

**CABLE TELEVISION
RENEWAL LICENSE**

**GRANTED TO
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.**

EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, 2023 TO APRIL 17, 2028

**SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF NORFOLK
MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority granted to Licensee effective as of January 28, 2008, a nonexclusive Final License to install, maintain, extend, and operate a Cable System in the Town for a term of fifteen (15) years (the “Final License”);

WHEREAS, the Licensee has operated a Cable System in accordance with the Final License as of the effective date on its existing Telecommunications Facilities consisting of a Fiber to the Premises Telecommunications Network (“FTTP Network”) in the Town which also transmits Non-Cable Services pursuant to authority granted by M.G.L. c. 166 and Title II, which Non-Cable Services are not subject to the Massachusetts Cable Law or Title VI;

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable federal and State law, the Issuing Authority undertook a process to determine whether it should renew the Final License and the terms for such a renewal;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority has examined the past performance of Licensee and has determined that Licensee is and has been in material compliance with the Final License and applicable law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable federal and State law, the Licensee submitted to the Issuing Authority a proposal to renew the Final License to operate and maintain a Cable System in the Town; and

WHEREAS, following good faith negotiations between the parties, the Issuing Authority and Licensee have agreed on the terms for a renewal License under which Licensee will continue to operate its Cable System in the Town.

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

THE SIGNATORIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and word usages set forth in the Communications Act are incorporated herein and shall apply in this License. For the purpose of this License, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning in which case such other meaning shall apply. 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. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

1.1. *Access Channel*: A video Channel, which Licensee shall make available to the Town and/or the PEG Access Designee without charge for non-commercial public, educational, or governmental use for the transmission of Video Programming as directed by the Town or the PEG Access Designee.

1.2. *Affiliate*: Any Person who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, the Licensee.

1.3. *Basic Service*: Any service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals as well as the PEG Channels required by this License.

1.4. *Cable Division*: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.

1.5. *Cable Service* or *Cable Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(6) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).

1.6. *Cable System* or *System*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(7) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(7).

1.7. *Channel*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).

1.8. *CMR*: The Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

1.9. *Communications Act*: The Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.), which includes the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended (including as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996).

1.10. *Control*: The ability to exercise *de facto* or *de jure* control over day-to-day policies and operations or the management of corporate affairs.

1.11. *Educational Access Channel*: An Access Channel provided to the Town pursuant to the terms and conditions of this License and available for the non-commercial use of the local public schools in the Town and/or the PEG Access Designee.

1.12. *FCC*: The United States Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.

1.13. *Force Majeure*: An event or events reasonably beyond the ability of Licensee or the Issuing Authority to anticipate and control. With respect to the Licensee, Force Majeure includes, but is not limited to, severe or unusual weather conditions, strikes, labor disturbances, lockouts, war or act of war (whether an actual declaration of war is made or not), insurrection, riots, epidemics, act of public enemy, actions or inactions of any government instrumentality or public utility including condemnation, accidents for which the Licensee is not primarily responsible, fire, flood, or other acts of God, or work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor utility poles to which Licensee's FTTP Network is attached, and unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

1.14. *Franchise Fee*: Shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622 (g) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §542(g)).

1.15. *FTTP Network*: Shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals of this License.

1.16. *Government Access Channel*: An Access Channel provided to the Town pursuant to the terms and conditions of this License and available for the non-commercial use of the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee.

1.17. *Gross Revenue*: All revenue, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which is derived by Licensee and/or its Affiliates from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Town, including, without limitation, the following items: fees, charges and payments collected from Subscribers for Cable Services (including, but not limited to, basic and premium Cable Services and pay-per-view Cable Service); installation, reconnection, change-in-service (upgrades, downgrades, etc.) and similar charges; revenues received from rentals or sales to Subscribers of converters, remote controls and other Subscriber equipment used to provide Cable Service over the Cable System; fees from third parties for leased access programming; revenues that the Licensee receives from home shopping channels for the use of the Cable System to sell merchandise as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the Town based on the number of Subscribers; advertising revenues as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the Town based on the number of Subscribers; and all fees relating to the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Town that are separately itemized and billed to Subscribers, including the License Fee, the PEG Access Support, and the PEG Grant, provided that, with respect to the PEG Grant, such fees shall be considered Gross Revenue only if the Issuing Authority provides evidence that to the extent the PEG grant of the other cable provider(s) in the Town is separately itemized and billed to subscribers and such amounts are included in their respective gross revenue. For the avoidance

of doubt, Gross Revenue shall include the amount of the Licensee's gross advertising revenue (i.e., without netting advertising commissions paid to third parties), calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Gross Revenue shall include revenue of an Affiliate only to the extent that such Affiliate revenue is derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Town, and not the revenues of any such Affiliate that are not derived therefrom. In no event shall revenue of an Affiliate be Gross Revenue to the Licensee if such revenue is otherwise subject to Franchise Fees and paid to the Issuing Authority.

