

Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications & Cable

CABLE TELEVISION

RENEWAL LICENSE

GRANTED TO

RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS, LLC

YVONNE M. SPICER, MAYOR

CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

APRIL 30, 2019

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1	Definitions				
	ARTICLE 2 GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENS	E			
Section 2.1	Grant of Renewal License	9			
Section 2.2	Term of Renewal License	9			
Section 2.3	Non-Exclusivity of Renewal License	10			
Section 2.4	Police and Regulatory Powers	10			
Section 2.5	Removal or Abandonment	11			
Section 2.6	Transfer of Renewal License	11			
Section 2.7	Effect of Unauthorized Transfer Action	12			
	ARTICLE 3 SYSTEM DESIGN				
Section 3.1	Subscriber Network	13			
Section 3.2	Institutional Network	13			
Section 3.3	Emergency Alert Override Capacity	15			
	ARTICLE 4 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIO	N			
Section 4.1	Service Available to all Residents	16			
Section 4.2	Location of Cable Television System	16			

Section 4.3	Underground Facilities	17
Section 4.4	Tree Trimming	17
Section 4.5	Restoration to Prior Condition	17
Section 4.6	Temporary Relocation	17
Section 4.7	Disconnection and Relocation	18
Section 4.8	Safety Standards	18
Section 4.9	Pedestals	18
Section 4.10	Private Property	18
Section 4.11	Right to Inspection of System	18
Section 4.12	Cable System Maps	19
Section 4.13	Service Interruption	19
Section 4.14	Service Outage Notification	19
Section 4.15	"Dig Safe"	19
	ARTICLE 5 SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING	
Section 5.1	Basic Service	20
Section 5.2	Programming	20
Section 5.3	Leased Channels for Commercial Use	20
Section 5.4	Scrambling	20
Section 5.5	Continuity of Service	20
Section 5.6	Free Drops and Monthly Service to Public Buildings	21

Section 5.7	to Public Schools						
Section 5.8	etion 5.8 Provision of Internet Service to the City						
Pì	ARTICLE 6 UBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERS ACCESS FACILITIES AND SUPP						
Section 6.1	Public, Educational & Governmental Ac	ccess 23					
Section 6.2	Public Access Corporation	23					
Section 6.3	PEG Access Channels	23					
Section 6.4	PEG Access Equipment Funding	25					
Section 6.5	Equipment Ownership	25					
Section 6.6	PEG Access Channel Maintenance	25					
Section 6.7	PEG Access Cablecasting						
Section 6.8 Censorship							
	ARTICLE 7 LICENSE FEES						
Section 7.1	License Fee Payment	27					
Section 7.2	PEG Access/Cable-related Funding	27					
Section 7.3	Other Payment Obligations And Exclusions	28					
Section 7.4	Late Payment	28					
Section 7.5	Recomputation	29					
Section 7.6	Affiliates Use of System	29					
Section 7.7	Method of Payment	29					

ARTICLE 8 RATES AND CHARGES

Section 8.1	Rate Regulation	30						
Section 8.2	Notification of Rates and Charges	30						
Section 8.3	Publication and Non-Discrimination	30						
Section 8.4	Credit for Service Interruption							
Section 8.5 Senior Citizen Discount								
	ARTICLE 9 INSURANCE AND BONDS							
Section 9.1	Insurance	32						
Section 9.2	Performance Bond	33						
Section 9.3	Reporting	33						
Section 9.4	Indemnification	34						
Section 9.5	Notice of Cancellation or Reduction of Coverage	34						
	ARTICLE 10 ADMINISTRATION AND REGULA	ATION						
Section 10.1	Regulatory Authority	35						
Section 10.2	Performance Evaluation Hearings	35						
Section 10.3	Nondiscrimination	36						
Section 10.4	Emergency Removal of Plant	36						
Section 10.5	Removal and Relocation	36						
Section 10.6	Jurisdiction and Venue	36						

ARTICLE 11 DETERMINATION OF BREACH-LICENSE REVOCATION LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Section 11.1	Determination of Breach	37
Section 11.2	Liquidated Damages	38
Section 11.3	Revocation of Renewal License	39
Section 11.4	Termination	39
Section 11.5	Notice to City of Legal Action	39
Section 11.6	Non-Exclusivity of Remedy	40
Section 11.7	No Waiver-Cumulative Remedies	40

ARTICLE 12 SUBSCRIBER RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Section 12.1	Customer Service Office	41
Section 12.2	Telephone Access	41
Section 12.3	Installation Visits- Service Calls-Response Time	41
Section 12.4	FCC Customer Service Obligations	42
Section 12.5	Business Practice Standards	42
Section 12.6	Complaint Resolution Procedures	43
Section 12.7	Damage or Loss of Equipment	44
Section 12.8	Remote Control Devices	44
Section 12.9	Employee Identification Cards	44
Section 12.10	Protection of Subscriber Privacy	44

Section 12.12	Monitoring	45				
Section 12.13	Distribution of Subscriber Information	45				
Section 12.14	Information With Respect To Viewing Habits and Subscription Decisions	46				
Section 12.15	Subscriber's Right to Inspect and Verify Information	46				
Section 12.16	12.16 Privacy Standards Review					
RI	ARTICLE 13 EPORTS, AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE	e Test s				
Section 13.1	General	47				
Section 13.2	Financial Reports	47				
Section 13.3	Cable System Information	47				
Section 13.4	In-House Telephone Reports	48				
Section 13.5	Subscriber Complaint Report	48				
Section 13.6	Annual Performance Tests	48				
Section 13.7	Dual Filings	48				
Section 13.8	Additional Information	48				
Section 13.9	Investigation	48				

Privacy Written Notice

45

Section 12.11

ARTICLE 14 EMPLOYMENT

Section 14.1	Equal Employment Opportunity	49
Section 14.2	Non-Discrimination	49
	ARTICLE 15 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS	
Section 15.1	Entire Agreement	50
Section 15.2	Captions	50
Section 15.3	Separability	50
Section 15.4	Acts or Omissions of Affiliates	50
Section 15.5	Renewal License Exhibits	50
Section 15.6	Warranties	51
Section 15.7	Force Majeure	51
Section 15.8	Removal of Antennas	52
Section 15.9	Subscriber Television Sets	52
Section 15.10	Applicability of Renewal License	52
Section 15.11	Notices	52
Section 15.12	No Recourse against the Issuing Authority	53
Section 15.13	City's Right of Intervention	53
Section 15.14	Term	53
Section 15.15 N	No Third Party Beneficiaries	53

EXHIBITS

RCN Fiber Locations	Exhibit 1	55
Programming and Signal Carriage	Exhibit 2	57
Free Drops & Service to Public Buildings	Exhibit 3	58
Free Drops & Service to Public Schools	Exhibit 4	59
Gross Annual Revenues Reporting Form	Exhibit 5	60
207 CMR 10.00	Exhibit 6	61

AGREEMENT

This Cable Television Renewal License entered into this 30th day of April, 2019, by and between the Mayor of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for the renewal of the cable television license(s) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, and RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC ("RCN").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive cable television renewal licenses to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the City of Framingham; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority conducted a public ascertainment hearing in the City, on April 18, 2018, pursuant to Section 626(a) of the Cable Act, to (1) ascertain the future cable-related community needs and interests of Framingham, and (2) review the performance during the current license term.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1—DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Renewal License, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, the masculine pronoun includes the feminine pronoun, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word shall is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- (1) Access: The right or ability of any Framingham resident and/or any persons affiliated with a Framingham institution to use designated facilities, equipment and/or channels of the Cable Television System, subject to the conditions and procedures established for such use.
- (2) Access Channel: A video channel which the Licensee shall make available, without charge, for the purpose of transmitting programming by members of the public, City departments and agencies, public schools, educational, institutional and similar organizations.
- (3) Access Corporation: Framingham Public Access Corporation, or any other organization designated by the Issuing Authority.
- (4) Affiliate or Affiliated Person: Another person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, such person.
- (5) Basic Service: Any service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals.
- (6) CMR: The Code of Massachusetts Regulations.
- (7) Cable Communications Act (the "Cable Act"): Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984) (the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984), as amended by Public Law No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992) (the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"), as further amended by Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 110 (1996) (the Telecommunications Act of 1996).

- (8) Cable Division: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.
- (9) Cable Service: The one-way transmission to Subscribers of video programming or other programming services, together with Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such video programming or other programming services, which the Licensee may make available to all Subscribers generally.
- (10) Cable Television System or Cable System: A facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple subscribers within the City.
- (11) City Solicitor: The attorney or attorneys representing the City of Framingham.
- (12) Commercial Subscriber: A commercial, non-residential Subscriber to Cable Television Service.
- (13) Complaint: Any written or verbal contact with the Licensee in connection with subscription in which a Person expresses dissatisfaction with an act, omission, product or service that is (1) within the Licensee's control, and (2) requires a corrective measure on the part of the Licensee.
- (14) Converter: Any device changing the frequency of a Signal. A Subscriber Converter may expand reception capacity and/or unscramble coded Signals distributed over the Cable System.
- (15) DVD: The acronym for Digital Video Disc player.
- (16) Department of Public Works ("DPW"): The Department of Public Works of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts.
- (17) Downstream Channel: A channel over which Signals travel from the Cable System Headend to an authorized recipient of programming.
- (18) Drop or Cable Drop: The coaxial cable that connects each home or building to the feeder line of the Cable System.
- (19) Educational Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System made available by the Licensee to educational institutions and/or educators wishing to present non-commercial educational programming and information to the public.
- (20) Effective Date of Renewal License (the "Effective Date"): April 30, 2019.
- (21) Execution Date of Renewal License (the "Execution Date"): April 30, 2019.
- (22) FCC: The Federal Communications Commission, or any successor agency.

- (23) Government Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System made available by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority and/or its designees for the presentation of non-commercial programming and/or information to the public.
- (24) Gross Annual Revenues: All revenues derived by the Licensee and/or its Affiliates from the carriage of Signals over the Cable Television System for the provision of Cable Service(s) including, without limitation: the distribution of any Service over the Cable System; Basic Service monthly fees; all other Service fees; any and all Cable Service fees and/or Cable Service charges received from Subscribers; installation, reconnection, downgrade, upgrade and any similar fees; all digital Cable Service revenues; interest earned on Subscriber fees and/or charges; fees paid on all Subscriber fees; all Commercial Subscriber revenues; fees paid for channels designated for commercial use; fees paid on all Subscriber fees ("fee-on-fee"); Converter, remote control and other equipment rentals, and/or leases or and/or sales; all homeshopping service(s) revenues; and advertising revenues. In the event that an Affiliate is responsible for advertising, advertising revenues shall be deemed to be the pro-rata portion of advertising revenues, paid to the Cable System by an Affiliate for said Affiliate's use of the Cable System for the carriage of advertising. Gross Annual Revenues shall also include the Gross Revenue of any other Person which is derived directly or indirectly from or in connection with the operation of the Cable System to the extent that said revenue is derived, through a means which has the effect of avoiding payment of License Fees to the City that would otherwise be paid herein. Gross Annual Revenues shall not include actual bad debt that is written off; provided, however, that all or any part of any such actual bad debt that is written off, but subsequently collected, shall be included in Gross Annual Revenues in the period so collected.
- (25) Headend: The electronic control center of the Cable System containing equipment that receives, amplifies, filters and converts incoming Signals for distribution over the Cable System.
- (26) Hub or Hub Site: A sub-Headend, generally located within a cable television community, used either for the purpose of (i) Signal processing or switching, or (ii) placement of a fiber node, microwave link or transportation super trunk.
- (27) Institutional Network ("I-Net"): The dedicated set of optical fibers, installed between various locations within the City and the Licensee's hub, for the use of the Issuing Authority and its designees.
- (28) Issuing Authority: The Mayor of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts.
- (29) Leased Channel or Leased Access: A video channel which the Licensee shall make available pursuant to Section 612 of the Cable Act.
- (30) License Fee or Franchise Fee: The payments to be made by the Licensee to the City of Framingham, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act and M.G. L. Chapter 166A.

