may be provided by Licensee. The cost of additional drops or outlets, inside wiring for said additional drops or outlets, and any converters requested by the Issuing Authority within the public buildings is the responsibility of the Town. The Licensee shall coordinate the location of each outlet with representatives for each of the buildings receiving service pursuant to this Section 3.3, including consideration of locating such outlet in a building hub or wire closet capable of transmitting signals through the buildings internal wiring where reasonable, technically feasible and not cost prohibitive.

#### 4. SYSTEM FACILITIES

- 4.1. System Characteristics: Licensee's Cable System shall meet or exceed the following requirements and/or have at least the following characteristics:
- 4.1.1. The Cable System shall be designed with an initial analog and digital passband of 50-860 MHz.
- 4.1.2. The Cable System shall be designed to be an active two-way plant for subscriber interaction, if any, required for the selection or use of Cable Service.
- 4.1.3. The Cable System shall comply with applicable FCC technical standards, as such standards may be amended from time to time.
- 4.2. Emergency Alert System: Licensee shall comply with the Emergency Alert System ("EAS") requirements of the FCC in order that emergency messages may be distributed over the Cable System.
- 4.3. Interconnection With Other Cable Systems: The Licensee shall design its Cable System so that it may be interconnected with other cable systems in the Town. Interconnection of systems may be made by direct cable connection, microwave link, satellite, or other appropriate methods.
- 4.4. Parental Control Capability: The Licensee shall comply with all applicable requirements of federal law(s) governing Subscribers' capability to control the reception of any channels being received on their television sets.

# 5. PEG SERVICES AND SUPPORT

#### 5.1. PEG Access Channels:

5.1.1. The Licensee shall, in order to ensure universal availability of PEG programming, make available to the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) capacity on its Basic Service tier for two (2) Channels for Public Access, Educational Access and Government Access (collectively, "PEG Access Channels").

5.1.2. The Issuing Authority hereby authorizes the Licensee to transmit PEG Access programming within the Town's jurisdictional boundaries and outside the Town's jurisdictional boundaries to other areas that are served out of the same central offices as those that serve the Town. Licensee specifically reserves the right to make or change such PEG Access Channel assignments in its sole discretion, however, Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to assign the PEG Access Channels to channel numbers within the first fifty (50) channels of its channel lineup. If a PEG Access Channel provided under this Article is not being utilized by the Town or its designee, the Licensee may utilize such PEG Access Channel, in its sole discretion, until such time as the Town elects to utilize the PEG Access Channel for its intended purpose. In the event that the Town determines to again use such PEG capacity, the Town shall provide Licensee with one hundred twenty (120) days' prior written notice.

The Licensee, at the 5.1.3. PEG Interconnection and Cablecasting: Licensee's expense, shall connect its Cable System to equipment owned by the Town or the Access Corporation at the PEG Access Studio in Town Hall (located at 41 Highland Avenue), and shall build an auxiliary link to connect the Town High School (located at 143 Pond Street) to The Licensee shall cablecast, on a live basis, all PEG Access the PEG Access Studio. Programming (on the PEG Access Channels referenced in Section 5.1.1 above) originated exclusively at the PEG Access Studio and at the High School. The Licensee shall build the connection to the PEG Access Studio and the auxiliary link between the High School and the PEG Access Studio within one hundred eighty (180) days of the Effective Date. The Issuing Authority and the authorized representatives of the PEG Access Studio and the High School shall reasonably cooperate with the Licensee with respect to all connections, including, without limitation, providing the Licensee with timely and reasonably sufficient access to the PEG Access Studio, environmentally suitable and adequate floor space, cable pathways and electrical power. The Issuing Authority and/or the Access Corporation shall be responsible for the picture and audio quality of all PEG Access Programming up to the demarcation point (the "Demarcation Point"), and for ensuring all PEG Access Programming is inserted on the appropriate PEG Access Channel. The Demarcation Point between the Licensee's signal processing equipment and the Town's and/or the Access Corporation's modulation equipment shall be at the output of the Town's and/or the Access Corporation's modulator(s) at the PEG Access Studio. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensee shall not be obligated to provide the Town or the Access Corporation with either cablecast equipment and facilities or the personnel responsible for maintaining and operating such equipment and facilities used to generate or administer any PEG Access signals. The Issuing Authority, the Access Corporation and the Licensee shall work together in good faith to resolve any interconnection issues.

5.1.4. PEG Technical Quality: The Licensee shall monitor the PEG Access Channels for technical quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards the same or better than those which apply to the Cable System's commercial channels, provided, however, that the Licensee is not responsible for the production quality of PEG programming productions, nor for any deficiencies in the source signal it receives from any party over which the Licensee has no control, nor for any PEG Access equipment not owned by the Licensee.

## 5.2. PEG Grant and Access Support:

- 5.2.1. *PEG Grant*: Licensee shall provide a grant to the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) to be used for PEG access equipment and facilities or cable-related technological purposes (hereinafter also referred to as the "PEG Grant"). The PEG Grant shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), and payable within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date.
- 5.2.2. *PEG Access Support*: The Licensee shall provide annual funding to the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) for PEG Access operating support or other PEG Access costs and expenses as set forth below (the "PEG Access Support"), subject to the limitation in Section 6.2.
  - 3.85% of Gross Revenues from the Effective Date through March 31, 2011;
  - 3.5% of Gross Revenues from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2014; and
  - 3.2% of Gross Revenues from April 1, 2014 through the end of the term of this License.

The PEG Access payments made directly to the Issuing Authority shall be placed by the Issuing Authority in a restricted account for cable related purposes in the nature of a grant account and not into the general fund, which account will be under the control of the Issuing Authority.