Provided, however, that Gross Revenue shall not include:

1.17.1. Revenues received by any Affiliate or other Person in exchange for supplying goods or services used by Licensee to provide Cable Service over the Cable System, except to the extent that such revenues are derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Town;

1.17.2. Bad debts written off by Licensee in the normal course of its business, provided, however, that bad debt recoveries shall be included in Gross Revenue during the period collected;

1.17.3. Refunds, rebates or discounts made to Subscribers or other third parties;

1.17.4. Any revenues classified, in whole or in part, as Non-Cable Services revenue under federal or State law including, without limitation, revenue received from Telecommunications Services; or revenue received from Information Services, including, without limitation, Internet Access Service, electronic mail service, electronic bulletin board service, or similar online computer services;

1.17.5. Any revenue of Licensee or any other Person which is received directly from the sale of merchandise through any Cable Service distributed over the Cable System, notwithstanding that portion of such revenue which represents or can be attributed to a Subscriber fee or a payment for the use of the Cable System for the sale of such merchandise, which portion shall be included in Gross Revenue;

1.17.6. Revenues from the sale of Cable Services on the Cable System to a reseller, when the reseller is required by law to pay (and does pay) Franchise Fees and other cable license fees to the Town on the resale of the Cable Services. Nothing under this Section is intended to limit the rights of the Town pursuant to Section 622(h) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 542(h));

1.17.7. Any tax of general applicability imposed by a Town, State, federal or any other governmental entity and required to be collected from Subscribers by Licensee and remitted to the taxing entity (including, but not limited to, sales/use taxes and non-cable license fees);

1.17.8. Any revenue foregone as a result of the Licensee's provision of free or reduced cable or other communications services to any Person, including without limitation, employees of Licensee and public institutions or other institutions as required or permitted herein and to other customers which are exempt, as required or allowed by the Town; provided, however, that such foregone revenue which Licensee chooses not to receive in exchange for trades, barter, services or other items of value shall be included in Gross Revenue;

1.17.9. Revenues from the sales of capital assets or sales of surplus equipment;

1.17.10. Program launch fees; and

1.17.11. Directory or Internet advertising revenue including, but not limited to, yellow page, white page, banner advertisement and electronic publishing.

1.18. *High-Definition (HD) PEG Access Channel*: A PEG Access Channel in the high-definition display format for digital television transmissions with video transmitted in a 16:9 aspect ratio with a resolution of 720p or 1080i.

1.19. *Information Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(24).

1.20. *Internet Access Service*: Dial-up or broadband access service that enables Subscribers to access the Internet.

1.21. *Issuing Authority*: The Select Board of the Town of Norfolk.

1.22. *License Fee*: The payments to be made by the Licensee to the Town, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 9 of the Massachusetts Cable Law.

1.23. *Licensee*: Verizon New England Inc., and its lawful and permitted successors, assigns and transferees.

1.24. *Massachusetts Cable Law*: Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1.25. *Non-Cable Services*: Any service that does not constitute the provision of Cable Services, including, but not limited to, Information Services and Telecommunications Services.

1.26. *PEG*: Public, educational, and governmental.

1.27. *PEG Access Designee*: Any entity designated by the Issuing Authority for the purpose of owning and/or operating the equipment and facilities used in the production and/or broadcast of PEG Access Channel programming for the Issuing Authority, including, but not limited to, any Access Corporation.

1.28. *Person*: An individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.

1.29. *Public Access Channel*: An Access Channel provided to the Town pursuant to the terms and conditions of this License for PEG programming and available for the non-commercial use by the residents in the Town and managed by the Issuing Authority and/or its PEG Access Designee.

1.30. *Public Rights-of-Way*: The surface and the area across, in, over, along, upon and below the surface of the public streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, lanes, courts, ways, alleys, and boulevards, including, public utility easements and public lands and waterways used as Public Rights-of-Way, as the same now or may thereafter exist, which are under the jurisdiction or control of the Town.

1.31. *Service Area*: The entire existing territorial limits of the Town.

1.32. *Standard Definition (SD) PEG Access Channel*: A PEG Access Channel in the standard definition display format for digital television transmissions with video transmitted in a 4:3 aspect ratio with a resolution of 480i.

1.33. *State*: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1.34. *Subscriber*: A Person who lawfully receives Cable Service in the Town.

1.35. *Telecommunications Facilities*: Licensee's existing Telecommunications Services and Information Services facilities, including the FTTP Network.

1.36. *Telecommunication Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(53).

1.37. *Title II*: Title II of the Communications Act, Common Carriers.

1.38. *Title VI*: Title VI of the Communications Act, Cable Communications.

1.39. *Town*: The Town of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

1.40. *Transfer*: Any transaction in which:

1.40.1. an ownership or other interest in Licensee is transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly, from one Person or group of Persons to another Person or group of Persons, so that Control of Licensee is transferred; or

1.40.2. the rights held by Licensee under the License are transferred or assigned to another Person or group of Persons.

1.41. *Video Programming*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(20).

1.42. *Video Service Provider or VSP*: Any entity using any portion of the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Video Programming services to multiple subscribers within the territorial boundaries of the Town, for purchase, barter, or free of charge, regardless of the transmission method, facilities or technologies used. A VSP shall include, but is not limited to, any entity that provides Cable Services, multi-channel multipoint distribution services, broadcast satellite services, satellite delivered services, wireless services, and internet-protocol based services within the territorial boundaries of the Town.

2. GRANT OF AUTHORITY; LIMITS AND RESERVATIONS

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

2.2. *Issuing Authority Does Not Regulate Telecommunications*: The parties recognize that the Licensee's FTTP Network is constructed, operated and maintained as an upgrade to and/or an extension of its existing Telecommunications Facilities under Title II and M.G.L. c. 166. The jurisdiction of the Town over such Telecommunications Facilities is restricted by federal and State law, and the Town does not assert jurisdiction over the Licensee's FTTP Network in contravention of those limitations. Therefore, the Issuing Authority's regulatory authority under Title VI is not applicable to the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the FTTP Network to the extent the FTTP Network is constructed, installed, maintained and

operated for the purpose of upgrading and/or extending Verizon’s existing Telecommunications Facilities for the provision of Non-Cable Services.