- (31) Licensee: RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal License.
- (32) 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 (1) night per week and/or some weekend hours.
- (33) Origination Capability An activated cable and connection to an Upstream Channel, allowing a User(s) to transmit a Signal(s) upstream to a designated location.
- (34) Outlet: An interior receptacle that connects a Subscriber's or User's television set to the Cable System.
- (35) Pay Cable or Premium Services: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-channel basis.
- (36) Pay-Per-View: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-program or per-event basis.
- (37) Pedestal: An environmental protection unit used in housing Cable Television System isolation units and/or distribution amplifiers.
- (38) PEG: The acronym for "public, educational and governmental," used in conjunction with Access Channels, support and facilities.
- (39) PEG Access Channels: Any channel(s) made available for the presentation of PEG Access Programming.
- (40) Person: Any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, trust, organization, other business entity, individual or group of individuals acting in concert.
- (41) Prime Rate: The prime rate of interest at Bank of America.
- (42) Public Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System made available by the Licensee for the use of Framingham residents and/or organizations wishing to present non-commercial programming and/or information to the public.
- (43) Public Way or Street: The surface of, as well as the spaces above and below, any and all public streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, concourses, driveways, bridges, tunnels, parks, parkways, waterways, bulkheads, piers, dedicated public utility easements, and public grounds or waters and all other publicly owned real property within or belonging to the City, now or hereafter existing. Reference herein to "Public Way" or "Street" shall not be construed to be a representation or guarantee by the City 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 in the City greater than those already possessed by the City.

- (44) Renewal License: The non-exclusive Cable Television Renewal License to be granted to the Licensee by this instrument.
- (45) Scrambling/encoding: The electronic distortion of a Signal(s) in order to render it unintelligible or unreceivable without the use of a Converter, or other Licensee-enabled decoding device.
- (46) Service: Any Basic Service, any Pay Cable Service, which is offered to any Subscriber in conjunction with, or which is distributed over, the Cable System.
- (47) Signal: Any transmission of electromagnetic or optical energy which carries Programming from one location to another.
- (48) State: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (49) Subscriber: Any Person, firm, corporation or other entity who or which elects to subscribe to, for any purpose, a Service provided by the Licensee by means of, or in connection with, the Cable Television System.
- (50) Subscriber Network: The minimum 750 MHz network to be owned and operated by the Licensee, over which Signals can be transmitted to Subscribers.
- (51) City: The City of Framingham, Massachusetts.
- (52) Trunk and Distribution System: That portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Drop cables to Subscriber's residences.
- (53) Upstream Channel: A channel over which Signals travel from an authorized location to the Cable System Headend.
- (54) User: A Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities for purposes of production and/or transmission of electronic or other Signals as opposed to utilization solely as a Subscriber.
- (55) VCR: A video cassette recorder.
- (56) Video Programming or Programming: Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE

Section 2.1---GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Mayor of the City of Framingham, Massachusetts, as the Issuing Authority of the City, hereby grants a non-exclusive cable television renewal license to the Licensee authorizing the Licensee to lawfully operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the corporate limits of the City of Framingham.

This Renewal license is subject to the terms and conditions contained in Chapter 166A of the laws of Massachusetts, as amended; the regulations of the FCC; the 1984 Cable Act; the 1992 Cable Act; and all lawful City, State and federal statutes and by-laws of general application.

Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Issuing Authority hereby grants to the licensee the right to lawfully operate and maintain a Cable Television System in, under, over, along, across or upon the Streets, lanes, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, highways and other public places under the jurisdiction of the City of Framingham within the municipal boundaries and subsequent additions thereto, including property over, under or on which the City has an easement or right-of-way, for the purpose of reception, transmission, collection, amplification, origination, distribution, and/or redistribution of Signals in accordance with the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Framingham. In exercising rights pursuant to this Renewal license, the Licensee shall not endanger or interfere with the lives of Persons, interfere with any installations of the City, any public utility serving the City or any other Persons permitted to use Public Ways and places.

Grant of this Renewal License does not establish priority for use over other present or future permit holders or the City's own use of Public Ways and places. Disputes between the Licensee and other parties regarding use of Public Ways and places shall be resolved in accordance with any applicable regulations of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") and any special laws or City ordinances enacted hereafter.

Section 2.2---TERM OF RENEWAL LICENSE

The	term	of	this	Renewal	License	shall	be	a	ten	(10)	year	term,	commenci	ng on
				and expiri	ng on				_, ur	iless s	soonei	r termi	nated as pro	vided
herein	or su	rren	dered	_	_								•	

Section 2.3—NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF RENEWAL LICENSE

- (a) This Renewal License shall not affect the right of the Issuing Authority to grant to any other Person a license or right to occupy or use the streets, or portions thereof, for the construction, upgrade, installation, operation or maintenance of a cable television system within the City of Framingham; or the right of the Issuing Authority to permit the use of the Public Ways and places of the City for any purpose whatsoever. The Licensee hereby acknowledges the Issuing Authority's right to make such grants and permit such uses.
- (b) The grant of any additional cable television license(s) shall not be on terms more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal License.
 - (i) In the event that the Licensee believes that any additional cable television license(s) have been granted, from and after the Execution Date hereof, on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal License, the Licensee may request, in writing, that the Issuing Authority convene a public hearing on that issue. The Issuing Authority shall convene said hearing within forty-five (45) days of such request, unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuing Authority and the Licensee. Along with said written request, the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with written reasons for its belief. At the public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall afford the Licensee an opportunity to demonstrate that any such additional cable television license(s) are on terms more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal License. The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with such financial or other relevant information in writing as is requested in order to justify its belief.
 - (ii) Should the Licensee demonstrate, and the Issuing Authority reasonably finds, that any such additional cable television license(s) have been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority shall consider and negotiate, in good faith, equitable amendments to this Renewal License.
- (c) The issuance of additional license(s) shall be subject to applicable federal law(s), M.G.L. Chapter 166A and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 2.4---POLICE AND REGULATORY POWERS

By executing this Renewal License, the Licensee acknowledges that its rights are subject to the powers of the City to adopt and enforce general by-laws necessary to the safety and welfare of the public. The Licensee shall comply with all DPW regulations and any by-laws enacted by the City. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal License and any present or future lawful exercise of the City's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved in favor of the latter; provided, however, that in the event of a dispute hereto, the parties agree to meet and negotiate in order to resolve such dispute in good faith. If reasonable negotiations to resolve such dispute are not successful, the parties agree to submit such dispute to a forum of appropriate jurisdiction.

Section 2.5---REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

Subject to Section 3.2(r) infra, upon termination of this Renewal License by passage of time or otherwise, and unless (1) the Licensee has renewed its Renewal License for another renewal term or (2) the Licensee transfers the Cable Television System to a transferee approved by the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall remove all of its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems, and all other appurtenances from the Public Ways and places and shall restore all areas to their original condition. If such removal is not complete within six (6) months after such termination, the Issuing Authority may deem any property not removed as having been abandoned and may dispose of any such property in any way or manner it deems appropriate.

Section 2.6—TRANSFER OF THE RENEWAL LICENSE

- (a) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, Section 7, neither this Renewal License, nor control thereof, shall be transferred, assigned or disposed of in any manner, voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, or by transfer of control of any Person, company and/or other entity holding such Renewal License to any other Person, company and/or other entity, without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld. Such consent shall be given only after a hearing upon a written application therefor on forms as may be prescribed by the FCC and/or the Cable Division. An application for consent to a transfer or assignment, if required, shall be signed by the Licensee and by the proposed transferee or assignee or by their representatives, evidence of whose authority shall be submitted with the application.
- (b) In considering a request to transfer control of this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority may consider such factors as the transferee's management experience, technical expertise, financial capability, and legal ability to operate a cable system under the existing license, and any other criteria allowable under law.
- (c) The consent or approval of the Issuing Authority to any assignment or transfer of the Renewal License granted to the Licensee shall not constitute a waiver or release of the rights of the City in and to the streets and Public Ways or any other rights of the City under this Renewal License, and any such transfer shall, by its terms, be expressly subordinate to the terms and conditions of this Renewal License.
- (d) The licensee shall promptly notify the Issuing Authority of any action requiring the consent of the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Section 2.6.
- (e) Unless otherwise allowed by applicable law(s), the Issuing Authority shall make a decision on said written application for transfer within one hundred twenty (120) days of receipt of said application for transfer. After 120 days, the application shall be deemed approved, unless said 120-day period is extended by mutual consent of the parties.
- (f) The Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority an original and five (5) copies, unless otherwise directed, of the application and FCC Form 394 requesting such transfer or assignment consent.

- (g) The consent of the Issuing Authority shall be given only after a public hearing to consider the written application for transfer.
- (h) Any proposed controlling or owning Person or transferee approved by the Issuing Authority shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in this Renewal License.

Section 2.7-EFFECT OF UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER ACTION

- (a) Any transfer of the Cable System without complying with Section 2.6 above shall be null and void, and shall be deemed a material breach of this Renewal License.
- (a) If the Issuing Authority denies its consent to any such action and a transfer has nevertheless occurred, the Issuing Authority may revoke and terminate this Renewal License in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.1 infra.
- (b) The grant or waiver of any one or more of such consents shall not render unnecessary any subsequent consent or consents, nor shall the grant of any such consent constitute a waiver of any other rights of the City.

SYSTEM DESIGN

Section 3.1---SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to make available to all residents of the City its minimum eight hundred sixty Megahertz (860 1V11-1z) Subscriber Network, fully capable of carrying at least seventy-eight (78) 6 MHz channels in the downstream direction
- (b) The Licensee shall continue to maintain the Subscriber Network, at all times, at the minimum FCC Part 76.605 Technical Standards (available at https://www.fcc.gov/general/cable-rules).

Section 3.2---INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to operate and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, its two (2) single mode fiber-optic Institutional Network ("I-Net") for the exclusive use of the City, the Issuing Authority and/or its designees, which I-Net has significant value to the City.
- (b) Said I-Net shall be bridged to the Subscriber Network at the Headend. Said I-Net shall be capable of distributing video, audio and data to all designated non-school and school locations connected to the I-Net. I-Net switching shall be the responsibility of the Licensee.
- (c) The Licensee shall maintain and replace in a timely manner all equipment that is part of the I-Net. The City shall maintain and replace any end-user equipment that it owns and operates
- (d) The two (2) single mode fiber-optic strands shall interconnect each of the locations specified in **Exhibit 1** ("RCN Fiber Locations") to the Licensee's Hub location using a star network topology.
- (e) The I-Net shall be capable of providing voice, video and data services between City and other institutional locations specified in **Exhibit 1**. The Licensee shall provide professional consulting services to the City in order to facilitate video and data transmission capacity over the I-Net. Designated Users shall be able to transmit to other institutions using a modulator and/or other necessary equipment.
- (f) Two (2) single mode fibers shall be terminated at each location requiring access to the I-Net. One (1) fiber shall be used for upstream transmission from the I-Net to the Licensee's Hub location in the City. The second fiber shall be used for downstream transmissions.
 - (g) The Licensee shall respond to the City within four (4) hours of notification from the

City of an I-Net service problem.

- (h) The Licensee shall provide the City with contact information, including telephone numbers, for the City to reach the Licensee's technical staff.
- (i) The City shall have the right hereto to use the I-Net for any non-commercial purposes whatsoever, including, but not limited to, carrying Internet Service(s) from third parties for City use on the I-Net for the City's internal use only, without charges of any kind levied by the Licensee.
- (j) The Licensee shall make available to the City a reasonable amount of professional consultation regarding the development of the I-Net, from its in-house personnel.
- (k) Beyond the I-Net Drops/Outlets specified in Exhibit 1 herein, upon the Issuing Authority's request, the Licensee shall provide additional I-Net Drops/Outlets for newly constructed or acquired buildings, at the Licensee's sole cost.
 - i. Construction, installation, and activation of additional designated Drops and Outlets shall be completed within sixty (60) days of designation by the Issuing Authority, for aerial Drops, and within one hundred twenty (120) days of designation by the Issuing Authority, for underground Drops, weather permitting, or such later date as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties. The Licensee shall discuss the location of each connection with the appropriate officials in each of the I-Net Locations designated to receive a Drop or Outlet, prior to the installation of such Drop or Outlet. The Issuing Authority shall designate such officials in writing to the Licensee.
- (1) The I-Net shall be interconnected with the Subscriber Network at the Headend or Hub. All remote I-Net video transmissions shall be sent on an Upstream Channel to the Headend or the Hub, where they shall be reprocessed, switched and designated on the appropriate Downstream Channel(s) on the Subscriber Network. The Licensee shall be responsible for the switching of all Upstream Channels to the appropriate Subscriber Network Downstream Channels, and switching of all Subscriber Network Upstream Channels to the appropriate I-Net Downstream Channels. Said switching shall be performed by the Licensee at no cost to the City.
- (m) Nothing in this Section 3.2, or elsewhere in this Renewal License, shall prevent the Issuing Authority from allowing the Access Corporation to use one (1) or more I-Net channels.