- 5.2.3. The PEG Access Support payments (Section 5.2.2) shall be made no later than forty-five (45) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The final PEG Access Support payment shall be made no later than forty-five (45) days following the expiration of the License term. Each payment made pursuant to this Section 5.2.3 shall be accompanied by a statement certified by a duly authorized representative of the Licensee documenting, in reasonable detail, the Gross Revenue as defined in Section 1.17. If Cable Services subject to the calculation of Gross Revenues are provided to Subscribers in conjunction with Non-Cable Services, the amount of such revenue included in the calculation of Gross Revenues shall be only the value of the Cable Services, as reflected on the books and records of the Licensee in accordance with FCC or State rules, regulations, standards or orders.
- 5.3. PEG Operational Rules: The Issuing Authority shall require all local producers and users of any of the PEG facilities or Channels to agree in writing to authorize the Licensee to transmit programming consistent with this License. The Issuing Authority shall establish rules and regulations for use of PEG facilities consistent with, and as required by, Section 611 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 531).
- 5.4. Recovery of Costs. To the extent permitted by federal law, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover the costs of PEG interconnection (Section 5.1.3), the PEG Access Support payments (Section 5.2.2), and any other costs arising from the provision of PEG services and related payments, required by this License, from Subscribers and to include such costs as a separately billed line item on each Subscriber's bill.

- 5.5. Non-Commercial Programming: The Issuing Authority and its designee(s) shall not use the PEG Access Channels to provide for-profit commercial programming. Nothing in this Section 5.5 shall prohibit the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) from having memberships, sponsorships, underwriting or acknowledgements (such as underwriting and acknowledgements accepted by PBS), to the extent not otherwise prohibited by applicable law and regulation.
- 5.6. Listing of PEG Channels On Licensee's Electronic Program Guide: If the Licensee lists PEG programming on its electronic program guide in any other city or town in the State (other than on a test or trial basis), then it shall, upon request of the Issuing Authority, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority the suitability of listing the Town's PEG programming on the Licensee's electronic program guide.
- 5.7. PEG Access Video-On-Demand: If the Licensee provides any other Town or Town in the State with PEG access "video-on-demand" ("VOD") (other than on a test or trial basis), it shall, upon request of the Issuing Authority, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority the provision of PEG access VOD in the Town, provided that, as a result of said discussions, the Licensee shall be under no obligation to provide PEG access VOD in the Town.

# 6. FRANCHISE AND LICENSE FEES

- 6.1. License Fee: Pursuant to Massachusetts Cable Law, (M.G.L. c. 166A, Section 9), the Licensee shall pay to the Town, throughout the term of this License, a license fee equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber per year (the "License Fee").
- 6.2. Maximum Franchise Fee Obligation: The Licensee shall not be liable for a total Franchise Fee, pursuant to this License and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of its annual Gross Revenues; provided that said five percent (5%) shall include (i) the License Fee payable to the Town (Section 6.1), (ii) the License Fee payable to the State pursuant to Section 9 of the Massachusetts Cable Law, and (iii) the PEG Access Support funding (Section 5.2.2), but it shall not include any other exclusions to the term "Franchise Fee" pursuant to Sections 622(g)(2) of the Communications Act.
- 6.3. Payment Information: In determining the License Fee, the number of Subscribers shall be measured as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year. The License Fee shall be paid no later than March 15 of each year during the term of this License.
- 6.4. Limitation on Actions: The parties agree that the period of limitation for recovery of any payment obligation under this License shall be four (4) years from the date on which payment by Licensee is due.
- 6.5. Method of Payment: The PEG Grant, the PEG Access support and the License Fee shall be made payable to the Town and provided to the Issuing Authority, unless the Licensee is otherwise notified in writing by the Issuing Authority.

# 6.6. Other Payment Obligations and Exclusions:

6.6.1. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, the Franchise Fee and License Fee payments shall be in addition to and shall not constitute an offset or credit against any and all taxes or other fees or charges of general applicability which Licensee or any Affiliate shall be required to pay to the Town, or to any State or federal agency or authority, as required herein or by law; the payment of said taxes, fees or charges shall not constitute a credit or offset against the License Fee payments all of which shall be separate and distinct obligations of the Licensee and each Affiliate.

6.6.2. In accordance with Section 622(h) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §542(h), nothing in the Communications Act or this License shall be construed to limit any authority of the Issuing Authority to impose a tax, fee or other assessment of any kind on any Person (other than the Licensee) with respect to Cable Service or other communications service provided by such Person over the Cable System for which charges are assessed to Subscribers but not received by the Licensee. For any twelve (12) month period, the fees paid by any such Person with respect to any such Cable Service or other communications service shall not exceed five percent (5%) of such Person's gross revenues derived in such period from the provision of such service over the Cable System.

## 7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Requirements are set forth in **Exhibit C**, which shall be binding unless amended by written consent of the parties.

# 8. REPORTS AND RECORDS AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

- 8.1. Open Books and Records: Upon at least thirty (30) business days written notice to the Licensee, the Issuing Authority shall have the right to inspect the Licensee's books and records pertaining to the Licensee's provision of Cable Service in the Town at any time during Normal Business Hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this License. Such notice shall specifically reference the section or subsection of this License which is under review, so that the Licensee may organize the necessary books and records for appropriate access by the Issuing Authority. The Licensee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for License compliance purposes longer than four (4) years.
- 8.2. Proprietary Books and Records: If Licensee believes that the requested information is confidential and proprietary, the Licensee must provide the following documentation to the Town: (i) specific identification of the information; (ii) statement attesting to the reason(s) Licensee believes the information is confidential; and (iii) statement that the documents are available at the Licensee's designated offices within the State for inspection by the Town. The Town shall take reasonable steps consistent with applicable law to protect the proprietary and confidential nature of any books, records, Service Area maps, plans, or other Town-requested documents that are provided to the extent they are designated as such by the

Licensee in accordance herewith, including, without limitation, cooperating with the Licensee's exercise of its rights to protect its confidential information from public disclosure.