2.3. *Term:* The term of this License shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on April 18, 2023 (the “Effective Date”), and expiring at midnight on April 17, 2028, unless sooner revoked or terminated as provided herein.

2.4. *Termination Generally:* Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, following the thirtieth (30) month after the Effective Date, Licensee may terminate this License upon one hundred and eighty (180) days’ written notice to the Issuing Authority.

2.5. *Modification/Termination Based on VSP Requirements:*

2.5.1. If the Issuing Authority enters into any franchise, agreement, license, or grant of authorization to a VSP to provide Video Programming services to residential subscribers in the Town with terms or conditions materially less burdensome than those imposed by this License, Licensee and the Issuing Authority shall, within sixty (60) days of the Issuing Authority’s receipt of Licensee’s written notice, commence negotiations to modify this License to create reasonable competitive equity between Licensee and such other VSP. Any modification of the License pursuant to the terms of this section shall not trigger the requirements of 207 CMR 3.07.

2.5.2. Licensee shall respond to reasonable information requests from the Town, as may be necessary to review the change in obligations resulting from the cited law.

2.5.3. In the event the parties do not reach mutually acceptable agreement on a modification requested by Licensee, Licensee shall, at any time and in its sole discretion, have the option of exercising any of the following actions:

- a. commencing license renewal proceedings in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 546
- b. terminating the License in not less than thirty-six (36) months from written notice to the Issuing Authority;
- c. submitting the matter to mediation by a mutually-acceptable mediator; or
- d. if agreed by both parties, submitting the matter to commercial arbitration by a mutually-selected arbitrator in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

2.5.4. The PEG Grant and PEG Access Support, as provided in Sections 5.3 and 5.4, will not be subject to modification under this Section 2.5. PEG Grant and PEG Access Support payments under this License shall be modified in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 5.3 and 5.4 hereunder.

2.6. *Grant Not Exclusive:* This License and the rights granted herein to use and occupy the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Cable Services shall not be exclusive, and the Issuing Authority reserves the right to grant other licenses for similar uses or for other uses of the Public Rights-of-Way, or any portions thereof, to any Person, or to make any such use themselves, at any time during the term of this License. Any such rights shall not be in conflict with the authority as granted by this License. Disputes between the Licensee and other parties regarding use of Public Rights-of-Way shall be resolved in accordance with applicable law.

2.7. *License Subject to Federal and State Law/Preemption:* This License is subject to and shall be governed by all applicable provisions of federal and State law and regulations as they may be amended, including but not limited to the Communications Act and the Massachusetts Cable Law. In the event that federal or State law, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this License, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent, and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required by law. In the event such federal or State law, rule or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the parties hereto.

2.8. *No Waiver:*

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

2.8.2. The failure of the Licensee on one or more occasions to exercise a right under this License or applicable law, or to require performance under this License, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or of performance of this License, nor shall it excuse the Issuing Authority from performance, unless such right or performance has been specifically waived in writing by the Licensee.

2.9. *Construction of Agreement:*

2.9.1. The provisions of this License shall be construed to effectuate their objectives.

2.9.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the scope or applicability of Section 625 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 545.

2.9.3. Should any change to local bylaws, rules or regulations cause the Licensee's provision of Cable Services in the Town to be commercially impracticable, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate such commercial impracticability. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced

modification to this License, then, at the Licensee's option the parties shall submit the matter to binding arbitration.

2.10. *Police Powers:* Nothing in this License shall be construed to prohibit the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the Town's police powers. However, if the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the Town's police powers causes the Licensee's provision of Cable Services in the Town to be commercially impracticable, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate such commercial impracticability. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced modification to this License, then, at the Licensee's option, the parties shall submit the matter to binding arbitration.

2.11. *Compliance with Federal and State Privacy Laws:* Licensee shall comply with the privacy provisions of Section 631 of the Communications Act and all other applicable federal and State privacy laws and regulations. The parties agree that, during the term hereof, Licensee shall not be subject to any local laws or ordinances which conflict with such applicable federal and/or State privacy laws, or which would impose additional or distinct requirements upon Licensee with respect to Subscriber privacy other than those which are expressly set forth in applicable federal and/or State privacy laws.

3. PROVISION OF CABLE SERVICE

3.1. *Service Area:* Licensee shall continue to offer Cable Service to all residential households in the Service Area, except: (A) for periods of Force Majeure; (B) for periods of delay caused by the Town; (C) for periods of delay resulting from Licensee's inability to obtain authority to access rights-of-way in the Town; (D) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential units that are subject to claimed exclusive arrangements with other providers residential dwelling units that Licensee cannot access under reasonable terms and conditions after good faith negotiation, as reasonably determined by Licensee; (E) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units where Licensee is unable to provide Cable Service for technical reasons or which require non-standard facilities which are not available on a commercially reasonable basis, including, but not limited to, circumstances where Licensee cannot access the area, development, buildings or other residential dwelling units by using Licensee's existing network pathways and which would thus require the construction of new trunk, feeder, or distribution lines; (F) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units that are not habitable; and (G) where Licensee determines, in good faith, that providing Cable Service is not commercially reasonable.