The Licensee shall have the sole responsibility for maintaining the I-Net for the term of the Final License, except for equipment not directly under its control or ownership. The Licensee shall be responsible for all necessary inspections and performance tests of the I-Net. Scheduled tests shall be performed at least approximately once every six (6) months. Test results shall be submitted to the I-Net Administrator.

(n) The I-Net shall be operated in compliance with applicable FCC Technical Specifications as may be amended from time to time. In the event that there are technical problems with the I-Net, excluding any devices, hardware or software not under the

control or ownership of the Licensee and installed by the City or other User, the Licensee shall resolve the technical problem promptly. Should the problem continue, the Issuing Authority and the Licensee shall meet to discuss a resolution of such problem. The Issuing Authority shall have the right to reasonably request a performance test of the I-Net, should such problems persist. The Licensee shall initiate such performance tests within seven (7) days of any such request, and correct the problem within seven (7) days and submit the results to the Issuing Authority promptly, unless the Licensee notifies the Issuing Authority, in writing, that such correction cannot be completed with such seven (7) day period.

(o) There shall be no charges to the Issuing Authority or the City for I-Net operational, maintenance, repair and/or replacement costs.

Section 3.3—EMERGENCY ALERT OVERRIDE CAPACITY

The Subscriber Network shall comply with the FCC's Emergency Alert System ("EAS") regulations.

CABLE SYSTEM LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

Section 4.1---SERVICE AVAILABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS

- (a) The Licensee's Cable Service shall continue to be available to all residents of the City, unless legally or otherwise prevented from doing so by factors outside of the Licensee's control, including, but not limited to, denial of access by owners of private property or multiple dwelling units.
- (b) Installation charges shall be non-discriminatory, except that an additional charge for time and materials may be made for customized installation within a Subscriber's residence or except when the Licensee is engaged in marketing promotions.
- (c) Any dwelling unit within one hundred fifty feet (150) of existing Cable System plant shall be entitled to a standard aerial installation rate. Any aerial installation greater than 150' shall be provided at the Licensee's actual cost, plus profit, if allowable by applicable law(s) or regulation(s), including the cost for system design changes to extend the cable plant to within 150' of the dwelling unit. Any underground installation shall be provided at the Licensee's actual cost.
- (d) The Licensee's obligation to extend its Cable Television System to homes in underground areas of the City in unconstructed Public Ways or Streets in the City shall be limited to those homes in which the Licensee's cost of construction is no greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per dwelling unit, unless prospective Subscribers within said Public Ways or Streets agree to pay additional costs in excess of said amount of \$1,000.00.
- (1) For purposes of this Section 4.1(d), the term "dwelling unit" is hereby defined as any and all occupied residences, individual apartment, individual condominium, units in cooperative buildings, and private homes, but excluding lodging houses, hotels, motels, hospitals, dormitories, organizations and businesses; provided, however, that the Licensee shall include in the above definition of "dwelling unit" any residences that are undergoing renovation or construction at the time that a request for Service is made.

Section 4.2---LOCATION OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

The Licensee shall operate, upgrade and maintain the Cable Television System within the City of Framingham. Poles, towers and other obstructions shall be erected so as not to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic over Public Ways and places: The erection and location of all poles, towers and other obstructions shall be in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

Section 4.3—UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

In the areas of the City having telephone lines and electric utility lines underground, whether required by law or not, all of the Licensee's lines, cables and wires shall be underground. At such time as these facilities are placed underground by the telephone and electric utility companies at their sole cost and expense or are required to be placed underground by the City at the sole cost and expense of such telephone and electric utility companies, the Licensee shall likewise place its facilities underground at no cost to the Issuing Authority and/or any City departments. Underground cable lines shall be placed beneath the pavement subgrade in compliance with applicable City by-laws, rules, regulations and/or standards. It is the policy of the City that existing poles for electric and communication purposes should be utilized wherever possible and that underground installation is preferable to the placement of additional poles.

Section 4.4---TREE TRIMMING

In the installation of amplifiers, poles, other appliances or equipment and in stringing of cables and/or wires as authorized herein, the Licensee shall avoid all unnecessary damage and/or injury to any and all shade, ornamental and other trees in and along the streets, alleys, Public Ways and places, and private property in the City. The Licensee shall be subject to M.G.L. Chapter 87 and shall comply with all rules established by the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) during the term of this Renewal License. All tree and/or root trimming and/or pruning provided for herein shall be done pursuant to appropriate regulations of the City. The Licensee may not trim and/or prune any trees belonging to the City without the advance notification of the DPW.

Section 4.5—RESTORATION TO PRIOR CONDITION

Whenever the Licensee takes up or disturbs any pavement, sidewalk or other improvement of any Public Way or public place, the same shall be replaced and the surface restored in as good condition as before entry as soon as practicable. If the Licensee fails to make such restoration within a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority may fix a reasonable time for such restoration and repairs and shall notify the Licensee in writing of the restoration and repairs required and the time fixed for performance thereof. Upon failure of the Licensee to comply within the specified time period, the Issuing Authority may cause proper restoration and repairs to be made and the reasonable expense of such work shall be paid by the Licensee upon demand by the Issuing Authority.

Section 4.6---TEMPORARY RELOCATION

The Licensee shall temporarily raise or lower its wires or other equipment upon the reasonable request of any Person, including without limitation, a Person holding a building moving permit issued by the City. The expense of such raising or lowering shall be paid by the Licensee, unless otherwise required or permitted by applicable law. The Licensee shall be given reasonable notice necessary to maintain continuity of service.

Section 4.7—DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION

The Licensee shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street or other Public Way and place, or remove from any street or any other Public Ways and places, any of its property as required by the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street construction, change or establishment of street grade, or the construction of any public improvement or structure by any City department acting in a governmental capacity.

Section 4.8---SAFETY STANDARDS

The Licensee shall construct, upgrade, install, operate, maintain and remove the Cable Television System in conformance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the Massachusetts Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the National Television Standards Code, the rules and regulations of the FCC, all State and local laws, and all land use restrictions as the same exist or may be amended hereafter.

Section 4.9—PEDESTALS

In any cases in which Pedestals housing passive devices are to be utilized, in City Public Ways or within the City public lay-out, such equipment must be installed in accordance with applicable regulations of the City; provided, however, that the licensee may place active devices (amplifiers, line extenders, power supplies, etc.) in a low-profile electronic control box at City approved locations to be determined when the Licensee applies for a permit. All such equipment shall be shown on the Cable System maps submitted to the City in accordance with Section 4.12 infra. In the event that the Licensee is no longer using any such Pedestals for the provision of Cable Service(s), the Licensee shall expeditiously remove any such Pedestals from the Public Way(s).

Section 4.10---PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Licensee shall be subject to all laws, by-laws or regulations regarding private property in the course of constructing, upgrading, installing, operating and maintaining the Cable Television System in the City. The Licensee shall promptly repair or replace all private property, real and personal, damaged or destroyed as a result of the construction, upgrade, installation, operation or maintenance of the Cable Television System at its sole cost and expense.

Section 4.11---RIGHT TO INSPECTION OF SYSTEM

(a) The Issuing Authority or its designee(s) shall have the right to inspect the Cable System and to make such inspections as it shall deem necessary to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal License and all other applicable law. Any such inspection shall not interfere with the Licensee's operations, except in emergency situations.

(a) Any inspections conducted by the City shall be at the sole cost and expense of the City and shall have the prior written approval of the Licensee. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, the City shall give at least thirty (30) days prior notification to the Licensee of its intention to conduct any inspection. The Licensee shall be afforded the opportunity to be present during all such inspecting.

Section 4.12—CABLE SYSTEM MAPS

- (a) Upon request, the Licensee shall continue to file with the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) strand maps of the Cable System plant. If changes are made in the Cable System, upon request, the Licensee shall file with the City updated strand maps annually, not later than fifteen (15) days after each anniversary of the Effective Date of this Renewal License.
- (b) Upon request, the Licensee shall allow the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) to view "as-built" maps of the Cable System at a location that is mutually-agreeable to the Issuing Authority and the Licensee.

Section 4.13---SERVICE INTERRUPTION

Except where there exists an emergency situation necessitating a more expeditious procedure, the Licensee may interrupt Service for the purpose of repairing or testing the Cable Television System only during periods of minimum use and, if practical, only after a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice to all affected Subscribers.

Section 4.14—SERVICE OUTAGE NOTIFICATION

When notified of a meeting and upon request, the Licensee shall explain major service outages in the City to the Cable Advisory Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings. Major service outages are defined in Section 12.4(d) infra.

Section 4.15---"DIG SAFE"

The Licensee shall comply with all applicable "dig-safe" provisions, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 40.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

Section 5.1---BASIC SERVICE

The Licensee shall provide Basic Service which shall include all Signals, including the downstream PEG Access Channels, which are required to be carried by a cable television system serving the City pursuant to applicable federal statute or regulation.

Section 5.2---PROGRAMMING

- (a) Pursuant to Section 624 of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall maintain the mix, quality and broad categories of Programming set forth in Exhibit 2, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Pursuant to applicable federal law, all Programming decisions, including the Programming listed in Exhibit 2, attached hereto, are at the sole discretion of the Licensee.
- (b) The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority and all Subscribers with notice of its intent to substantially change the Framingham programming line-up at least thirty (30) days before any such change is to take place. The Licensee shall also provide Subscribers with a channel line-up card or other suitable marker indicating the new channel line-up.

Section 5.3—LEASED CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Pursuant to Section 612 (b)(1)(B) of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall make available channel capacity for commercial use by Persons unaffiliated with the Licensee.

Section 5.4---SCRAMBLING

Pursuant to applicable law, the Licensee shall not Scramble or otherwise encode, in any manner or form, for the entire term of this Renewal License, any of the PEG Access Channels.

Section 5.5---CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

It shall be the right of all Subscribers to receive Service insofar as their financial and other obligations to the Licensee are honored; provided, however, that the Licensee shall have no obligation to provide Service to any Person who or which the Licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is utilizing an unauthorized Converter and/or is otherwise obtaining any Cable Service

without required payment thereof. The Licensee shall ensure that all Subscribers receive continuous, uninterrupted Service, except for necessary Service interruptions or as a result of Cable System or equipment failures. When necessary, if Service interruptions can be anticipated, the Licensee shall notify Subscribers of such interruption(s) in advance.

Section 5.6---FREE DROPS AND MONTHLY SERVICE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

- (a) Subject to the License amendment of November 14, 2006, the Licensee shall continue to provide, install and maintain a free Subscriber Cable Drop and Outlet(s) and the monthly Basic Service to all police and fire stations, public libraries and other public buildings included in Exhibit 3, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and any other public buildings as designated by the Issuing Authority. The Licensee shall coordinate the location of each Drop with each of the aforementioned institutions newly receiving Service. There shall be no costs to the City or any designated institution for the installation and provision of monthly Cable Service and related maintenance.
- (b) The Licensee shall discuss the location of each Drop and/or Outlet with the proper officials in each of the buildings and/or institutions entitled to such a Drop or Outlet, prior to any such installation.

Section 5.7—FREE DROPS AND MONTHLY SERVICE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- (a) Subject to the License Amendment of November 14, 2006, the Licensee shall continue to provide one (1) Outlet and monthly Basic Service to all public schools listed in Exhibit 4, attached hereto and made a part hereof, including service to all classrooms currently wired.
- (b) The exact locations of said Drops and Outlets shall be designated by the School Department, at the Licensee's sole cost and expense. The Licensee shall discuss the location of each Drop and/or Outlet with the proper officials in each of the school buildings entitled to such a Drop or Outlet, prior to any such installation.