- 8.3. Privacy: The Licensee shall take all reasonable steps required to ensure that it is able to provide the Town with all information that must be provided or may be requested under this License or applicable law, including the issuance of appropriate Subscriber privacy notices. The Licensee shall be responsible for redacting any data that applicable law prevents it from providing to the Town. Nothing in this Article 8 shall be read to require a Licensee to violate federal or State law protecting Subscriber privacy
  - 8.4. Records Required: The Licensee shall at all times maintain:
- 8.4.1. Records of all written Complaints for a period of three (3) years after receipt by the Licensee.
- 8.4.2. Records of outages for a period of three (3) years after occurrence, indicating date, duration, area, and the number of Subscribers affected, type of outage, and cause;
- 8.4.3. Records of service calls for repair and maintenance for a period of three (3) years after resolution by the Licensee, indicating the date and time service was required, the date of acknowledgment and date and time service was scheduled (if it was scheduled), and the date and time service was provided, and (if different) the date and time the problem was resolved;
- 8.4.4. Records of installation/reconnection and requests for service extension for a period of three (3) years after the request was fulfilled by the Licensee, indicating the date of request, date of acknowledgment, and the date and time service was extended; and
- 8.4.5. A map showing the area of coverage for the provisioning of Cable Services and estimated timetable to commence providing Cable Service.
- 8.5. Additional Reports: The Licensee shall, upon written request by the Issuing Authority, provide the Issuing Authority with a copy of any documents or forms filed by the Licensee with the FCC and/or the DTE that materially pertain to the Licensee's Cable System in the Town.
- 8.6. Proof of Performance Tests: Upon written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall provide copies of performance tests required by applicable law.
- 8.7. Performance Evaluations: The Licensee, if requested in writing by the Issuing Authority, shall attend a performance evaluation hearing no more than once per year. Nothing in this Section 8.8 shall limit any rights that the Issuing Authority may have to conduct additional hearings and/or compel the Licensee's attendance at such hearing. The Issuing Authority shall provide Licensee with the results of its performance evaluation in writing within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of such hearing.

## 9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

#### 9.1. Insurance:

- 9.1.1. Licensee shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the term of this License, the following insurance coverage:
- 9.1.1.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for property damage and bodily injury. Such insurance shall cover the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, and the conduct of the Licensee's Cable Service business in the Town.
- 9.1.1.2. Automobile Liability Insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage coverage.
- 9.1.1.3. Workers' Compensation Insurance meeting all legal requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 9.1.1.4. Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (A) Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000; and (B) Bodily Injury by Disease: \$100,000 employee limit; \$500,000 policy limit.
- 9.1.1.5. Excess liability or umbrella coverage covering in umbrella form all other insurance required by this Article 9, of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000).
- 9.1.2. The Town shall be included as additional insured under each of the insurance policies required in this Section 9.1 except Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability. The limits required above may be satisfied with a combination of primary and excess coverage.
- 9.1.3. Licensee shall not cancel any required insurance policy without submitting documentation to the Issuing Authority verifying that the Licensee has obtained alternative insurance in conformance with this License.
- 9.1.4. Each of the required insurance policies shall be with sureties qualified to do business in the State, with a B+ or better rating for financial condition and financial performance by Best's Key Rating Guide, Property/Casualty Edition.
- 9.1.5. The Licensee shall deliver to the Issuing Authority Certificates of Insurance showing evidence of the required coverage.

#### 9.2. Indemnification:

9.2.1. The Licensee shall indemnify and hold the Town harmless at all times during the term of this License from any and all claims for injury and damage to persons or

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property, both real and personal, caused by the installation, operation, or maintenance of any structure, equipment, wire or cable authorized to be installed pursuant to this License, provided that the Town shall give the Licensee written notice of its request for indemnification within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensee shall not indemnify the Town for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Town, its officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties or for any activity or function conducted by any Person other than the Licensee.

9.2.2. With respect to the Licensee's indemnity obligations set forth in Section 9.2.1, the Licensee shall, at its own expense, provide the defense of any claims brought against the Town by selecting counsel of the Licensee's choice to defend the claim, subject to the consent of the Town, which shall not unreasonably be withheld. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Town from cooperating with the Licensee and participating in the defense of any litigation by its own counsel at its own cost and expense, provided however, that after consultation with the Town, the Licensee shall have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claim or action arising hereunder, and the Licensee shall have the authority to decide the appropriateness and the amount of any such settlement. In the event that the terms of any such proposed settlement includes the release of the Town and the Town does not consent to the terms of any such settlement or compromise, the Licensee shall not settle the claim or action but its obligation to indemnify the Town shall in no event exceed the amount of such proposed settlement.

- 9.2.3. The Town shall hold harmless and defend the Licensee from and against, and shall be responsible for, damages, liability or claims resulting from or arising out of the willful misconduct or negligence of the Town.
- 9.2.4. The Town shall be responsible for its own acts of willful misconduct or negligence, or breach of obligation, subject to any and all defenses and limitations of liability provided by law. The Licensee shall not be required to indemnify the Town for acts of the Town which constitute willful misconduct or negligence, on the part of the Town, its officers, employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties.
- 9.2.5. Neither the provisions of this Section 9.2, nor any damages recovered by the Town shall be construed to limit the liability of the Licensee or its subcontractors for damages under this License or to excuse the faithful performance of obligations required by this License, except to the extent that any monetary damages suffered by the Town have been satisfied by a financial recovery under this section or other provisions of this License.

#### 10. PERFORMANCE BOND

10.1. Prior to the Service Date, Licensee shall provide to the Town, and shall maintain throughout the remainder of the term of this License, a performance bond in the Town's favor in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) securing the performance of Licensee's obligations under this License. The Town may not attempt to collect

under this bond unless thirty (30) days have passed since the Town provided the Licensee with written notice of its intent to collect under this bond. If within this thirty (30) day time frame, Licensee gives written notice it disputes entitlement to payments from Licensee for which it has refused to make payment, the parties shall promptly meet to attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith amongst themselves.

