

207 CMR 6.00: CABLE RATE REGULATION

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6.01: Adoption of Federal Cable Rate Regulations

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, § 15 and 47 U.S.C. § 543, federal regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission at Subpart N, “Cable Rate Regulations,” 47 CFR § 76.901 et seq., as amended, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in 207 CMR 6.01.

6.02: Department as Rate Regulator

The Department is the certified “franchising authority” for regulating basic service tier and associated equipment rates of cable operators in Massachusetts.

6.03: Rate Hearing Procedures

All rate hearings conducted in accordance with M.G.L. c. 166A, § 15 shall be subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and 207 CMR 1.00.

6.04: Department Rate Regulation

The Department shall, consistent with FCC regulations, regulate the basic service tier and equipment rates of cable operators:

- (1) At the request of an issuing authority; or
- (2) On its own if the Department finds such regulation to be in the public interest. In any case where the Department acts on its own to regulate rates without the request of an issuing authority, the Department shall notify the relevant issuing authority and cable operator prior to commencing regulation.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

207 CMR 6.00: 47 U.S.C. § 543, M.G.L. c. 166A, §§ 15, 16.