

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS REGULATION

# DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY Cable Television Division

Docket No. CTV 04-3

Petition of Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., ("Comcast") to establish the initial maximum permitted rate of the basic tier programming and equipment rates for the community of Newburyport.

Docket No. CTV 04-4

Petition of Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., to adjust the basic service tier programming and equipment rates for the communities currently served by Comcast that are subject to rate regulation.

#### ORDER CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS

On September 30, 2004, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., ("Comcast") filed with the Cable Television Division ("Cable Division") of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy proposed basic service tier programming and equipment rates on Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Forms 1240 and FCC Form 1205, respectively, for the communities currently served by Comcast that are subject to rate regulation (see Appendix A). The proposed rates will become effective January 1, 2005. The Cable Division docketed this matter as CTV 04-4.

Also pending before the Cable Division is a docket for Newburyport. The community of Newburyport had recently requested rate regulation, hence this proceeding will establish the initial maximum permitted rate of the basic service tier programming and equipment rates on the FCC Form 1240 and FCC Form 1205. The Cable Division docketed this matter as CTV 04-3. While Comcast listed an effective date of November 1, 2004, the Company has notified the Cable Division it will not implement the proposed rates until January 1, 2005, so that all of the communities served by Comcast will be on the same rate adjustment schedule.

Upon initial review of these matters, the Cable Division determines that there are issues common to both dockets such that separate proceedings would be inefficient. Therefore, in the interest of administrative efficiency, the Cable Division, on its own motion, hereby consolidates these dockets. The consolidated docket will be referred to as CTV 04-3/04-4.

Pursuant to the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED: that effective October 21, 2004, the Cable Division consolidates Docket CTV 04-3 and Docket CTV 04-4.

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

> /s/ Alicia C. Matthews Alicia C. Matthews Director

Issued: October 21, 2004

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## Appendix A

Communities currently served by Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., that are subject to rate regulation:

Acton Conway Holyoke Acushnet **Danvers** Hopedale Dartmouth Hopkinton Agawam **Amherst** Deerfield Hudson Andover Hull Dennis Ashburnham Huntington Dighton Ashland **Dover Ipswich** Attleboro Lakeville Dracut East Bridgewater Avon Lancaster Ayer Eastham Lawrence Barnstable Easton Leominster **Bedford Erving** Lincoln Littleton Bellingham **Everett** Belmont Fairhaven Longmeadow **Berkley** Fall River Lowell Bernardston Lunenburg Fitchburg **Beverly** Foxborough Lynn Billerica Framingham Lynnfield Blackstone Franklin Malden Boxborough Freetown Mansfield Boxford Gardner Marblehead Braintree Georgetown Marion Bridgewater Gill Marlborough Brockton Granby Mattapoisett Brookline Granville Maynard Greenfield Medfield Buckland Burlington Groveland Medford Hamilton Cambridge Medway Canton Hanover Melrose Carlisle Hanson Mendon Chatham Hardwick Methuen Chelmsford Harwich Middleborough Chelsea Hatfield Middleton Chester Haverhill Milford Clinton Millis Hingham Cohasset Holbrook Milton Concord Holliston Monson

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## Appendix A (con't)

Communities currently served by Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., that are subject to rate regulation:

Shelburne Montague Nahant Sherborn Nantucket Somerset **Natick** South Hadley New Bedford Southwick Springfield Newbury Norfolk Stoneham North Andover Stoughton North Attleborough Stow North Reading Sudbury Sunderland Northampton Northfield **Swampscott** Norton Swansea Norwell **Taunton** Norwood Templeton **Orleans** Tewksbury Palmer **Topsfield** Townsend Peabody Pelham Truro

Westfield
Westford
Westhampton
Westminster
Weston
Westwood
Weymouth
Whitman
Williamsburg
Wilmington
Winchendon
Winchester
Winthrop
Wrentham
Yarmouth

Phillipston **Tyngsborough** Plainville Upton Provincetown Wakefield Quincy Walpole Randolph Waltham Raynham Ware Reading Wareham Rehoboth Warren Revere Watertown

Rochester

Rowley

Salem

Saugus Wenham
Scituate West Bridgewater
Seekonk West Newbury
Sharon West Springfield

Wayland

Wellesley

Wellfleet