- Exhibit D; however, notwithstanding any provision in Exhibit D, nothing shall permit the amount of the bond or any replacement bond to be less than the minimum amount required by Section 10.1 above. The Licensee shall not permit the performance bond to expire or approach less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration without securing and delivering to the Town a substitute, renewal or replacement bond in conformance with applicable law. The Licensee shall not materially change the terms of said bond without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority.
- any and all amounts due to the Town and any and all damages, losses, costs, and expenses incurred by the Town resulting from the failure of the Licensee to comply with the material provisions of this License, to comply with all orders, permits and directives of any Town agency or body having jurisdiction over its acts or defaults, to pay fees or penalties due to the Town, or to pay any claims, taxes or liens due to the Town. Such losses, costs and expenses shall include but not be limited to reasonable attorney's fees and other associated expenses, provided that the total of such losses, costs and expenses recovered from the bond shall not exceed the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

#### 11. TRANSFER OF LICENSE

- 11.1. Town Approval Required: Subject to Section 617 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §537) and Sections 11.2 and 11.3 below, Licensee shall not Transfer this License, voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, to any other Person, without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld or delayed. Such consent shall be given only upon a written application therefor on forms prescribed by the Cable Division and/or the FCC.
- shall not be required to file an application or obtain the consent or approval of the Town for a Transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Licensee in this License, the Licensee or Cable System in order to secure indebtedness. However, the Licensee shall notify the Town within thirty (30) business days if at any time there is a mortgage or security interest granted on substantially all of the assets of the Cable System. The submission of the Licensee's audited financial statements prepared for the Licensee's bondholders shall constitute such notice.
- 11.3. No Consent Required For Any Affiliate Transfers: Unless required by applicable federal or State law, the Licensee shall not be required to file an application or obtain the consent or approval of the Town for: any Transfer of an ownership or other interest in

Licensee, the Cable System, or the Cable System assets to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; any Transfer of an interest in the License or the rights held by the Licensee under this License to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; any action which is the result of a merger of the parent of Licensee; or any action which is the result of a merger of another Affiliate of the Licensee. However, the Licensee shall notify the Town within thirty (30) business days if at any time a Transfer covered by this Section 11.3 occurs. The transferee of any Transfer covered by this Section 11.3 shall be legally qualified to hold, and shall be bound by the terms and conditions of, this License.

- 11.4. Transfer Procedures: Subject to applicable law, the Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority an original and a copy of the application and FCC Form 394 requesting any such Transfer consent. Pursuant to 207 CMR 4.03, the consent of the Issuing Authority shall be given only after a public hearing to consider the written application for Transfer. The Issuing Authority shall have 120 days from the filing of a completed FCC Form 394 to take final action on it. After 120 days, the application shall be deemed approved, unless said 120 day period is extended pursuant to applicable law.
- 11.5. *Non-Waiver*: The consent or approval of the Issuing Authority to any Transfer shall not constitute a waiver or release of any rights of the Town under this License, whether arising before or after the date of said Transfer.

## 12. RENEWAL OF LICENSE

- 12.1. Governing Law: The Town and the Licensee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Town that relate to the renewal of this License shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 546 and applicable provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 166A.
- 12.2. Needs Assessments: In addition to the procedures set forth in Section 626 of the Communications Act, the Town shall notify the Licensee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of the Licensee under the terms of this License. Such assessments shall be provided to the Licensee by the Town promptly so that the Licensee has adequate time to submit a proposal under Section 626 of the Communications Act and complete renewal of this License prior to expiration of its term.
- 12.3. Informal Negotiations: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Licensee and the Town agree that at any time during the term of the then current License, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment, the Town and the Licensee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current License and the Issuing Authority may grant a renewal thereof.
- 12.4. Consistent Terms: The Licensee and the Town consider the terms set forth in this Article 12 to be consistent with the express provisions of Section 626 of the Communications Act.

#### 13. ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF LICENSE

- 13.1. Notice of Violation: If at any time the Issuing Authority believes that Licensee has not complied with the terms of this License, the Issuing Authority shall informally discuss the matter with Licensee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem in a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority shall then notify Licensee in writing of the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance (for purposes of this Article, the "Noncompliance Notice").
- days from receipt of the Noncompliance Notice to: (i) respond to the Issuing Authority, if Licensee contests (in whole or in part) the assertion of noncompliance; (ii) cure such noncompliance; or (iii) in the event that, by its nature, such noncompliance cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such noncompliance as soon as reasonably possible and notify the Issuing Authority of the steps being taken and the date by which they are projected to be completed, all of which shall be to the reasonable satisfaction of the Issuing Authority. If the Licensee believes it has cured the subject non-compliance, it shall provide written notice of such to the Issuing Authority. The Town shall provide the Licensee with a written response as to whether such cure has been effected.
- 13.3. Public Hearing: In the event that the Licensee fails to respond to the Noncompliance Notice pursuant to the procedures required by this Article, or in the event that the alleged noncompliance is not remedied within thirty (30) days or the date projected pursuant to Section 11.2(iii) above, if the Town seeks to continue its investigation into the alleged noncompliance, then the Issuing Authority shall schedule a public hearing. The Issuing Authority shall provide the Licensee at least thirty (30) business days prior written notice of such public hearing, which will specify the time, place and purpose of such public hearing, and provide the Licensee the opportunity to be heard.
- 13.4. *Enforcement*: Subject to applicable federal and State law, in the event the Issuing Authority, after the public hearing set forth in Section 13.3, determines that Licensee is in default of any provision of this License, the Issuing Authority may:
- 13.4.1. Seek specific performance of any provision, which reasonably lends itself to such remedy, as an alternative to damages;
- 13.4.2. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief;
- 13.4.3. In the case of a substantial noncompliance of a material provision of this License, revoke this License in accordance with Section 13.5; and/or
  - 13.4.4. Invoke any other lawful remedy available to the Town.