Section 5.8 --- PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICE TO THE CITY

- (a) Within sixty (60) days of the Execution Date of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall provide the City with a minimum of 30 MEG of Internet access capacity for each year of this Renewal License, without charges and/or costs of any kind to the City, the Issuing Authority, its designees and/or the Licensee's Framingham Subscribers. The Issuing Authority and/or its designees shall decide how such Internet access capacity shall be allocated.
- (b) Within sixty (60) days of the Execution Date of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall provide the City with Domain-Name-Service ("DNS")

(c) Within sixty (60) days of the Execution Date of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall provide the City with up to thirty (30) public, static IP addresses.

PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

Section 6.1—PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS

The Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation, each as shall be designated by the Issuing Authority from time to time, shall be responsible for the provision of public, educational and governmental ("PEG") Access Programming to Subscribers, pursuant to the provisions of this Article 6 herein.

Section 6.2---PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

The Access Corporation shall provide the following Public Access services:

- (1) Schedule, operate and program the Public Access Channels provided in accordance with Section 6.3 below;
- (2) Operate and maintain a Public Access studio in the City;
- (3) Conduct training programs in the skills necessary to produce quality Public Access programming;
- (4) Provide technical assistance, pre-production services, post-production services and production services to Public Access Users, using Access Corporation staff and volunteers;
- (5) Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for use of the Public Access Channels;
- (6) Accomplish such other tasks relating to the operation, scheduling and/or management of Public Access Channels, facilities and equipment as appropriate and necessary; and
- (7) Produce or assist Users in the production of original, non-commercial Video Programming of interest to Subscribers and focusing on City issues, events and activities.

Section 6.3—PEG ACCESS CHANNELS

(a) The Licensee shall continue to make available to the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) three (3) full-time standard definition Subscriber Network Downstream Channels for PEG Access

purposes.

(b) The License shall also activate and provide three (3) high definition PEG Access Channels beyond and in addition to, the standard definition PEG Access channels referenced in paragraph (a) above, for transmission of high definition Signals produced by the PEG Access Provider. The HD Government or ("G") channel shall be channel 613 on the 600 tier. The HD Public ("P") and Education ("E") channels shall be assigned as 1100 and 1101 on the 1100 tier, and each of these two channels shall have on-screen electronic programming guide ("EPG") capability as more fully set forth in Section 6.3(e) below. Upon sixty (60) days' written notice to Licensee, Licensee shall move the "G" channel from the 600 tier to the 1100 tier, and equip it with EPG capability; or alternatively, also upon sixty (60) days' notice, Licensee shall move the P and/or the E channel(s) from the 1100 tier to the 600 tier, where they will no longer be equipped with EPG capability. The Licensee shall be able to receive at the Headend from the PEG Access Provider high definition signals and shall ensure that those high definition signals are retransmitted in the downstream direction to high definition Subscribers on bandwidth so designated to carry high definition programming created by the PEG Access Provider.

Prior to the activation of the high-definition PEG Access Channels referenced above, the Licensee shall also provide equipment for the interconnection of said channel to the Headend. Said equipment shall be provided, owned, installed, maintained and repaired by the Licensee at its sole cost and expense, but located at the PEG Access studio. Said equipment shall have a value of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). There shall be no charge(s) to the Issuing Authority, the City, the PEG Access Provider and/or Subscribers for said equipment.

- (c) Said PEG Access Channels shall be used to transmit non-commercial PEG Access Programming to Subscribers without charge to the City, Public School Department and/or the Access Corporation, and shall be subject to the control and management as designated by the following, or as otherwise determined by the Issuing Authority:
 - 1. The Public Access Channel(s) shall be under the control of the designated Access Corporation;
 - 2. The Education Access Channel(s) shall be under the control of the Framingham Public School Department; and,
 - 3. The Government Access Channel(s) shall be under the control and management of the Issuing Authority or its designee.
- (d) While the Licensee retains sole discretion for channel placement, the Licensee shall attempt to minimize the number of PEG Access Channel assignment changes. The Licensee shall not move or otherwise relocate the channel locations of the PEG Access Channels without at least sixty (60) days written notice to the Issuing Authority and the Access Corporation.
- (e) Licensee shall carry on its onscreen menus and electronic programming guide ("EPG") the

channel names, individual program names, individual programming descriptions and other information for the HD PEG channels in the same manner and level of detail as carried for local broadcast channels. The PEG Access Providers shall be responsible for providing programming information to the Licensee's third-party programming guide vendor. Any costs incurred by or charged to the PEG Access Providers by the third-party guide vendor shall be paid by the PEG Access Providers.

Section 6.4—PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES FUNDING

- (a) The Licensee shall provide payments to the Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation, as directed by the Issuing Authority to the Licensee in writing, totaling the amount of One Half of One percent (0.5%) of gross annual cable service revenues to be used to purchase and/or lease PEG Access equipment and facilities, payable on February 15th of each year of this Renewal License. Provided, however, that in no case shall the One Half of One percent capital funding payment be less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each year of the Renewal License.
- (b) In no case shall the equipment and facilities payments be counted against either (i) any License Fee payment, required by Section 7.1 infra; and/or (ii) the annual PEG Access/Cable-Related Funding, pursuant to Section 7.2 infra; and/or (iii) any other fees or payments required by applicable laws. The payments in paragraph (a) above shall be made directly to the Issuing Authority, and/or its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation, as directed by the Issuing Authority.
- (c) In the event that the payment required to be made herein is not tendered on or before the dates fixed herein, interest due on such required payment shall accrue from the date due and be paid to the Issuing Authority at the annual rate of two percent (2%) above the Prime Rate.

Section 6.5—EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP

The Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation shall own all PEG Access equipment purchased with funding pursuant to Section 6.4 supra. The Licensee shall have no obligation to maintain, insure, replace or repair any such PEG Access equipment.

Section 6.6--PEG ACCESS CHANNELS MAINTENANCE

The Licensee shall monitor the six (6) PEG Access Channels for technical quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards commensurate with those which apply to the Cable System's commercial channels; provided, however, that the Licensee is not responsible for the production quality of PEG Access Programming productions. The Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation shall be responsible for the production quality of all PEG Access Programming.

Section 6.7--PEG ACCESS CABLECASTING

- (a) In order that the Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation can cablecast its PEG Access Programming over the Subscriber Network PEG Access Downstream Channels, all PEG Access Programming shall be transmitted from (1) Framingham City Hall, (2) Framingham High School, and/or (3) the Public Access studio to the Cable System Headend or Hub, on an Upstream I-Net Channel made available, without charge, to the Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation for their use.
- (b) The Licensee shall ensure that said PEG Access Programming is automatically switched electronically at the Headend or Hub to the appropriate Subscriber Network PEG Access Downstream Channel, in an efficient and timely manner. At the Headend or the Hub, said PEG Access Programming shall be retransmitted in the downstream direction on one of the Subscriber Network PEG Access Downstream Channels. The Licensee shall not charge the Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation for such electronic switching responsibility. Any manual switching shall be the responsibility of the Access Corporation or the Issuing Authority. The Licensee and the Issuing Authority shall discuss in good faith any difficulties that arise regarding cablecasting of PEG Access Programming.
- (c) The Licensee shall own, maintain, repair and/or replace any Headend or Hubsite Signal processing equipment. The demarcation point between the Licensee's equipment and/or the City's or the Access Corporation's equipment shall be at the output of the City's and/or the Access Corporation's baseband signal at (1) Framingham City Hall, (2) Framingham High School, and/or (3) the Public Access studio.

Section 6.8—CENSORSHIP

The Licensee shall not engage in any program censorship or any other control of the content of the PEG Access Programming on the Cable System, except as otherwise required or permitted by applicable law.

LICENSE FEES

Section 7.1—LICENSE FEE PAYMENT

- (a) Pursuant to M.G.L. 166A Section 9, as may be amended, the Licensee shall pay to the City, throughout the term of the Renewal License, an annual License Fee in the amount of fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber per year, or such higher amount as may be permitted by applicable law(s).
- (b) The Licensee shall not be liable for a total financial commitment pursuant to this Renewal License and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of its Gross Annual Revenues; provided, however, that said five percent (5%) shall include the following: (i) the annual funding for PEG Access/Cable-Related Funding pursuant to Section 7.2 below; and (ii) any License Fees that may be payable to the City and the State and/or the FCC; provided, however, that said five percent (5%) shall not include the following: (i) any interest due herein to the City because of late payments; (ii) the equipment payments payable to the Issuing Authority, its designee(s) and/or the Access Corporation pursuant to Section 6.4 supra; (iii) the costs related to any liquidated damages pursuant to Section 11.2 infra; and (iv) any exclusion to the term "franchise fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(2) of the Cable Act.
- (c) The License Fees shall be paid annually to the City throughout the term of the Renewal License, not later than March 15th of each year, unless provided for otherwise under applicable law.

Section 7.2—PEG ACCESS/CABLE-RELATED FUNDING

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to make License Fee payments to the Issuing Authority in no case less than five percent (5%) of the Licensee's Gross Annual Revenues, as currently defined in Section 1.1(22) supra, payable on a quarterly basis. Subject to paragraph (a)(i) below, said payments shall be made directly to the Issuing Authority on the following quarterly basis: (i) on or before November 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of July, August and September; (ii) on or before February 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of October, November and December; (iii) on or before May 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous (3) month period of January, February and March; and (iv) on or before August 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of April, May and June.
- (b) The Licensee shall file with each of the said 5% quarterly payments, copying the Issuing Authority and Cable Advisory Committee Chair, a statement certified by an authorized representative of the Licensee documenting, in reasonable detail, the total of all Gross Annual

Revenues of the Licensee during the preceding three (3) month reporting period(s), as well as a completed Gross Annual Revenues Reporting Form, attached hereto as Exhibit 5. If the Licensee's quarterly payments to the Issuing Authority were less than five percent (5%) of the Licensee's Gross Annual Revenues for the reporting period, the Licensee shall pay any balance due to the Issuing Authority no later than the quarterly payment subsequent to the discovery of such underpayment. Said statement shall list all of the general categories comprising Gross Annual Revenues as defined in Section 1.1(23) supra.

- (c) In no case shall said no less than five percent (5%) payment(s) include the capital funding required by Section 6.4 supra. Said five percent (5%) payments shall be considered a Franchise Fee, unless otherwise provided for by applicable law.
- (d) In the event that the PEG Access/Cable-Related Funding payments herein required are not tendered on or before the dates fixed in paragraph (a) above, interest due on such fee shall accrue from the date due at the rate of two percent (2%) above the Prime Rate, on the last day of business of the prior month. Any such late payments to the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Section 7.2(d) shall not be deemed to be part of the funding to be paid to the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Section 7.2 and shall be within the exclusion to the term "franchise fee" for requirements incidental to enforcing the Renewal License pursuant to Section 622(g)(2)(D) of the Cable Act.

Section 7.3—OTHER PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- (a) The 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 the Licensee and/or any Affiliated Person shall be required to pay to the City, 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 Affiliated Person. The Licensee herein agrees that no such taxes, fees or charges shall be used as offsets or credits against the License Fee payments, except as permitted by applicable law.
- (b) The term "License Fee" shall have the meaning defined in Sections 622(g)(1) & (2)(A-E) of the Cable Act. Any subsequent amendment or judicial or administrative interpretation of this definition shall not affect the application of this Section.

Section 7.4---LATE PAYMENT

In the event that the License Fees herein required are not tendered on or before the dates fixed in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 above, interest due on such fee(s) shall accrue thirty (30) days from the date due at the rate of two percent (2%) above the annual Prime Rate. Any payments to the City pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall not be deemed to be part of the License Fees to be paid to the City pursuant

to Section 7.1 and/or Section 7.2 above and shall be within the exclusion to the term "Franchise Fee" for requirements incidental to enforcing the Renewal License pursuant to §622(g)(2)(D) of the Cable Act.

Section 7.5—RECOMPUTATION

- (a) Tender or acceptance of any payment shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid is correct, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim that the Issuing Authority may have for additional sums including interest payable under this Section 7.5. All amounts paid shall be subject to audit and recomputation by the Issuing Authority and shall occur in no event later than three (3) years after each quarterly License Fee is tendered with respect to such fiscal year.
- (b) If the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that any such payment(s) are incorrect, the Licensee shall have twenty-one (21) days to provide the Issuing Authority with additional information documenting and verifying the accuracy of any such payment(s). In the event that the Issuing Authority does not believe that such documentation supports the accuracy of such payment(s), the Issuing Authority may conduct an audit of such payment(s). If, after such audit and recomputation, an additional fee is owed to the Issuing Authority, such fee shall be paid within thirty (30) days after such audit and recomputation. The Licensee shall contribute to the costs of such audit in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). The interest on such additional fee shall be charged from the due date at the rate of two percent (2%) above the Prime Rate during the period that such additional amount is owed.