3.2. *Availability of Cable Service:* Licensee shall make Cable Service available to all residential dwelling units within the Town in conformance with Section 3.1 and Licensee shall not discriminate between or among any individuals in the availability of Cable Service. In the areas in which Licensee provides Cable Service, the Licensee shall be required to connect, at Licensee's expense, all residential dwelling units that are within two hundred fifty (250) feet of trunk or feeder lines not otherwise already served by Licensee's FTTP Network. Where a

residential connection exceeds such lengths, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from such Subscriber the actual cost of connection attributable to the distance in excess of the length above.

3.3. *Availability of Cable Service to Businesses:* The Licensee, may make Cable Service available to businesses. The Licensee may recover the actual cost incurred to connect any business to the Cable System for the provision of Cable Service.

3.4. *Cable Service to Public Buildings:* In accordance with applicable provisions of the FCC’s 2019 Third Report and Order In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621 of the Cable Act (the “621 Order”), within a reasonable period of time following the Effective Date, the Licensee shall provide written notice to the Issuing Authority regarding the manner and process by which the Licensee shall implement the 621 Order’s requirements regarding the provision of free or discounted Cable Service to public buildings under a cable license. If there is a final determination or ruling of any agency or court having jurisdiction, after exhaustion of all appeals related thereto, reversing the 621 Order such that the marginal cost of the provision of free or discounted Cable Service to public buildings pursuant to a cable franchise should no longer be included in the calculation of franchise fees subject to the five percent (5%) statutory cap under the Communications Act, then, subject to Section 3.1, if requested in writing by the Issuing Authority within sixty (60) days following such ruling, the Licensee shall provide a cable drop, an outlet and Basic Service at no cost to the public buildings in the Town that are listed on **Exhibit A**, and to any other public buildings designated in writing by the Issuing Authority subsequent to such time, and shall provide and maintain the follow Cable Service and related equipment, without charge, to the three (3) public schools set forth on **Exhibit A**: (i) the first service drop for each school, (ii) one Subscriber digital converter activated for the most commonly subscribed to digital tier, and (iii) one service outlet activated for the most commonly subscribed to digital tier (which pertains only to the flat rate digital tier offered by the Licensee, and does not include any pay-per-view services or similar services). The Licensee shall not be responsible for the cost of any “terminal equipment” including TV monitors, VCRs/DVD/DVRs and/or computers, and shall not be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged converters or other equipment. The cost of inside wiring, additional drops or outlets, and additional converters requested by the Issuing Authority within the public buildings is the responsibility of the Town (or its designee). The Licensee shall coordinate with the Town to determine a reasonable location for each outlet and with the Town’s assistance work with representatives for each of the buildings receiving service pursuant to this Section 3.4. The parties hereto agree that the exercise of any conditional obligations set forth in this Section 3.4 shall not constitute a modification or amendment of the License within the meaning of 207 CMR § 3.07.

4. SYSTEM FACILITIES

4.1. *System Characteristics:* Licensee’s Cable System shall meet or exceed the following requirements and/or have at least the following characteristics:

4.1.1. The Cable System shall be operated with a digital carrier passband of between 50 and 860 MHz.

4.1.2. The Cable System shall be operated to be an active two-way plant for subscriber interaction, if any, required for the selection or use of Cable Service.

4.1.3. The Cable System shall comply with applicable FCC technical standards, as such standards may be amended from time to time.

4.1.4. The Cable System shall conform in all material respects to the following standards to the extent applicable: Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the Massachusetts Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the Cable Division and the FCC.

4.1.5. The Cable System shall be capable of passing through stereo signals to Subscribers.

4.2. *Interconnection With Other Cable Systems:*

4.2.1. The Licensee shall design its Cable System so that it may be interconnected with other cable systems in the Town. Interconnection of systems may be made by direct cable connection, microwave link, satellite, or other appropriate methods.

4.2.2. The Licensee shall cooperate in good faith with the Issuing Authority in implementing interconnection of the Cable Service with communications systems beyond the boundaries of the Town; provided that the cost of any such interconnection shall be borne by the Issuing Authority and/or the party seeking such interconnection.

4.3. *Emergency Alert System:* Licensee shall comply with the Emergency Alert System (“EAS”) requirements of the FCC and applicable State and local EAS Plans in order that emergency messages may be distributed over the Cable System.

4.4. *Parental Control Capability:* The Licensee shall comply with all applicable requirements of federal law(s) governing Subscribers' capability to control the reception of any channels being received on their television sets.

5. PEG SERVICES AND SUPPORT

5.1. *PEG Channels:*

5.1.1. The Licensee shall continue to make available to the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee, as designated in writing by the Issuing Authority, three (3) SD PEG Access Channels on its Basic Service Tier. In accordance with Section 5.1.2 below, the Issuing Authority may also request one (1) HD PEG Access Channel for a total of four (4) PEG Access Channels.