#### 13.5. Revocation:

13.5.1. Should the Issuing Authority seek to revoke this License after following the procedures set forth in this Article, including the public hearing described in Section 11.3, the Issuing Authority shall give written notice to the Licensee of such intent. The notice

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shall set forth the specific nature of the noncompliance. The Licensee shall have ninety (90) days from receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Issuing Authority has not received a satisfactory response from the Licensee, it may then seek termination of this License at a second public hearing. The Issuing Authority shall cause to be served upon the Licensee, at least thirty (30) business days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke this License.

13.5.2. At the designated public hearing, the Licensee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the rights to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the Issuing Authority, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question and/or cross examine witnesses. A complete record and verbatim transcript shall be made of such hearing with the cost shared by the parties.

13.5.3. Following the second public hearing, the Licensee shall be provided up to thirty (30) days to submit its proposed findings and conclusions to the Issuing Authority in writing and thereafter the Issuing Authority shall determine (i) whether an event of default has occurred under this License; (ii) whether such event of default is excusable; and (iii) whether such event of default has been cured or will be cured by the Licensee. The Issuing Authority shall also determine whether it will revoke this License based on the information presented, or, where applicable, grant additional time to the Licensee to effect any cure. If the Issuing Authority determines that it will revoke this License, the Issuing Authority shall promptly provide the Licensee with a written determination setting forth the Issuing Authority's reasoning for such revocation. The Licensee may appeal such written determination of the Issuing Authority to the Cable Division or to an appropriate court, which shall have the power to review the decision of the Issuing Authority de novo. The Licensee shall be entitled to such relief as the court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within sixty (60) days of the Licensee's receipt of the written determination of the Issuing Authority.

13.5.4. The Issuing Authority may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action that it deems appropriate to enforce the Issuing Authority's rights under this License in lieu of revocation of this License.

# 14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 14.1. Actions of Parties: In any action by the Town or Licensee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
- 14.2. Binding Acceptance: This License shall bind and benefit the parties hereto and their respective heirs, beneficiaries, administrators, executors, receivers, trustees, successors and assigns, and the promises and obligations herein shall survive the expiration date hereof.

- 14.3. Captions and Headings: The captions and headings to sections throughout this License are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the License. Such captions and headings shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the License.
- 14.4. Exhibits: The Exhibits to this License attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are, except as otherwise specified in such Exhibits, incorporated herein by reference and expressly made a part of this License. The procedures for approval of any subsequent amendment or modification to said Exhibits shall be the same as those applicable to any amendment or modification hereof, except as specified in such Exhibit or elsewhere in this License.
- 14.5. Recitals: The recitals set forth in this License are incorporated into the body of this License as if they had been originally set forth herein.
- 14.6. Force Majeure: The Licensee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of this License, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by a Force Majeure. Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the Town's intention to subject the Licensee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of this License for violations of this License where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on Subscribers, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship being placed upon the Licensee that outweigh the benefit to be derived by the Town and/or Subscribers.
- 14.7. Notices: Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, notices required under this License shall be forwarded in one of the following ways: (i) hand delivered (signature required), (ii) sent by express mail (signature required) or (iii) by certified mail/return receipt requested to, to the addressees below. Each party may change its designee by providing written notice to the other party.

Notices to Licensee shall be mailed to:

Verizon New England, Inc. 185 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110 Attention: Donna C. Cupelo, President

with a copy to:

John Raposa Senior Vice President & General Counsel - Telecom Room VC43E010 One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 Notices to the Issuing Authority shall be mailed to:

Board of Selectmen Town of Cohasset 41 Highland Avenue Cohasset, MA 02025

- 14.8. Entire Agreement: This License and the Exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between Licensee and the Town, and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, representations or understandings (written or oral) of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.
- 14.9. Amendments: Amendments or modifications to this License shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.
- 14.10. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any State or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of this License.
- 14.11. No Third Party Beneficiary: Nothing in this License shall be construed to create or confer any rights or benefits to any third party.
- 14.12. FTTP Network Transfer Prohibition: Under no circumstance including, without limitation, upon expiration, revocation, termination, surrender or denial of renewal of this License or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services, shall Licensee or its assignees be required to sell any right, title, interest, use or control of any portion of Licensee's FTTP Network including, without limitation, the Cable System and any capacity used for Cable Service or otherwise, to the Town or any third party. Licensee shall not be required to remove the FTTP Network or to relocate the FTTP Network or any portion thereof as a result of revocation, expiration, termination, surrender or denial of renewal or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services.
- 14.13. No Recourse Against Issuing Authority: Pursuant to Section 635A(a) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §555a(a)), the Licensee shall have no recourse against the Issuing Authority, the Town and/or its officials, members, employees or agents, other than injunctive relief or declaratory relief, arising from the regulation of cable service or from a decision of approval or disapproval with respect to a grant, renewal, transfer, or amendment of this License.
- 14.14. Town's Right of Intervention: The Town hereby reserves the right, as authorized by applicable law and/or regulation, to intervene in any suit, action or proceeding involving this License, or any provision in this License; provided, however, that this section shall not restrict the right of the Licensee to oppose such intervention, pursuant to applicable law.

- 14.15. Interpretation: The Town and Licensee each acknowledge that it has received independent legal advice in entering into this License. In the event that a dispute arises over the meaning or application of any term(s) of this License, such term(s) shall not be construed by the reference to any doctrine calling for ambiguities to be construed against the drafter of the License.
- 14.16. Jurisdiction: Except as otherwise set forth in this License, exclusive jurisdiction and venue over any dispute arising out of this License shall be in a court of appropriate venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the parties hereby agree to be subject to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the resolution of any such dispute. This provision is not intended to limit the right of either party to remove a matter to Federal or State court in Massachusetts as permitted by law.
- 14.17. Counterparts: This License may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and the parties may become a party hereto by executing a counterpart hereof. This License and any counterpart so executed shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this License or any counterpart hereof to produce or account for any of the other counterparts.