Section 7.6---AFFILIATES USE OF SYSTEM

Use of the Cable System by Affiliates shall be in compliance with applicable State and/or federal laws.

Section 7.7-METHOD OF PAYMENT

All License Fee payments by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Renewal License shall be made payable to the City.

RATES AND CHARGES

Section 8.1—RATE REGULATION

The Issuing Authority reserves the right to regulate the Licensee's Basic Service rates and charges, and the equipment needed to receive Basic Service, to the extent allowable under State and federal laws.

Section 8.2—NOTIFICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) The Licensee shall file with the Issuing Authority schedules which shall describe all Cable Services offered by the Licensee, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms or conditions relating thereto. Thereafter, the Licensee shall file with the Issuing Authority all substantial changes in Services, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms and conditions relating thereto thirty (30) days prior to all such changes. The Licensee shall notify all Subscribers of any impending rate increases no later than thirty (30) days prior to such increase and provide each Subscriber with a schedule describing existing and proposed rates for each Service offered
- (b) At the time of initial solicitation or installation of Service, the Licensee shall also provide each Subscriber with an explanation of downgrade and upgrade policies and the manner in which Subscribers may terminate Cable Service. Subscribers shall have at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any rate increase to either downgrade service or terminate Service altogether without any charge. Change of Service policies shall be in compliance with 207 OMR 10.00 et seq., attached as **Exhibit 6.**

Section 8.3—PUBLICATION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

All rates for Subscriber Cable Services shall be published and non-discriminatory. A written schedule of all rates shall be available upon request during business hours at the Licensee's Framingham Customer Service Office. Nothing in this Renewal License shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiver of charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting or maintaining subscribers.

Section 8.4—CREDIT FOR SERVICE INTERRUPTION

The Licensee shall grant a pro rata credit or rebate to any Subscriber whose Cable Service is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours.

Section 8.5—SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

- (\$2.00) per month off of the Licensee's Basic Service. To qualify for said discount, senior citizens must be (1) sixty-five (65) years of age or older and head-of-the-household and (2) receiving one of the following: (i) Supplemental Security Income, or (ii) Medicaid benefits, or (iii) Massachusetts fuel assistance, or (iv) Veteran's Services benefits. The Licensee reserves the right to adjust this discounted rate proportionately in accordance with any change in the rate for Basic Service.
- (b) The City will make its best efforts to assist the Licensee in the continued implementation of said Senior Citizen discount.

INSURANCE AND BONDS

Section 9.1---INSURANCE

At all times during the term of the Renewal License, including the time for removal of facilities provided for herein, the Licensee shall obtain, pay all premiums for, and file with the Issuing Authority, on an annual basis, copies of the certificates of insurance for the following policies:

- (1) A general comprehensive liability policy naming the City, its officers, boards, commissions, agents and employees as additional named insureds on all claims on account of injury to or death of a person or persons occasioned by the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable System or alleged to have been so occasioned, with a minimum liability of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for injury or death to any one person in any one occurrence and a Five Million Dollar (\$5,000,000.00) umbrella policy for injury or death to two (2) or more persons in any one occurrence.
- (2) A property damage insurance policy naming the City, its officers, boards, commissions, agents and employees as additional named insureds and save them harmless from any and all claims of property damage, real or personal, occasioned or alleged to have been so occasioned by the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable Television System, with a minimum liability of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for damage to the property of any one person in any one occurrence and a Five Million Dollar (\$5,000,000.00) umbrella policy for damage to the property of two (2) or more persons in any one occurrence.
- (3) Automobile liability insurance for owned automobiles, non-owned automobiles and/or rented automobiles in the amount of:
 - (a) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and consequent death per occurrence;
 - (b) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and consequent death to any one person; and
 - (c) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for property damage per occurrence.
 - (4) Worker's Compensation in the minimum amount of the statutory limit
 - (5) The following conditions shall apply to the insurance policies required herein:

- (a) Such insurance shall commence no later than the Execution Date of this Renewal License.
- (b) Such insurance shall be primary with respect to any insurance maintained by the City and shall not call on the City's insurance for contributions.
- (c) Such insurance shall be obtained from brokers or carriers authorized to transact insurance business in the State.
- (d) The Licensee's failure to obtain to procure or maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Renewal License under which the City may immediately suspend operations under this Renewal License.

Section 9.2---PERFORMANCE BOND

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to maintain at its sole cost and expense throughout the term of the Renewal License a faithful performance bond running to the City, with good and sufficient surety licensed to do business in the State in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) Said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance and discharge of all of the obligations imposed by this Renewal License.
- (b) The performance bond shall be effective throughout the term of this Renewal License, including the time for removal of all of the facilities provided for herein, and shall be conditioned that in the event that the Licensee shall fail to comply with any one or more provisions of this Renewal License, the City shall recover from the surety of such bond all damages suffered by the City as a result thereof, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 11.1 and 11.2 infra.
- (c) Said bond shall be a continuing obligation of this Renewal License, and thereafter until the Licensee has satisfied all of its obligations to the City that may have arisen from the grant of the Renewal License or from the exercise of any privilege herein granted. In the event that the City recovers from said surety, the Licensee shall take immediate steps to reinstate the performance bond to the appropriate amount required herein. Neither this section, any bond accepted pursuant thereto, or any damages recovered thereunder shall limit the liability of the Licensee under the Renewal License.

Section 9.3---REPORTING

Upon renewal of any insurance policies and/or the performance bond required herein and/or upon the written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority, or its designee, copies of all current certificates regarding (a) all insurance policies as required herein and (b) the performance bond as required herein.

Section 9.4---INDEMNIFICATION

The Licensee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify and hold harmless the Issuing Authority, the City, its officials, boards, commissions, agents and/or employees against all claims for damage due to the actions of the Licensee, its employees, officers or agents arising out of the construction, installation, maintenance, operation, and/or removal of the Cable Television System under this Renewal License, including without limitation, damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the maintenance, operation, and/or removal of any structure, equipment, wire or cable installed. Indemnified expenses shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred up to such time that the Licensee assumes defense of any action hereunder. The Issuing Authority shall give the Licensee timely written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Issuing Authority of a claim or action pursuant to this Section 9.4.

Section 9.5—NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR REDUCTION OF COVERAGE

The insurance policies and performance bond required herein shall each contain an explicit endorsement stating that such insurance policies and performance bond are intended to cover the liability assumed by the Licensee under the terms of the Renewal License and shall contain the following endorsement:

It is hereby understood and agreed that this policy (or bond) shall not be cancelled, materially changed or the amount of coverage thereof reduced until thirty (30) days after receipt by the Issuing Authority by certified mail of one (1) copy of a written notice of such intent to cancel, materially change or reduce the coverage required herein.

ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

Section 10.1---REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Issuing Authority and/or its designee shall be responsible for the day to day regulation of the Cable Television System. The Issuing Authority and/or its designee shall monitor and enforce the Licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal License... The Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing of any instance of non-compliance pursuant to Section 11.1 infra.

Section 10.2---PERFORMANCE EVALUATION HEARINGS

- (a) The Issuing Authority may hold a performance evaluation hearing in each year of this Renewal License. All such evaluation hearings shall be open to the public. The purpose of said evaluation hearing shall be to, among other things, (i) review the Licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal License, with emphasis on PEG Access Channels, facilities and support, customer service and Complaint response, and the Institutional Network; and (ii) hear comments, suggestions and/or Complaints from the public.
- (b) The Issuing Authority shall have the right to question the Licensee on any aspect of this Renewal License including, but not limited to, the maintenance, operation and/or removal of the Cable Television System. During review and evaluation by the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall fully cooperate with the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s), and produce such documents or other materials relevant to such review and evaluation as are reasonably requested from the City_ Any Subscriber or other Person may submit comments during such review hearing, either orally or in writing, and such comments shall be duly considered by the Issuing Authority.
- (c) Within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of such review hearing(s), the Issuing Authority shall issue a written report with respect to the Licensee's compliance with Cable System performance and quality of Service, and send one (1) copy to the Licensee and file one (1) copy with the City Clerk's Office. If inadequacies are found which result in a violation of any of the provisions of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall respond and propose a plan for implementing any changes or improvements necessary, pursuant to Section 11.1 infra.

Section 10.3—NONDISCRIMINATION

The Licensee shall not discriminate against any Person in its solicitation, service or access activities, if applicable, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, geographical location within the City, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Licensee shall be subject to all other requirements of federal and State laws or regulations, relating to nondiscrimination through the term of the Renewal License. This Section 10.3 shall not affect the right of the Licensee to offer discounts.

Section 10.4—EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT

If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the City, it shall become necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Issuing Authority or any designee(s), to cut or move any of the wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances or appurtenances of the Cable Television System, the City shall have the right to do so at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee.

Section 10.5---REMOVAL AND RELOCATION

The Issuing Authority shall have the power at any time to order and require the Licensee to remove or relocate any pole, wire, cable or other structure owned by the Licensee that is dangerous to life or property. In the event that the Licensee, after notice, fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority shall have the power to remove or relocate the same at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee. In such event, the Licensee shall reimburse the Issuing Authority the cost and expense of such removal within thirty (30) days of submission of a bill thereof.

Section 10.6—JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction and venue over any dispute, action or suit shall be in any court of appropriate venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties by this instrument subject themselves to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the entry of any such judgment and for the resolution of any dispute, action, or suit.

DETERMINATION OF BREACH-LIQUIDATED DAMAGES-LICENSE REVOCATION

Section 11.1—DETERMINATION OF BREACH

In the event that the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that the Licensee has defaulted in the performance of any or several provisions of the Renewal License, except as excused by Force Majeure, the Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions which the Issuing Authority believes may have been in default and the details relating thereto. The Licensee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

- (a) respond to the Issuing Authority in writing, contesting the Issuing Authority's assertion of default and providing such information or documentation as may be necessary to support the Licensee's position; or
- (b) cure any such default (and provide written evidence of the same), or, in the event that by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, to take reasonable steps to cure said default and diligently continue such efforts until said default is cured. The Licensee shall report to the Issuing Authority, in writing, by certified mail, at fourteen (14) day intervals as to the Licensee's efforts, indicating the steps taken by the Licensee to cure said default and reporting the Licensee's progress until such default is cured.
- (c) In the event that the Licensee fails to respond to such notice of default and to cure the default or to take reasonable steps to cure the default within the required thirty (30) day period, the Issuing Authority or its designee shall promptly schedule a public hearing no sooner than fourteen (14) days after written notice, by certified mail, to the Licensee. The Licensee shall be provided reasonable opportunity to offer evidence and be heard at such public hearing.
- (d) Within thirty (30) days after the close of said public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall issue a written determination of its findings. In the event that the Issuing Authority, after such hearings, determines that the Licensee is in such default, the Issuing Authority may determine to pursue any of the following remedies:
- (i) seek specific performance of any provision in the Renewal License which reasonably lends itself to such remedy as an alternative to damages;
- (ii) assess liquidated damages in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 11.2 below:

- (iii) commence an action at law for monetary damages;
- (iii) foreclose on all or any appropriate part of the security provided pursuant to Section 9.2 herein;
- (iii) declare the Renewal. License to be revoked subject to Section 11.3 below and applicable law;
 - (iv) invoke any other lawful remedy available to the City.

Section 11.2—LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- (a) For the violation of any of the following provisions of this Renewal License, liquidated damages shall be paid by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority, subject to Section 11.1 above. Any such liquidated damages shall be assessed as of the date that the Licensee received written notice, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions which the Issuing Authority believes are in default provided that the Issuing Authority made a determination of default pursuant to Section 11.1(d) above.
 - (1) For failure to operate and maintain the Subscriber Network in accordance with Section 3.1 herein, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continues.
 - (1) For failure to operate and maintain the Institutional Network in accordance with Section 3.2 herein, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, for each day that any such noncompliance continues.
 - (2) For failure to obtain the advance, written approval of the Issuing Authority for any transfer of the Renewal License in accordance with Section 2.6 herein, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continues.
 - (3) For failure to comply with the PEG Access support provisions in accordance with the timelines in Article 6 and 7 herein, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continues; provided, however, that Sections 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 supra are not subject to assessment of liquidated damages only during such time that interest charges are being levied.
 - (4) For failure to comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations in accordance with Section 12.4 infra, and/or Massachusetts Business Practice Standards in accordance with Section 12.5, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per day that any such non-compliance continues.