5.1.2. In addition to the three (3) SD PEG Access Channels referenced above, the Licensee shall make one (1) HD PEG Access Channel available to the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee, as designated in writing by the Issuing Authority, as follows:

Starting on the Effective Date of this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority may make a written request for such an HD PEG Access Channel to the Licensee. Upon receipt of the Issuing Authority's written request, the Licensee shall make such an HD PEG Access Channel available to the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee within two hundred and seventy (270) days of the Licensee's receipt of such written notice from the Issuing Authority. The Issuing Authority shall include in its written notice a statement of whether the programming on such HD PEG Access Channel shall either be a simulcast of existing SD PEG Access Channel programming or distinct programming. The Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee may subsequently change the programming on the HD PEG Access Channel from an SD PEG Access Channel simulcast in HD to distinct programming, or from distinct programming to an HD simulcast of an existing SD PEG Access Channel, upon one hundred (180) days prior written notice from the Issuing Authority to the Licensee which change shall not occur more than once during the License term. To the extent permitted by law, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from Subscribers applicable costs incurred to transmit HD PEG Access Channel programming of any type.

5.1.3. All programming content for the HD PEG Access Channel shall be transmitted to Licensee in HD-SDI format with a resolution of 720p or 1080i. The Issuing Authority expressly acknowledges that in order to view the HD PEG Access Channel, a Subscriber may be required to upgrade equipment for an additional charge.

5.1.4. The Issuing Authority hereby authorizes Licensee to transmit PEG Access Channel programming within and without the Town's jurisdictional boundaries to other areas that are served out of the same central offices as those that serve the Town. Licensee reserves the right to reassign channel number and location for any or all of the PEG Access Channels at any time during the term. If a PEG Access Channel provided under this Article is not being utilized by the Town, Licensee may utilize such PEG Access Channel, in its sole discretion, until such time as the Town elects to utilize the PEG Access Channel for its intended purpose. In the event that the Town determines to use such PEG capacity, the Town shall provide Licensee with one hundred twenty (120) days' prior written notice of such request.

5.2. *PEG Interconnection and Cablecasting:*

5.2.1. The Licensee shall continue to connect to equipment owned by the Town and/or the PEG Access Designee at Town Hall, One Liberty Lane, Norfolk, MA and at the Town of Wrentham PEG Access Studio, 686 South Street, Wrentham, MA (the "PEG Interconnection Sites") and shall provide, install, maintain, repair and replace its own equipment as may be reasonably necessary to receive and transmit PEG Access Channel programming from the PEG Interconnection Sites to Subscribers. The parties acknowledge that the Wrentham PEG Access Studio is located in the Town of Wrentham, MA, and that such location is not within the boundaries of the Service Area. The Licensee shall use commercially reasonable efforts to continue to acquire the PEG Access Channel programming from this location, subject to Licensee's receipt of all necessary legal approval(s) from any third parties for Licensee to interconnect and effectuate such transmission from the location and Licensee's continuing to have a Cable License with the Town of Wrentham. The Issuing Authority or, if designated by the Issuing Authority in writing to Licensee, the PEG Access Designee, shall be required to pay Licensee for

all costs associated with: (i) any equipment upgrade where the need for the upgrade is initiated by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee; (ii) relocating any connection where the need for relocation is initiated by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee; (iii) re-installing and/or replacing any connection at an existing location where the need for such re-installation and/or replacement is initiated by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee; or (iv) installing any new connection if initiated by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee; provided, however, that Issuing Authority and/or PEG Access Designee responsibility for the foregoing costs is subject to the Issuing Authority's express written consent, and subject further to Licensee's prior disclosure of such costs and prior consent to same by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee.

5.2.2. The demarcation point between the Licensee's signal processing equipment (which the Licensee shall own, install and maintain) and the Town's PEG equipment shall be at the output of the Town's signal processing equipment at the PEG Interconnection Sites. The Town and/or the PEG Access Designee shall be solely responsible for operating its switching equipment and the picture and audio quality of all PEG access programming up to the demarcation point and for ensuring all PEG access programming is inserted on the appropriate upstream PEG Access Channel. All PEG access programming shall be transmitted to the Licensee in baseband, SD-SDI or HD-SDI format with either mono or stereo audio signals, and with signals received by Licensee in stereo cablecast by Licensee in stereo. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensee shall not be obligated to provide the Town or PEG Access Designee with either cablecast equipment and facilities or the personnel responsible for maintaining and operating equipment and facilities on the Town's side of the demarcation point and used to generate or administer any PEG access signals, except as necessary to implement the Licensee's responsibilities specified herein. The Issuing Authority and the Licensee shall work together in good faith to resolve any connection issues. If the Issuing Authority issues a license to, or renews a license with, a competing VSP, the competing VSP may not connect its system to Licensee's System for the purposes of obtaining PEG access programming from the PEG Access Channels transmitted on Licensee's System without Licensee's prior written consent.

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

5.3. *PEG Grant:*

5.3.1. Licensee shall provide a grant to the Issuing Authority or its PEG Access Designee to be used for PEG Access Channel capital funding purposes (the "PEG Grant"). The PEG Grant shall be in the total amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000.00) payable as follows: (i) Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$17,334.00) within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date, (ii) Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$17,333.00) on or before the first (1st) anniversary of the Effective Date, and (iii)

Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$17,333.00) on or before the third (3rd) anniversary of the Effective Date. The PEG Grant payments made directly to the Issuing Authority shall be placed by the Issuing Authority in a restricted account for cable related purposes in the nature of a grant account and not into the general fund, which account will be under the control of the Issuing Authority. The Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) shall own all facilities and equipment purchased with the PEG Grant. The Licensee shall have no obligation to maintain, repair, replace or insure any equipment or facilities purchased with the PEG Grant.