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# AGREED TO THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2009.

TOWN OF COHASSET	VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC
By its Board of Selectmen:	
Raul Carlson  Karen Quigley  Frederick R. Koed	By:  Donna C. Cupelo, President
Ralph Dormitzer  Edwin G. Carr	

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# **EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT A - SERVICE AREA MAP

EXHIBIT B – MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED FREE CABLE SERVICE

EXHIBIT C – CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

EXHIBIT D - PERFORMANCE BOND

# **EXHIBIT A**

# SERVICE AREA

(See attached map)

#### **EXHIBIT B**

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED FREE CABLE SERVICE

#### Public School Buildings:

Cohasset High School/Middle School

New Osgood School

Deer Hill School

143 Pond Street

210 Sohier Street

208 Sohier Street

## Municipal Buildings:

Board of Health

Community Center

DPW Building

Elderly Housing (Recreation Room)

Harbormaster

**Historical Society** 

Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Water Department

Town Hall

Police Station

Fire Station

41 Highland Avenue

3 North Main Street

91 Cedar Street

60 Elm Street

92 Boarder Street

106 South Main Street

35 Ripley Road

339 King Street

41 Highland Avenue

62 Elm Street

44 Elm Street

## **EXHIBIT C**

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

These standards shall, starting twelve (12) months after the Service Date, apply to the Licensee to the extent it is providing Cable Services over the Cable System in the Town.

#### DEFINITIONS

- A. <u>Respond:</u> Licensee's investigation of a Service Interruption by receiving a Subscriber call and opening a trouble ticket, if required.
- B. <u>Service Call</u>: The action taken by the Licensee to correct a Service Interruption the effect of which is limited to an individual Subscriber.
  - C. <u>Service Interruption</u>: The loss of picture or sound on one or more cable Channels.
- D. <u>Significant Outage</u>: A significant outage of the Cable Service shall mean any Service Interruption lasting at least four (4) continuous hours that affects at least ten percent (10%) of the Subscribers in the Service Area.
- E. <u>Standard Installation</u>: Installations where the Subscriber is within one hundred twenty five (125) feet of trunk or feeder lines.

# **SECTION 1: TELEPHONE AVAILABILITY**

- A. The Licensee shall maintain a toll-free number to receive all calls and inquiries from Subscribers in the Town and/or residents regarding Cable Service. Licensee representatives trained and qualified to answer questions related to Cable Service in the Service Area must be available to receive reports of Service Interruptions twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and other inquiries at least forty-five (45) hours per week. Licensee representatives shall identify themselves by name when answering this number.
- B. The Licensee's telephone numbers shall be listed, with appropriate description (e.g. administration, customer service, billing, repair, etc.), in the directory published by the local telephone company or companies serving the Service Area, beginning with the next publication cycle after the Effective Date.
- C. Licensee may use an Automated Response Unit ("ARU") or a Voice Response Unit ("VRU") to distribute calls. If a foreign language routing option is provided, and the Subscriber does not enter an option, the menu will default to the first tier menu of English options.

After the first tier menu (not including a foreign language rollout) has run through three times, if customers do not select any option, the ARU or VRU shall forward the call to a queue

for a live representative. The Licensee may reasonably substitute this requirement with another method of handling calls from customers who do not have touch-tone telephones.

- D. Under Normal Operating Conditions, calls received by the Licensee shall be answered within thirty (30) seconds. The Licensee shall meet this standard for ninety percent (90%) of the calls it receives at all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers, as measured on a cumulative quarterly calendar basis. Measurement of this standard shall include all calls received by the Licensee at all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers, whether they are answered by a live representative, by an automated attendant, or abandoned after 30 seconds of call waiting.
- E. Under Normal Operating Conditions, callers to the Licensee shall receive a busy signal no more than three (3%) percent of the time during any calendar quarter.

## SECTION 2: INSTALLATIONS AND SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

- A. All installations shall be in accordance with FCC rules, including but not limited to, appropriate grounding, connection of equipment to ensure reception of Cable Service, and the provision of required consumer information and literature to adequately inform the Subscriber in the utilization of the Licensee-supplied equipment and Cable Service.
- B. The Standard Installation shall be performed within seven (7) business days after the placement of the Optical Network Terminal ("ONT") on the customer's premises or within seven (7) business days after an order is placed if the ONT is already installed on the customer's premises.

The Licensee shall meet this standard for ninety-five percent (95%) of the Standard Installations it performs, as measured on a calendar quarter basis, excluding customer requests for connection later than seven (7) days after ONT placement or later than seven (7) days after an order is placed if the ONT is already installed on the customer's premises.

C. The Licensee shall offer Subscribers "appointment window" alternatives for arrival to perform installations, Service Calls and other activities of a maximum four (4) hours scheduled time block during appropriate daylight available hours, usually beginning at 8:00 AM unless it is deemed appropriate to begin earlier by location exception. At the Licensee's discretion, the Licensee may offer Subscribers appointment arrival times other than these four (4) hour time blocks, if agreeable to the Subscriber. These hour restrictions do not apply to weekends.

# **SECTION 3: SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND OUTAGES**

- A. The Licensee shall notify the Town of any Significant Outage of the Cable Service.
- B. The Licensee shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to limit any Significant Outage for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, or constructing the Cable System.

Except in an emergency or other situation necessitating a more expedited or alternative notification procedure, the Licensee may schedule a Significant Outage for a period of more than four (4) hours during any twenty-four (24) hour period only after the Town and each affected Subscriber in the Service Area have been given fifteen (15) days prior notice of the proposed Significant Outage.