- (5) For failure to comply with the FCC technical standards, pursuant to Section 3.1 herein and Exhibit 1 attached hereto, Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225.00), for each day that any such non-compliance continues.
- (b) Such liquidated damages shall not be a limitation upon, any other provisions of this Renewal License and applicable law, including revocation, or any other statutorily or judicially imposed penalties or remedies.
- (c) Each of the above-mentioned cases of non-compliance shall result in damage to the City, its residents, businesses and institutions, compensation for which will be difficult to ascertain. The Licensee agrees that the liquidated damages in the amounts set forth above are fair and reasonable compensation for such damage. The Licensee agrees that said foregoing amounts are liquidated damages, not a penalty or forfeiture, and are within one or more exclusions to the term "franchise fee" provided by Section 622(g)(2)(A)-(D) of the Cable Act.

Section 11.3—REVOCATION OF THE RENEWAL LICENSE

To the extent permitted by applicable law, in the event that the licensee fails to comply with any material provision of this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority may revoke the Renewal License granted herein.

Section 11.4—TERMINATION

The termination of this Renewal License and the Licensee's rights herein shall become effective upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the revocation of the Renewal License by action of the Issuing Authority, pursuant to Section 11.1 and 11.2 above; (ii) the abandonment of the Cable System, in whole or material part, by the Licensee without the express, prior approval of the Issuing Authority; or (iii) the expiration of the term of this Renewal License unless the Licensee is otherwise permitted to continue operating the Cable System pursuant to applicable law(s).

Section 11.5—NOTICE TO CITY OF LEGAL ACTION

In the event that the Issuing Authority or the Licensee has reason to believe that the other party has acted, or has failed to act, in such a manner as to give rise to a claim, in law or equity, against the other party, and either the Issuing Authority or the Licensee intends to take legal action, said party shall (i) give the other party at least forty-five (45) days notice, unless, in good faith, time and events do not allow for such a period, that an action will be filed, (ii) meet with the other party before filing any such action, and (iii) negotiate the issue, if possible, which is the subject of any proposed legal action, in good faith with the other party.

Section 11.6---NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDY

No decision by the Issuing Authority or the City to invoke any remedy under this Renewal License or under any statute, law or ordinance shall preclude the availability of any other such remedy.

Section 11.7---NO WAIVER-CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

- (a) No failure on the part of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right in this Renewal License shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other right, all subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Renewal License.
- (b) The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law, and nothing contained in this Renewal License shall impair any of the rights of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee under applicable law, subject in each case to the terms and conditions in this Renewal License.
- (c) A waiver of any right or remedy by the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee at any one time shall not affect the exercise of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy by the Issuing Authority or the City at any other time. In order for any waiver of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee to be effective, it shall be in writing. The failure of the Issuing Authority, City or the Licensee to take any action in the event of any breach by the other party shall not be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of or otherwise affect the right of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee to take any action permitted by this Renewal License at any other time in the event that such breach has not been cured, or with respect to any other breach by the Licensee.

SUBSCRIBER RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Section 12.1---CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE

During the entire term of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall continue to maintain, operate and staff its full-time customer service office in the City of Framingham, for the purpose of, among other things, receiving customer payments and receiving returned or exchanged equipment.

Section 12.2—TELEPHONE ACCESS

- (a) The Licensee's main customer service office(s) shall have a publicly listed local telephone connection for Framingham Subscribers.
- (b) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §76.309(c)(1)(B), under Normal Operating Conditions, telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. These standards shall be met no less than ninety (90) percent of the time under Normal Operating Conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.
- (a) A Subscriber shall receive a busy signal less than three (3%) of the time that the Licensee's customer service call center is open for business, measured on a quarterly basis, under Normal Operating Conditions.
- (b) The Licensee shall not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards herein unless an historical record of Complaints indicates a clear failure to comply with such standards.

Section 12.3-INSTALLATION VISITS-SERVICE CALLS-RESPONSE TIME

(a) The Licensee shall respond to all requests for aerial installation(s) within seven (7) days of such request, or at such other time as is mutually agreed-upon by the Licensee and said Subscriber. Underground installation shall be completed as expeditiously as practicable. If arranging appointments for installation, the Licensee shall specify in advance whether such will occur in the morning or afternoon, or a narrow interval, if possible within a four (4) hour time block in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §76.309(c)(2)(iii), and the Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to install at times convenient to Subscribers (including times other than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays). In the event that the Licensee misses a scheduled service visit, the Licensee shall provide the Subscriber or customer with a priority service call.

- (b) A Subscriber Complaint or request for service received after Normal Business Hours shall be responded to the next business morning.
- (c) The Licensee shall ensure that there are stand-by technicians on-call at all times after Normal Business Hours. The answering service shall be required to notify the stand-by technician(s) of (i) any emergency situations, (ii) an unusual number of calls and/or (iii) a number of similar Complaint calls or a number of calls coming from the same area.
- (d) System outages shall be responded to immediately, twenty-four (24) hours a day by technical personnel. For purposes of this section, an outage shall be considered to occur when three (3) or more calls are received from any one neighborhood within one hour of any such first call, concerning such an outage, or when the Licensee has reason to know of such an outage.
 - (c) The Licensee shall respond to all requests for service or repair that are received during the business hours described in Section 12.1. All of such requests shall be handled on the same day, if possible, provided that said service Complaint or request for service is received by 2:00 P.M.; provided, however, that in all instances, requests for service calls shall be responded to within forty-eight (48) hours of said original call. Verification of the problem and resolution shall occur as promptly as possible.
 - (d) The Licensee shall remove all Subscriber Drop Cables, within thirty (30) days of receiving a request from a Subscriber to do so.

Section 12.4—FCC CUSTOMER SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

The Licensee shall comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations, codified at 47 U.S.C. Section 76.309, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 12.5—BUSINESS PRACTICE STANDARDS

The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority, the Commission and all of its Subscribers with the following information in accordance with 207 CMR 10.00 et seq., as the same may exist or as may be amended from time to time:

- (i) Notification of its Billing Practices;
- (ii) Notification of Services, Rates and Charges;
- (iii) Form of Bill
- (iv) Advance Billing, Issuance of Bills;

- (v) Billing Due Dates, Delinquency, Late Charges and Termination of Service;
- (vi) Charges for Disconnection or Downgrading of Service;
- (vii) Billing Disputes; and
- (viii) Security Deposits.

Section 12.6---COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

- (a) The Licensee shall establish a procedure for resolution of Complaints by Subscribers.
- (b) Upon reasonable notice, the Licensee shall expeditiously investigate and resolve all Complaints regarding the quality of Service, equipment malfunctions and similar matters. In the event that a Subscriber is aggrieved, the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) shall be responsible for receiving and acting upon such Subscriber complaints/inquiries, as follows:
 - (i) Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority or its designee(s), and subject to applicable privacy laws, the Licensee shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving such request, send a written report to the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) with respect to any Complaint. Such report shall provide a full explanation of the investigation, finding and corrective steps taken by the Licensee.
 - (ii) Should a Subscriber have an unresolved Complaint regarding cable television operations, the Subscriber shall be entitled to file his or her Complaint with the Issuing Authority or its designee(s), who shall have primary responsibility for the continuing administration of this Renewal License and the implementation of Complaint procedures. The Subscriber shall thereafter meet jointly with the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) and a representative of the Licensee, within thirty (30) days of the Subscriber's filing of his or her Complaint, in order to fully discuss and resolve such matter. The Licensee shall notify each new Subscriber, at the time of initial installation of Cable Service, of the procedures for reporting and resolving all of such Complaints, and annually to all Subscribers.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) determines it to be in the public interest, the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) may investigate any multiple Complaints or disputes brought by Subscribers arising from the operations of the Licensee.

Section 12.7—DAMAGE OR LOSS OF EQUIPMENT

The Licensee shall comply with all provisions of 207 CMR 9.00, as amended, and any other applicable laws.

Section 12.8—REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES

The Licensee shall allow its Subscribers to purchase, from legal and authorized parties other than the Licensee, own, utilize and program remote control devices which are compatible with the Converter(s) provided by the Licensee. The licensee takes no responsibility for changes in its equipment which might make inoperable the remote control devices acquired by Subscribers.

Section 12.9—EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All of the Licensee's employees entering upon private property, in connection with the construction, installation, maintenance and/or operation of the Cable System, including repair and sales personnel, shall be required to wear an employee identification card issued by the Licensee and bearing a picture of said employee.

Section 12.10—PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

- (a) The Licensee shall respect the rights of privacy of every Subscriber of the Cable Television System and shall not violate such rights through the use of any device or Signal associated with the Cable Television System, and as hereafter provided.
- (a) The Licensee shall comply with all privacy provisions contained in this Article 12 and all other applicable federal and State laws including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 631 of the Cable Act.
- (b) The Licensee shall be responsible for carrying out and enforcing the Cable System's privacy policy, and shall at all times maintain adequate physical, technical and administrative security safeguards to ensure that personal subscriber information is handled and protected strictly in accordance with this policy.
- (c) The Licensee shall notify all third parties who offer Cable Services in conjunction with the Licensee, or independently over the Cable Television System, of the subscriber privacy requirements contained in this Renewal License.

Section 12.11--PRIVACY WRITTEN NOTICE

At the time of entering into an agreement to provide any Cable Service or other Service to a Subscriber, and annually thereafter to all Cable System Subscribers, the Licensee shall provide Subscribers with written notice, as required by Section 631(a)(1) of the Cable Act, which, at a minimum, clearly and conspicuously explains the Licensee's practices regarding the collection, retention, uses, and dissemination of personal subscriber information, and describing the Licensee's policy for the protection of subscriber privacy.

Section 12.12-MONITORING

- (a) Neither the Licensee nor its agents nor the City nor its agents shall tap, monitor, arrange for the tapping or monitoring, or permit any other Person to tap or monitor, any cable, line, Signal, input device, or subscriber Outlet or receiver for any purpose, without the prior written authorization of the affected Subscriber provided, however, that the Licensee may conduct system-wide or individually addressed "sweeps" solely for the purpose of verifying System integrity, checking for illegal taps, connections or Converters, controlling return-path transmission, billing for pay Services or monitoring channel usage in a manner not inconsistent with the Cable Act. The Licensee shall report to the affected parties and the Issuing Authority any instances of monitoring or tapping of the Cable Television System, or any part thereof, of which it has knowledge, whether or not such activity has been authorized by the Licensee, other than as permitted herein.
- (b) The Licensee shall not record or retain any information transmitted between a Subscriber and any third party, except as required for lawful business purposes. Pursuant to Section 631(e) of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall destroy personally identifiable information if the information is no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was collected and there are no pending requests or orders for access to such information pursuant to a request from a Subscriber or pursuant to a court order.

Section 12.13—DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION

- (a) The Licensee shall not disclose personally identifiable information concerning any Subscriber without the prior written or electronic consent of the Subscriber concerned.
 - (b) The Licensee may disclose such information if the disclosure is:
- (i) necessary to render, or conduct a legitimate business activity related to, a Cable Service or other service provided by the Licensee to the Subscriber; and/or
- (ii) made pursuant to a court order authorizing such disclosure, if the Subscriber is notified of such order by the person to whom the order is directed

(iii) a disclosure of the names and addresses of Subscribers to any Cable Service or other service, if a) the Licensee has provided the Subscriber the opportunity to prohibit or limit such disclosure, and b) the disclosure does not reveal, directly or indirectly, the (1) extent of any viewing or other use by the Subscriber of a Cable Service or other service provided by the License, or (ii) the nature of the transaction made by the Subscriber over the Cable System.

Section 12.14---INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO VIEWING HABITS AND SUBSCRIPTION DECISIONS

Except as permitted by Section 631 of the Cable Act, neither the Licensee nor its agents nor its employees shall make available to any third party, including the City, information concerning the viewing habits or subscription package decisions of any individual Subscriber. If a court authorizes or orders such disclosure, the Licensee shall notify the Subscriber as soon as practicable, unless such notification is otherwise prohibited by applicable law or the court.