5.3.2. If the Issuing Authority enters into any new or renewed cable license agreement with any other VSP which contains obligations associated with a PEG Grant or other comparable program that are lesser than the obligation set forth above, the Licensee's obligations under this Section shall be reduced, on an annual basis and upon the effective date of said agreement, to an amount equal to the lowest total payment required to be made by any VSP to the Issuing Authority. The relief available in the event of the foregoing is equitable relief going forward, and the Licensee shall not recover amounts already paid to the Issuing Authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time during the term of this License, any other VSP ceases to provide cash grants to the Town in support of the production of local PEG programming in accordance with the terms of its respective license agreement, then Licensee's PEG Grant obligation shall also cease for so long as such other VSP's capital payments to the Town have ceased. The Issuing Authority shall provide notification to Licensee within thirty (30) days of such other provider's failure to provide a cash grant in accordance with the schedule set forth in such provider's license agreement with the Issuing Authority. Equipment, services and other in kind, non-monetary contributions to the Town by such VSP shall not count towards the cash grants referenced in this paragraph.

5.4. *PEG Access Support:*

5.4.1. The Licensee shall provide annual funding to the Issuing Authority for PEG Access Channel operating support or other PEG Access Channel costs and expenses ("PEG Access Support") in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenue, subject to the limitation in Section 6.2; however, if the Town issues or renews any cable license on or after the Effective Date that provide for a lower percentage of PEG Access Support, then the percentage of the Licensee's PEG Access Support payments shall be reduced to match such lower percentage over that same time period. The Issuing Authority shall place Licensee's PEG Access Support payments in a restricted account for cable-related purposes in the nature of a grant account and not into the general fund, which account will be under the Issuing Authority's control.

5.4.2. The PEG Access Support payments shall be made no later than forty-five (45) days following the end of each calendar quarter. Each such payment shall be accompanied by a Gross Revenue reporting form substantially in the form of **Exhibit B**. Licensee shall be allowed to submit or correct any payments that were incorrectly omitted, and shall have the right to offset against future payments any payments that were incorrectly submitted, in connection with the quarterly remittances within ninety (90) days following the close of the calendar year for which such payments were applicable. For purposes of the PEG Access Support payment, the period for determining Gross Revenue shall be the preceding calendar quarter.

5.4.3. In no case shall said PEG Access operating support payments include: (i) the PEG Grant; (ii) the costs of PEG connection/interconnection and cablecasting obligations; or (iii) any other fees or payments required by applicable law; provided, however, that said PEG Access operating support payments shall be a Franchise Fee and subject to the five percent (5%) cap on Franchise Fees pursuant to Section 622(b) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §542(b)).

5.5. *PEG Operational Rules:* The Issuing Authority or its designee shall require all local producers and users of any of the PEG facilities or Channels to agree in writing to authorize the Licensee to transmit programming consistent with this License. The Issuing Authority or its designee shall establish rules and regulations for use of PEG facilities consistent with, and as required by, Section 611 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 531).

5.6. *Recovery of Costs:* To the extent permitted by federal law, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from Subscribers the costs of the PEG Grant, costs of PEG connection/interconnection and cablecasting, the PEG Access Support payments, and any other costs arising from the provision of PEG services and related payments required by this License, and to accurately reflect such costs as separately billed line items on each Subscriber's bill.

5.7. *Late Payments:* In the event that the PEG Grant or the PEG Access Support fee is not paid on or before the due dates set forth in this License for such payments, then interest shall accrue from the due date until the date paid at the rate equal to 2% above the prime rate, as published in the *Wall Street Journal*.

5.8. *Listing of PEG Access Channels On Licensee's Electronic Program Guide:* If the Licensee lists PEG Access Channel program content titles on its electronic program guide in any other municipality in the State (other than on a test or trial basis), then it shall, upon written request of the Issuing Authority, discuss with the Issuing Authority or its PEG Access Designee, the technical feasibility and commercial reasonability of listing the Town's PEG Access Channel program content titles on the Licensee's electronic program guide and the provision thereof by the Licensee; however, the Licensee shall not be required by this Section to list the Town's PEG Access Channel program content titles on its electronic program guide.

5.9. *PEG Access Video-On-Demand:* If the Licensee provides any other municipality in the State with PEG Access Channel programming "video-on-demand" (VOD) (other than on a test or trial basis), then it shall, upon written request of the Issuing Authority, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority, the technical feasibility and commercial

reasonability of providing PEG Access Channel programming VOD in the Town; however, the Licensee shall not be required to provide PEG Access Channel programming VOD in the Town.

5.10. *Censorship*: Subject to Section 611(e) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §531(e)), the Licensee shall comply with applicable federal laws restricting censorship or control of the content of PEG Access programming over the Cable System.

5.11. *Non-Commercial Programming*: The Issuing Authority and its designee(s) shall not use the PEG Channels to provide for-profit commercial programming. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Issuing Authority or its PEG Access Designee from having memberships, sponsorships, underwriting or acknowledgements (such as underwriting and acknowledgements accepted by PBS), to the extent not otherwise prohibited by applicable law and regulation.

5.12. *No PEG Access Designee Rights*: The Issuing Authority and the Licensee herein acknowledge and agree that any PEG Access Designee is not a party to this License and that any provisions herein that may affect a PEG Access Designee are not intended to create any rights on behalf of any PEG Access Designee.