- C. Licensee representatives who are capable of responding to Service Interruptions must be available to Respond twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- D. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee must Respond to a call from a Subscriber regarding a Service Interruption or other service problems within the following time frames:
- (1) Within twenty-four (24) hours, including weekends, of receiving Subscriber calls respecting Service Interruptions in the Service Area.
- (2) The Licensee must begin actions to correct all other Cable Service problems the next business day after notification by the Subscriber or the Town of a Cable Service problem.
- E. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall complete Service Calls within seventy-two (72) hours of the time Licensee commences to Respond to the Service Interruption, not including weekends and situations where the Subscriber is not reasonably available for a Service Call to correct the Service Interruption within the seventy-two (72) hour period.
- F. The Licensee shall meet the standard in Subsection E of this Section for ninety percent (90%) of the Service Calls it completes, as measured on a quarterly basis.
- G. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall provide a credit upon Subscriber request when all Channels received by that Subscriber are out of service for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours or more. The credit shall equal, at a minimum, a proportionate amount of the affected Subscriber(s) current monthly bill. In order to qualify for the credit, the Subscriber must promptly report the problem and allow the Licensee to verify the problem if requested by the Licensee. If Subscriber availability is required for repair, a credit will not be provided for such time, if any, that the Subscriber is not reasonably available.
- I. Under Normal Operating Conditions, if a Significant Outage affects all Video Programming Cable Services for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, the Licensee shall issue an automatic credit to the affected Subscribers in the amount equal to their monthly recurring charges for the proportionate time the Cable Service was out, or a credit to the affected Subscribers in the amount equal to the charge for the basic plus enhanced basic level of service for the proportionate time the Cable Service was out, whichever is technically feasible or, if both are technically feasible, as determined by Licensee provided such determination is non-discriminatory. Such credit shall be reflected on Subscriber billing statements within the next available billing cycle following the outage.

# **SECTION 4: CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS**

Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall investigate Subscriber complaints referred by the Town within five (5) business days; provided that the Licensee shall notify the Town of those matters that necessitate an excess of five (5) business days, which matters must be resolved within fifteen (15) days of the initial complaint. The Town may require reasonable documentation to be provided by the Licensee to substantiate the request for additional time to resolve the problem. For purposes of this Section, "resolve" means that the Licensee shall perform those actions, which, in the normal course of business, are necessary to investigate the Customer's complaint and advise the Customer of the results of that investigation.

#### **SECTION 5: BILLING**

- A. Subscriber bills must be itemized to describe Cable Services purchased by Subscribers and related equipment charges, and shall include the information required by 207 CMR 10.03(1) in clear, concise and understandable language and format. Bills shall clearly delineate activity during the billing period, including optional charges, rebates, credits, and aggregate late charges. Licensee shall, without limitation as to additional line items, be allowed to itemize as separate line items, License fees, taxes and/or other governmentally imposed fees. The Licensee shall maintain records of the date and place of mailing of bills.
- B. Every Subscriber with a current account balance sending payment directly to Licensee shall be given at least five (5) days from the date statements are mailed to the Subscriber until the payment due date.
  - C. A specific due date shall be listed on the bill of every Subscriber.
- D. Any billing disputes registered by a Subscriber shall be resolved in accordance with 207 CMR 10.07.
- E. The Licensee shall notify the Subscriber of the result of its investigation of any complaint and shall give an explanation for its decision within 30 business days after the receipt of the complaint. The Subscriber shall forfeit any rights under 207 CMR 10.07 if he or she fails to pay the undisputed balance within 30 days. Any Subscriber who disagrees with the results of Licensee's investigation shall promptly inquire about and take advantage of any complaint resolution mechanism, formal or informal, available under this License or through the Issuing Authority before the Cable Division may accept a petition. The Subscriber or Licensee may petition the Cable Division to resolve disputed matters within 30 days of any final action.
- F. The Licensee shall forward a copy of any Cable Service related billing inserts or other mailing sent to Subscribers to the Town upon request.
- G. The Licensee shall provide all Subscribers with the option of paying for Cable Service by check or an automatic payment option where the amount of the bill is automatically deducted from a checking account designated by the Subscriber. Licensee may in the future, at

its' discretion, permit payment by using a major credit card on a preauthorized basis. Based on credit history, at the option of the Licensee, the payment alternative may be limited.

# **SECTION 6: DEPOSITS, REFUNDS AND CREDITS**

- A. The Licensee shall comply with 207 CMR 10.08 with respect to security deposits.
- B. Under Normal Operating Conditions, refund checks shall be issued within the next available billing cycle following the resolution of the event giving rise to the refund (e.g., equipment return and final bill payment.
- C. Credits for Cable Service shall be issued no later than the Subscriber's next available billing cycle, following the determination that a credit is warranted, and the credit is approved and processed. Such approval and processing shall not be unreasonably delayed.
- D. Bills shall be considered paid when appropriate payment is received by the Licensee or its' authorized agent. Appropriate time considerations shall be included in the Licensee's collection procedures to assure that payments due have been received before late notices or termination notices are sent.

# **SECTION 7: RATES, FEES AND CHARGES**

- A. The Licensee shall not, except to the extent permitted by applicable law, impose any fee or charge for Service Calls to a Subscriber's premises to perform any repair or maintenance work related to Licensee equipment necessary to receive Cable Service, except where such problem is caused by a negligent or wrongful act of the Subscriber (including, but not limited to a situation in which the Subscriber reconnects Licensee equipment incorrectly) or by the failure of the Subscriber to take reasonable precautions to protect the Licensee's equipment (for example, a dog chew).
- B. The Licensee shall provide reasonable notice to Subscribers of the possible assessment of a late fee on bills or by separate notice.