Section 12.15---SUBSCRIBER'S RIGHT TO INSPECT AND VERIFY INFORMATION

- (a) The Licensee shall make available for inspection by a Subscriber at a reasonable time and place all personal subscriber information that the Licensee maintains regarding said Subscriber.
- (b) A Subscriber may obtain from the Licensee a copy of any or all of the personal subscriber information regarding him or her maintained by the Licensee. The Licensee may require a reasonable fee for making said copy.
- (a) A Subscriber may challenge the accuracy, completeness, retention, use or dissemination of any item of personal subscriber information. Such challenges and related inquiries about the handling of subscriber information shall be directed to the Licensee. The Licensee shall change any such information upon a reasonable showing by any Subscriber that such information is inaccurate.

Section 12.16—PRIVACY STANDARDS REVIEW

The Issuing Authority and the Licensee shall periodically review this Article 12 to determine that it effectively addresses appropriate concerns about privacy. This Article may be amended periodically by agreement of the Issuing Authority and the Licensee.

REPORTS, AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE TESTS

Section 13.1---GENERAL

- (a) Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall promptly submit to the City any information regarding (1) the Licensee, its business and operations with respect to the Cable System, and/or (2) any Affiliated Person(s), with respect to the computation of Gross Annual Revenues, if applicable, in such form and containing such detail as may be reasonably specified by the City pertaining to the subject matter of this Renewal License which may be reasonably required to establish the Licensee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to this Renewal License.
- (b) If the Licensee believes that the documentation requested by the Issuing Authority involves proprietary information, then the Licensee shall submit the information to its counsel, who shall confer with the City Solicitor for a determination of the validity of the Licensee's claim of a proprietary interest.

Section 13.2---FINANCIAL REPORTS

- (a) Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority after the end of the Licensee's fiscal year, the Licensee shall furnish the Issuing Authority with Commission Forms 200 showing a balance sheet sworn to by the Licensee's authorized Financial Officer.
 - (b) Any other reports required by State and/or federal law to be filed with the Issuing Authority.

Section 13.3—CABLE SYSTEM INFORMATION

Upon written request, the Licensee shall file annually with the Issuing Authority a statistical summary of the operations of the Cable System. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the number of Basic Service Subscribers, (ii) the number of dwelling units passed; and (iii) the number of plant miles completed. The Licensee may submit such information subject to Section 13.1(b) above, and it shall be considered proprietary.

Section 13.4—IN-HOUSE TELEPHONE REPORTS

To establish the Licensee's compliance with the requirements of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall provide, on a quarterly basis, the Issuing Authority with a report of telephone traffic, generated from an in-house automated call accounting or call tracking system.

Section 13.5-SUBSCRIBER COMPLAINT REPORT

The Licensee shall submit a completed copy of Cable Division Form 500 to the Issuing Authority, or his designee, as required by the Cable Division.

Section 13.6--ANNUAL PERFORMANCE TESTS

Unless required otherwise by applicable State or federal law and/or regulation, the Licensee shall conduct, on a twice-yearly basis, performance tests to ensure compliance with the technical specifications, as referenced in Sec. 3.1(b).

Section 13.7—DUAL FILINGS

To the extent required by applicable law, either party shall notify the other of any petitions, communications, and/or requests for waiver or advisory opinion with any State or federal agency or commission pertaining to any material aspect of the Cable System operation hereunder, subject to Section 13.1 above, and upon the other party's written request, shall make available at its own expense to the other party copies of any such petitions, communications or requests.

Section 13.8—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At any time during the term of this Renewal License, upon the reasonable request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall not unreasonably deny any requests for further information which may be required to establish the Licensee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to this Renewal License and subject to Section 13.1 supra.

Section 13.9—INVESTIGATION

The Licensee and any Affiliated Person(s) shall cooperate fully and faithfully with any lawful investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a City governmental agency.

EMPLOYMENT

Section 14.1---EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Licensee shall comply with all laws and regulations with respect to Equal Employment Opportunities.

Section 14.2—NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Licensee shall adhere to all federal and State laws prohibiting discrimination in employment practices.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 15.1—ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements or proposals except as specifically incorporated herein, and cannot be changed orally but only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties.

Section 15.2—CAPTIONS

The captions to sections throughout this Renewal License are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the Renewal License. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Renewal License.

Section 15.3—SEPARABILITY

If any section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision of this Renewal License is determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any State or federal regulatory agency having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect for the term of this Renewal License.

Section 15.4—ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AFFILIATES

During the term of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall be liable for the acts or omission of its Affiliates while such Affiliates are involved directly or indirectly in the construction, upgrade, installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable System as if the acts or omissions of such Affiliates were the acts or omissions of the Licensee.

Section 15.5—RENEWAL LICENSE EXHIBITS

The Exhibits to this Renewal License, attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are incorporated herein by this reference and expressly made a part of this Renewal License.

Section 15.6-WARRANTIES

The Licensee warrants, represents and acknowledges that, as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License:

- (i) The Licensee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State;
- (ii) The Licensee has the requisite power and authority under applicable law and its by-laws and articles of incorporation and/or other organizational documents, is authorized by resolutions of its Board of Directors or other governing body, and has secured all consents which are required to be obtained as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License, to enter into and legally bind the Licensee to this Renewal License and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this Renewal License;
- (iii) This Renewal License is enforceable against the Licensee in accordance with the provisions herein, subject to applicable State and federal law;
- (iv) There is no action or proceedings pending or threatened against the Licensee which would interfere with its performance of this Renewal License; and
- (v) Pursuant to Section 625(f) of the Cable Act, the performance of all terms and conditions in this Renewal license is commercially practicable as of the Execution Date of this Renewal License.

Section 15.7---FORCE MAJEURE

If by reason of force majeure either party is unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations hereunder, said party shall not be deemed in violation or default during the continuance of such inability. The term "force majeure" as used herein shall mean the following: acts of God; acts of public enemies; orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivision, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightening; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; civil disturbances; explosions; strikes; and unavailability of essential equipment, services and/or materials and/or other matters beyond the control of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee.

Section 15.8---REMOVAL OF ANTENNAS

The Licensee shall not remove any television antenna of any Subscriber but shall offer to said Subscriber, and maintain, an adequate switching device ("A/B Switch") to allow said Subscriber to choose between cable and non-cable television reception.

Section 15.9---SUBSCRIBER TELEVISION SETS

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, Section 5(d), the Licensee shall not engage directly or indirectly in the business of selling or repairing television or radio sets; provided, however, that the Licensee may make adjustments to television sets in the course of normal maintenance.

Section 15.10---APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL LICENSE

All of the provisions in this Renewal License shall apply to the City, the licensee, and their respective successors and assignees.

Section 15.11---NOTICES

- (a) Every notice to be served upon the Issuing Authority shall be delivered, or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the Mayor, City of Framingham, Framingham City Hall, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, Massachusetts 01702, with one (1) copy to the City Solicitor, and one (1) copy to the Cable Advisory Committee, all at the same address, or such other address as the Issuing Authority may specify in writing to the Licensee. The delivery shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt.
- (a) Every notice served upon the Licensee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs, RCN, 105 West First Street, South Boston, MA 02127, with one (1) copy to such other address as the Licensee may specify in writing to the Issuing Authority. The delivery shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt.
 - (a) All required notices shall be in writing.

Section 15.12---NO RECOURSE AGAINST THE ISSUING AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 635A(a) of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall have no recourse whatsoever against the Issuing Authority, the City and/or its officials, boards, commissions, committees, advisors, designees, agents, and/or its employees other than injunctive relief or declaratory relief, arising out of any provision or requirements of the Renewal License or because of enforcement of the Renewal License.

Section 15.13---CITY'S RIGHT OF INTERVENTION

The City hereby reserves to itself the right to intervene in any suit, action or proceeding involving this Renewal License, or any provision in this Renewal License. The Licensee reserves the right to contest such intervention.

Section 15.14---TERM

All obligations of the Licensee and the Issuing Authority set forth in the Renewal License shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Renewal License and shall continue for the ten (10) year term of the Renewal License, except as expressly provided for otherwise herein.

Section 15.15---NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This license is between RCN and the City of Framingham, and the two parties expressly state that no legally enforceable benefit of this License shall inure to any third party.

EXECUTION PAGE

By: Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor	6/24/19 Date
Its: Issuing Authority	
FOR RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS, LLC	
By:	
Its:	
Approved as to Form:	6/24/19
Christopher J. Perini City Solicitor	

EXECUTION PAGE

By: //vorme M. Spicer, Mayor Its: /Issuing Authority	6/4/19 Date
FOR REN TELECOMSERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS, LLC By:	5/4/19
Approved as to Form: Christopher J. Perini City Solicitor	6/24/19

RCN FIBER LOCATIONS

RCN Fiber Location	Address
Animal Control	160 Western Ave
Athenaeum Hall	Concord Street
Barbieri Elementary School	100 Dudley Road
Brophy School	575 Pleasant Street
Callahan Senior Center COA (New)	535 Union Ave
Cameron School	215 Elm Street
Charlotte Dunning School	48 Frost Street
Community College (MA Bay)	19 Flagg Drive
Community Police Framingham Centre Common	
Community Police Hollis St Substation	160 Hollis St
Community Police Shopper's World Substation	Shoppers World
Community Police Tripoli Substation	904 Waverly St
Cushing Chapel	Dudley Road
Cushing Park Academy Building	South Road
Farley Memorial Annex (old COA)	123 Union Ave
FEC Access Studio	115 A Street
Fire Concord St	520 Concord St
Fire Dispatch	1055 Worcester Road
Fire HQ	10 Loring Dr/Irving St
Fire Water St	789 Water St
City building	2 Watson Place
Fire Station Saxonville	75 A Street
Fuller Middle School	31 Flagg Street
G. P. King School Admin	454 Water Street
Government Access Studio	150 Concord Street
Hemenway School	729 Water Street
Henry St Garage	Henry St Ext
High School	"115 ""A"" Street"
Incinerator (RDC)	Dudley Road
Juniper Hill School	29 Upper Joycelyn Ave
Loring Arena	159 Fountain St
Main Library	49 Lexington St
Maynard Building	14 Vernon St
McAuliffe Branch Library	746 Water Street

McCarthy School **Musterfield Housing Parking Garage** Parks and Recreation **PEG Access Studio**

Pelham Police Sub Station

Police HO

Potter Road School Public Works Garage Stapleton School

Thayer Alternative HS (formerly Lawrence Street School)

City Hall Nevins Auditorium, Memorial Building,

Transportation **Utility Pole** Village Hall

W/S Edgell Rd Water

W/S Rt9 Sewer W/S Elm St Water W/S Grove St. Water W/S Henry King Sewer W/S Pleasant St Water

W/S Central St. Sewer Pump Stn.

W/S Hemenway Sewer Pump Stn.

W/S Sewer Speen St W/S Pumping Station W/S Pumping Station W/S Pumping Station

Water Tank Water Tank Water Tank

Walsh Middle School **Woodrow Wilson School** McAuliffe Branch Library 8 Flagg Drive 26 Arsenal Road Pearl St

475 Union Ave 4 Vernon Street

Beaver Park Road 81 Union Avenue 492 Potter Road

100 Western Ave 25 Elm Street 50 Lawrence St 150 Concord St.

165 Fountain St

Route 9 and Lockland Ave.

Edgell Road 645 Edgell St 700 Worcester Road

135 Elm St 529 Grove St 5 Watson Place 1079 Pleasant 472-4 Central St 68R Hemenway Speen Street 38 Oakcrest Dr. 2 Goodnow Lane 300 Winter St

16 Indian Head 19 Checkerberry

367 Brimestone Lane

301 Brook Street 169 Leland Street 746 Water Street

PROGRAMMING AND INITIAL SIGNAL CARRIAGE

The Licensee shall provide the following broad categories of Programming:

- + News Programming;
- + Sports Programming;
- + Public Affairs Programming;
- + Children's Programming;
- + Entertainment Programming;
- + Foreign Language Programming; and
- + Local Programming.

For informational purposes, it is the Licensee's intention to have the following channel line-up upon the Effective Date of the Renewal License, subject to applicable law and the Licensee's editorial discretion.