6. FRANCHISE AND LICENSE FEES

6.1. *License Fee*: Pursuant to Massachusetts Cable Law, (M.G.L. c. 166A, Section 9), the Licensee shall pay to the Town, throughout the term of this License, a license fee equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber per year (the “License Fee”), or such other amount as may in the future be designated by applicable State law.

6.2. *Maximum Franchise Fee Obligation*: The Licensee shall not be liable for a total Franchise Fee, pursuant to this License and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenue and in accordance with the definition of the term Franchise Fee and the five percent (5%) cap on Franchise Fee(s) as set forth in Section 622 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 542 and FCC regulations and orders pursuant thereto.

6.3. *Payment Information*: In determining the License Fee, the number of Subscribers shall be measured as of December 31st of the preceding calendar year. The License Fee shall be paid no later than March 15th of each year during the term of this License.

6.4. *Limitation on Actions*: The parties agree that the period of limitation for recovery of any payment obligation under this License shall be three (3) years from the date on which payment by Licensee is due.

6.5. *Method of Payment*: The PEG Grant, the PEG Access support and the License Fee shall be made payable to the Town and provided to the Issuing Authority, unless the Licensee is otherwise notified in writing by the Issuing Authority.

6.6. *Other Payment Obligations and Exclusions:*

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

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

6.7. *Affiliates Use of System:* Use of the Cable System and the provision of Cable Services within the Town by Affiliates shall be in compliance with applicable federal and State laws and regulations.

6.8. *Recomputation and Audit:*

6.8.1. Tender or acceptance of any payment made pursuant to Articles 5 or 6 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.

6.8.2. If the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that any payments made pursuant to Articles 5 or 6 are incorrect, it may conduct an audit no more than once during any three (3) year period during the term of this License. The Issuing Authority shall not conduct a "success-based" audit. If, after such audit and recomputation, an additional fee is owed to the Town, such fee, including interest pursuant to Section 5.7, shall be paid within thirty (30) business days after such audit and recomputation; provided, however, the Licensee shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to review the results of any audit and to dispute any audit results which indicate an underpayment to the Town.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

7.1. *Standards:* The Licensee shall comply with the FCC's cable television customer service and notice regulations codified at 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c), 47 C.F.R. § 76.1602, and 47 C.F.R. § 76.1603, as amended, and the billing and termination of service provisions contained in 207 CMR § 10.00, as amended; provided, however, that Licensee may satisfy the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c)(1)(v) through its website. Measurement of the telephone

availability standards in 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c)(1)(ii) shall include all calls received by the Licensee at all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers, whether they are answered by a live representative, by an automated attendant, or abandoned after 30 seconds of call waiting.

7.2. *Denial of Service:* Nothing in these standards shall limit the right of the Licensee to deny Cable Service for non-payment of previously provided Cable Services, refusal to pay any required deposit, theft of Cable Service, damage to the Licensee's equipment, abusive and/or threatening behavior toward the Licensee's employees or representatives, or refusal to provide credit history information or refusal to allow the Licensee to validate the identity, credit history and credit worthiness via an external credit agency, or failure to abide by Licensee's terms and conditions of service.

7.3. *Outage Credits:* In the event that all Cable Service is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more hours, Licensee will grant affected Subscribers a pro rata credit or rebate.

8. REPORTS AND RECORDS AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

8.1. *Open Books and Records:* Upon reasonable written notice to the Licensee and with no less than thirty (30) business days written notice to the Licensee, the Issuing Authority or its designated authorized representative(s) shall have the right to inspect Licensee's books and records including all documents in whatever form maintained, including electronic media, pertaining to the Cable System or the Licensee's provision of Cable Service in the Town at an office of Licensee during Licensee's regular business hours and on a nondisruptive basis as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this License. Such notice shall specifically reference the purpose of the review, so that Licensee may organize the necessary books and records for appropriate access by the Issuing Authority. Licensee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for License compliance purposes longer than four (4) years, except if required by applicable law or regulation.

8.2. *Proprietary Books and Records:* If Licensee believes that the requested information is confidential and proprietary, the Licensee must provide the following documentation to the Town: (i) specific identification of the information; (ii) statement attesting to the reason(s) Licensee believes the information is confidential; and (iii) statement that the documents are available at the Licensee's designated offices within the State for inspection by the Town. The Town shall take reasonable steps to protect the proprietary and confidential nature of any books, records, Service Area maps, plans, or other Town-requested documents that are provided to the extent they are designated as such by the Licensee in accordance herewith, including, without limitation, cooperating with the Licensee's exercise of its rights to protect its confidential information from public disclosure.

8.3. *Privacy:* The Licensee shall take all reasonable steps required to ensure that it is able to provide the Town with all information that must be provided or may be requested under this License or applicable law, including the issuance of appropriate Subscriber privacy notices. The Licensee shall be responsible for redacting any data that applicable law prevents it from

providing to the Town. Nothing in this Article 8 shall be read to require a Licensee to violate federal or State law protecting Subscriber privacy.

8.4. *Copying of Books and Records:* The Town shall have the right to copy any such books and records, at the Town's expense, except to the extent that the Town's review as the Issuing Authority is prohibited pursuant to applicable law.