# **SECTION 8: DISCONNECTION / DENIAL OF SERVICE**

- A. The Licensee shall comply with 207 CMR 10.05 with respect to delinquency and termination of service.
- B. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, nothing in these standards shall limit the right of the Licensee to deny Cable Service for non-payment of previously provided Cable Services, refusal to pay any required deposit, theft of Cable Service, damage to the Licensee's equipment, abusive and/or threatening behavior toward the Licensee's employees or representatives, or refusal to provide credit history information or refusal to allow the

Licensee to validate the identity, credit history and credit worthiness via an external credit agency.

#### SECTION 9: COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUBSCRIBERS

- A. The Licensee shall require that all Licensee personnel, contractors and subcontractors contacting Subscribers or potential Subscribers outside the office of the Licensee shall wear a clearly visible identification card bearing their name and photograph. In addition, all Licensee representatives shall wear appropriate clothing while working at a Subscriber's premises. Every service vehicle of the Licensee and its contractors or subcontractors shall be clearly identified as such to the public. Specifically, Licensee vehicles shall have the Licensee's logo plainly visible. The vehicles of those contractors and subcontractors working for the Licensee shall have the contractor's / subcontractor's name plus markings (such as a magnetic door sign) indicating they are under contract to the Licensee.
- B. The Licensee shall require that all contact with a Subscriber or potential Subscriber by a Person representing the Licensee shall be conducted in a courteous manner.
- C. The Licensee shall send annual notices to all Subscribers informing them that any complaints or inquiries not satisfactorily handled by the Licensee may be referred to the Town.
  - D. All notices identified in this Section shall be by either:
- (1) A separate document included with a billing statement or included on the portion of the monthly bill that is to be retained by the Subscriber; or
  - (2) A separate electronic notification
- E. The Licensee shall provide information to all Subscribers about each of the following items at the time of installation of Cable Services, annually to all Subscribers, at any time upon request, and, subject to Subsection 9.E., at least thirty (30) days prior to making significant changes in the information required by this Section if within the control of the Licensee:
  - (1) Products and Cable Service offered;
- (2) Prices and options for Cable Services and condition of subscription to Cable Services. Prices shall include those for Cable Service options, equipment rentals, program guides, installation, downgrades, late fees and other fees charged by the Licensee related to Cable Service;
- (3) Installation and maintenance policies including, when applicable, information regarding the Subscriber's in-home wiring rights during the period Cable Service is being provided;
  - (4) Channel positions of Cable Services offered on the Cable System;

- (5) Complaint procedures, including the name, address and telephone number of the Town, but with a notice advising the Subscriber to initially contact the Licensee about all complaints and questions;
  - (6) Procedures for requesting Cable Service credit;
  - (7) The availability of a parental control device;
- (8) Licensee practices and procedures for protecting against invasion of privacy; and
- (9) The address and telephone number of the Licensee's office to which complaints may be reported.
- F. Notices of changes in rates shall indicate the Cable Service new rates and old rates, if applicable.
- G. Notices of changes of Cable Services and/or Channel locations shall include a description of the new Cable Service, the specific channel location, and the hours of operation of the Cable Service if the Cable Service is only offered on a part-time basis. In addition, should the channel location, hours of operation, or existence of other Cable Services be affected by the introduction of a new Cable Service, such information must be included in the notice.
- H. Every notice of termination of Cable Service shall include the following information:
  - (1) The name and address of the Subscriber whose account is delinquent;
  - (2) The amount of the delinquency for all services billed;
- (3) The date by which payment is required in order to avoid termination of Cable Service; and
- (4) The telephone number for the Licensee where the Subscriber can receive additional information about their account and discuss the pending termination.

# **EXHIBIT D**

# FORM OF PERFORMANCE BOND

Franchise Bond
Bond No.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That (name & address) (hereinafter called the Principal), and (name and address) (hereinafter called the Surety), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of (state), are held and firmly bound unto (name & address) (hereinafter called the Obligee), in the full and just sum of Dollars (\$), the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, the said Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
WHEREAS, the Principal and Obligee have entered into a License Agreement datedwhich is hereby referred to and made a part hereof.
WHEREAS, said Principal is required to perform certain obligations under said Agreement.
WHEREAS, the Obligee has agreed to accept this bond as security against default by Principal of performance of its obligations under said Agreement during the time period this bond is in effect.
<b>NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH</b> that if the Principal shall perform its obligations under said Agreement, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise terminated, cancelled or expired as hereinafter provided.
<b>PROVIDED HOWEVER</b> , that this bond is executed subject to the following express provisions and conditions:
1. In the event of default by the Principal, Obligee shall deliver to Surety a written statement of the details of such default within 30 days after the Obligee shall learn of the same, such notice to be delivered by certified mail to address of said Surety as stated herein.
2. This Bond shall be effective, 20, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter for a period of one year and will automatically extend for additional one year periods from the expiry date hereof, or any future expiration date, unless the Surety provides to the Obligee not less than sixty (60) days advance written notice of its intent not to renew this Bond or unless the Bond is earlier canceled pursuant to the following. This Bond may be canceled at any time upon sixty (60) days advance written notice from the Surety to the Obligee.
3. Neither cancellation, termination nor refusal by Surety to extend this bond, nor inability of Principal to file a replacement bond or replacement security for its obligations under said Agreement, shall constitute a loss to the Obligee recoverable under this bond.

- 4. No claim, action, suit or proceeding shall be instituted against this bond unless same be brought or instituted and process served within one year after termination or cancellation of this bond.
- 5. No right of action shall accrue on this bond for the use of any person, corporation or entity other than the Obligee named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators or successors of the Obligee.
- 6. The aggregate liability of the surety is limited to the penal sum stated herein regardless of the number of years this bond remains in force or the amount or number of claims brought against this bond.
- 7. This bond is and shall be construed to be strictly one of suretyship only. If any conflict or inconsistency exists between the Surety's obligations as described in this bond and as may be described in any underlying agreement, permit, document or contract to which this bond is related, then the terms of this bond shall supersede and prevail in all respects.

This bond shall not bind the Surety unless it is accepted by the Obligee by signing below.

Principal	Surety	
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