(RCN to Provide)

FREE DROPS AND MONTHY SERVICE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The following public buildings and non-profit organizations shall continue to receive Drops and/or Outlets and the monthly Basic Service at no charge:

(1) City Hall	150 Concord Street
(2) Village Hall	Edgell Road
(3) Athenaeum Hall	Concord Street
(4) Police Station	81 Union Street
(5) Loring Arena	159 Fountain Street
(6) McAuliffe Branch Library	746 Water Street
(7) Main Branch Library	49 Lexington Road
(8) Farley Memorial Annex	123 Union Avenue
(9) Fire Station	1055 Worcester Street
(10) Fire Station	520 Concord Street
(11) Fire Station	789 Water Street
(12) Fire Station	75 A Street
(12) Parking Garage	Pearl Street
(13) Fire House	10 Loring Drive and Irving Street
(14) City Building	2 Watson Place
(15) Public Works Building	100 Western Avenue
(16) Callahan Senior Center	535 Union Avenue
(17) Parks and Recreation	475 Union Avenue
(18) Jonathan Maynard Building	14 Vernon Street
(19) Hollis Street Community Center	160 Hollis Street
(20) AFTV Access Studio	4 Vernon Street
(21) Gov. Access Studio	150 Concord Street

FREE DROPS AND MONTHY SERVICE TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The following school buildings shall continue to receive Drops and/or Outlets and the monthly Basic Service at no charge:

(1) Barbieri Elementary School	100 Dudley Road
(2) Brophy School	575 Pleasant Street
(3) Charlotte Dunning School	48 Frost Street
(4) Community College	19 Flagg Drive
(5) G.P. King School	454 Water Street
(6) Hemenway School	729 Water Street
(7) Juniper Hill School	29 Upper Joycelyn Avenue
(8) Miriam McCarthy School	8 Flagg Drive
(9) Framingham High School	115 "A" Street
(10) Potter Road School	492 Potter Road
(11) Stapleton School,	25 Elm Street
(12) Fuller Middle School	31 Flagg Drive
(13) Walsh Junior High School	301 Bronx Street
(14) Woodrow Wilson School	169 Leland Street
(15) Cameron Middle School	215 Elm Street
(16) Lawrence Street School	50 Lawrence Street
(17) Framingham Educational Studio	115 "A" Street

GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES REPORTING FORM

Company: RCN-BecoCom, Inc., Inc.	
Municipality: Framingham, Massachusetts	3
Annual Revenue Period:	Calendar Year:
I. Composition of Total Revenues Su	bject to License Fee:
Revenue Adjustment (specify)	Totals
Totals by Service:	
Basic Service Revenue	\$ [enter amount]
Pay Service Revenue ¹	\$ [enter amount]
Other Unregulated Revenue ²	\$ [enter amount]
Digital Revenue	\$ [enter amount]
Subtotal:	\$ [enter subtotal]
Totals by Non Service:	
Home Shopping Revenue	\$ [enter amount]
Advertising Revenue	\$ [enter amount]
Leased Access Revenue	\$ [enter amount]
Franchise Fees	\$ [enter amount]
Less Bad Debt/Add Bad Debt Paid	\$ [enter amount]
Subtotal:	\$ [enter subtotal]
Total Gross Revenue	\$ [enter total]
License Fee (5%)	\$ [enter % of total]
Fee on Fee (5%)	\$ [enter % of %]
License Fee Due	\$ [enter total due]
1 - Pay Service includes all Pay Channels and Pay-Pe 2 - Other Unregulated includes converter, remote, ins	
Authorized RCN Representative:	
Date:	

207 CMR 10.00

BILLING AND TERMINATION OF SERVICE

10.01: Billing Practices Notice

(1) Every cable television operator shall give written notice of its billing practices to potential subscribers before a subscription agreement is reached. Such notice shall include practices relating to the frequency and timing of bills, payment requirements necessary to avoid account delinquency, billing dispute resolution procedures and late payment penalties.

(2) A copy of the cable television operator's billing practices notice, work order and sample subscriber bill shall be filed by March 15th of each year with the Commission, the issuing authority, and the company's local office, where they shall be available for public inspection. If an operator amends its billing practices notice, work order or subscriber bill after submitting the annual filing, it shall file copies of the amendments with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office.

(3) At least 30 days prior to implementing a change of one of its billing practices, the cable television operator shall notify in writing the Commission, the issuing authority and all affected subscribers of the change and include a description of the changed practice.

(4) Statements about billing practices in work orders, marketing, materials and other documents shall be consistent with the billing practices notice.

10.02: Services, Rates and Charges Notice

(1) The cable television operator shall give notice of its services, rates and charges to potential subscribers before a subscription agreement is reached.

(2) At least 30 days prior to implementing an increase in one of its rates or charges or a substantial change in the number or type of programming services, the operator shall notify, in writing, the Commission, the issuing authority and all affected subscribers of the change and include a description of the increased rate or charge. The notice shall list the old and new rate or charge and, if applicable, the old and new programming services provided.

(3) Every cable television operator shall fully disclose in writing all of its programming services and rates, upon request from a subscriber.

(4) Every cable television operator shall fully disclose in writing all of its charges for installation, disconnection, downgrades and upgrades, reconnection, additional outlets, and rental, purchase and/or replacement due to damage or theft of equipment or devices used in relation to cable services, upon request from a subscriber.

- (5) Every cable television operator shall provide written notice of the charge, if any, for service visits and under what circumstances such charge will be imposed, upon request from a subscriber.
- (6) A copy of the cable operator's programming services, rates and charges shall be filed by March 15th of each year with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office where it shall be made available for public inspection. If an operator amends its notice after the annual filing, it shall file a copy of the amendment with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office.
- (7) A cable operator shall not charge a subscriber for any service or equipment that the subscriber has not affirmatively requested by name. This provision, however, shall not preclude the addition or deletion of a specific program from a service offering, the addition or deletion of specific channels from an existing tier of service, or the restructuring or division of existing tiers of service that do not result in a fundamental change in the nature of an existing service or tier of service.

10.03: Form of Bill

- (1) The bill shall contain the following information in clear, concise and understandable language and format:
- (a) The name, local address and telephone number of the cable television operator. The telephone number shall be displayed in a conspicuous location on the bill and shall be accompanied by a statement that the subscriber may call this number with any questions or complaints about the bill or to obtain a description of the subscriber's rights under 207 CMR 10.07 in the event of a billing dispute;
- (b) the period of time over which each chargeable service is billed including prorated periods as a result of establishment and termination of service;
- (c) the dates on which individually chargeable services were rendered or any applicable credits were applied;
- (d) separate itemization of each rate or charge levied or credit applied, including, but not be limited to, basic, premium service and equipment charges, as well as any unit, pay-per-view or per item charges:
- (e) the amount of the bill for the current billing period, separate from any prior balance due;
- (f) The date on which payment is due from the subscriber.
- (2) Cable operators may identify as a separate line item of each regular subscriber bill the following:
- (a) The amount of the total bill assessed as a franchise fee and the identity of the franchising authority to whom the fee is paid;
- (b) The amount of the total bill assessed to satisfy any requirements imposed on the cable operator by the franchise agreement to support public, educational, or governmental channels or the use of such channels;

- (c) The amount of any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any governmental authority on the transaction between the operator and the subscriber. In order for a governmental fee or assessment to be separately identified under 207 CMR 10.03, it must be directly imposed by a governmental body on a transaction between a subscriber and an operator.
- (3) All itemized costs shall be direct and verifiable. Each cable operator shall maintain a document in its public file which shall be available upon request, that provides the accounting justification for all itemized costs appearing on the bill.

10.04: Advance Billing and Issuance of Bill

- (1) In the absence of a license provision further limiting the period of advance billing, a cable operator may, under uniform nondiscriminatory terms and conditions, require payment not more than two months prior to the last day of a service period.
- (2) A cable subscriber may voluntarily offer and a cable operator may accept advance payments for periods greater than two months.
- (3) Upon request, a cable television operator shall provide subscribers with a written statement of account for each billing period and a final bill at the time of disconnection.

10.05: Billing Due Dates, Delinquency, Late Charges and Termination of Service

- (1) Subscriber payment is due on the due date marked on the bill, which shall be a date certain and in no case a statement that the bill is due upon receipt. The due date shall not be less than five business days following the mailing date of the bill.
- (2) A subscriber account shall not be considered delinquent unless payment has not been received by the company at least 30 days after the bill due date.
- (3) The following provisions shall apply to the imposition of late charges on subscribers:
- (a) A cable television operator shall not impose a late charge on a subscriber unless a subscriber is delinquent, the operator has given the subscriber a written late charge notice in a clear and conspicuous manner, and the subscriber has been given at least eight business days from the date of delinquency to pay the balance due.
- (b) A charge of not more than 5 percent of the balance due may be imposed as a one-time late charge.
- (c) No late charge may be assessed on the amount of a bill in dispute.
- (4) A cable television operator shall not terminate a subscriber's service unless the subscriber is delinquent, the cable operator has given the subscriber a separate written notice of termination in a clear and conspicuous manner, and the subscriber has been given at least eight business days from the mailing of the notice of termination to pay the balance due. A notice of termination shall not be mailed to subscribers until after the date of delinquency.
- (5) A cable television operator shall not assess a late charge on a bill or discontinue a subscriber's cable television service solely because of the nonpayment of the disputed portion of a bill during the period established by 207 CMR 10.07 for registration of a complaint with the

- operator or during the process of a dispute resolution mechanism recognized under 207 CMR 10.07.
- (6) Any charge for returned checks shall be reasonably related to the costs incurred by the cable company in processing such checks.

10.06: Charges for Disconnection or Downgrading of Service

- (1) A cable television operator may impose a charge reasonably related to the cost incurred for a downgrade of service, except that no such charge may be imposed when:
- (a) A subscriber requests total disconnection from cable service; or
- (b) A subscriber requests the downgrade within the 30 day period following the notice of a rate increase or a substantial change in the number or type of programming services relative to the service (s) in question.
- (2) If a subscriber requests disconnection from cable television service prior to the effective date of an increase in rates, the subscriber shall not be charged the increased rate if the cable television operator fails to disconnect service prior to the effective date. Any subscriber who has paid in advance for the next billing period and who requests disconnection from service shall receive a prorated refund of any amounts paid in advance.

10.07: Billing Disputes

- (1) Every cable television operator shall establish procedures for prompt investigation of any billing dispute registered by a subscriber. The procedure shall provide at least 30 days from the due date of the bill for the subscriber to register a complaint. The cable television operator shall notify the subscriber of the result of its investigation and give an explanation for its decision within 30 working days of receipt of the complaint.
- (2) The subscriber shall forfeit any rights under 207 CMR 10.07 if he or she fails to pay the undisputed balance within 30 days.
- (3) Any subscriber in disagreement with the results of the cable television operator's investigation shall promptly inquire about and take advantage of any complaint resolution mechanism, formal or informal, available under the license or through the issuing authority before the Commission may accept a petition filed under 207 CMR 10.07(4).
- (4) The subscriber or the cable television operator may petition the Commission to resolve disputed matters within 30 days of any final action. Final action under 207 CMR 10.07(3) shall be deemed to have occurred 30 days after the filing of a complaint.
- (5) Upon receipt of a petition, the Commission may proceed to resolve the dispute if all parties agree to submit the dispute to the Commission and be bound by the Commission's decision and the Commission obtains a statement signed by the parties indicating that agreement. In resolving the dispute, the Commission may receive either written or oral statements from the parties, and may conduct its own investigation. The Commission shall then issue a decision

based on the record and the parties shall receive written notification of the decision and a statement of reasons therefor.

10.08: Security Deposits

- (1) A cable operator shall not require from any cable subscriber a security deposit for converters or other equipment in excess of the cost of the equipment.
- (2) The cable operator shall pay interest to the cable subscriber at a rate of 7% per year for any deposit held for six months or more, and such interest shall accrue from the date the deposit is made by the cable subscriber. Interest shall be paid annually by the cable operator to the cable subscriber, either as a direct payment or as a credit to the cable subscriber's account.
- (3) Within 30 days after the return of the converter or other equipment, the cable operator shall return the security deposit plus any accrued interest to the cable subscriber, either as a direct payment or as a credit to the cable subscriber's account.

660703v12/FRAM/0026