8.5. *Complete and Accurate Records:* The Licensee shall keep complete and accurate books of account and records of its business and operations under and in connection with the License. Unless otherwise provided in this License or by applicable law, all such materials and information shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years, except as set forth below. Said records shall include, but not be limited to the following:

8.5.1. Records of all written complaints for a period of three (3) years after receipt by Licensee. The term "complaint" as used herein refers to complaints about any aspect of the Cable System or Licensee's cable operations, including, without limitation, complaints about employee courtesy. Complaints recorded will not be limited to complaints requiring an employee service call;

8.5.2. Records of outages for a period of three (3) years after occurrence, indicating date, duration, area, and the number of Subscribers affected, type of outage, and cause;

8.5.3. Records of service calls for repair and maintenance for a period of three (3) years after resolution by Licensee, indicating the date and time service was required, the date of acknowledgment and date and time service was scheduled (if it was scheduled), and the date and time service was provided, and (if different) the date and time the problem was resolved;

8.5.4. Records of installation/reconnection and requests for service extension for a period of three (3) years after the request was fulfilled by Licensee, indicating the date of request, date of acknowledgment, and the date and time service was extended;

8.5.5. A map showing the area of coverage for the provisioning of Cable Services; and

8.5.6. Financial records necessary for the Issuing Authority to conduct an audit pursuant to Section 6.8 of this License for a period of four (4) years.

8.6. *Additional Reports:* The Licensee shall, upon written request by the Issuing Authority, provide the Issuing Authority with a copy of any documents or forms filed by the

Licensee with the FCC and/or the DTE that materially pertain to the Licensee's Cable System in the Town.

8.7. *Proof of Performance Tests*: Upon written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall provide copies of performance tests required by applicable law.

8.8. *Performance Evaluations*: The Licensee, if requested in writing by the Issuing Authority, shall attend a performance evaluation hearing no more than once per year. Nothing in this Section shall limit any rights that the Issuing Authority may have to conduct additional hearings and/or compel the Licensee's attendance at such hearing. The Issuing Authority shall provide Licensee with the results of its performance evaluation in writing within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of such hearing.

9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

9.1. Insurance:

9.1.1. Licensee shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense (including all deductibles), during the term of this License, the following insurance coverage:

9.1.1.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) per occurrence for property damage and bodily injury and six million dollars (\$6,000,000) general aggregate. Such insurance shall cover the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Cable System, and the conduct of Licensee's Cable Service business in the Town.

9.1.1.2. Automobile Liability Insurance for owned, non-owned, hired and/or rented motor vehicles in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit each accident for bodily injury and property damage coverage.

9.1.1.3. Workers' Compensation Insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the State(s) of operation and Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (A) Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000; and (B) Bodily Injury by Disease – each employee: \$100,000; \$500,000 disease-policy limit.

9.1.2. The Town shall be included as an additional insured as their interest may appear under each of the insurance policies required in this Section 9.1 except Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability.

9.1.3. Upon receipt of notice from its insurer(s), the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with thirty (30) days' prior written notice of cancellation of any required coverage.

9.1.4. Each of the required insurance policies shall be with insurers qualified to do business in the State, with an A.M. Best Financial Strength rating of A- or better.

9.1.5. Upon written request, the Licensee shall deliver to the Issuing Authority Certificates of Insurance showing evidence of the required coverage.

9.1.6. All insurance shall be primary with respect to any insurance maintained by the Town and shall not call on the Town's insurance for contributions.

9.1.7. The Licensee shall require that every one of its contractors and their subcontractors obtain and maintain substantially the same insurance as required of Licensee with limits commensurate with the work or service to be performed.

9.1.8. Neither this Section 9.1, nor the provision of insurance or insurance proceeds pursuant to this Section 9.1, shall limit the liability of the Licensee or its obligation to indemnify the Town pursuant to this License.

9.2. *Indemnification:*

9.2.1. The Licensee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Town, its officials, officers, boards, committees, employees and agents, (hereinafter referred to as the "Town" for purposes of this Section 9.2) against any and all claims, suits, causes of action, proceedings, and judgments, whether for damages or otherwise arising out of or alleged to arise out of or from the installation, operation, or maintenance of the Cable System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Licensee shall not indemnify the Town for any portion of damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Town, its officers, agents, employees, or for any activity or function conducted by any Person other than Licensee, its officers, agents or employees, in connection with PEG Access.

9.2.2. The Town shall provide the Licensee with timely written notice of a claim or action for which it seeks indemnification under this Section 9.2; provided that in any event the Town shall provide the Licensee with such written notice within a period of time that allows the Licensee to take action to avoid entry of a default judgment and does not prejudice the Licensee's ability to defend the claim or action.

9.2.3. With respect to Licensee's indemnity obligations set forth in this Article 9, Licensee shall, at its own expense, provide the defense of any claims, suits, causes of action, or proceedings brought against the Town by selecting counsel of Licensee's choice to defend the claim, subject to applicable professional ethics laws and standards and the consent of the Town, which shall not unreasonably be withheld, delayed or conditioned. The Licensee shall, subject to the consent of the Issuing Authority as described herein, have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claim or action arising hereunder, so long as the settlement includes a full release of the Town with respect to the claim giving rise to Licensee's indemnification obligation. In the event that the Town does not consent to the terms of any such settlement or compromise, the Licensee shall not settle the claim or action but its obligation to indemnify the Town shall in no event exceed the amount of the otherwise agreed upon settlement.

9.2.4. In the event that Licensee fails, after notice pursuant to Section 9.2.3, to undertake the Town's defense of any claims encompassed within this Section 9.2, then

the Town may provide a second written notice to the Licensee. In the event that the Licensee fails to undertake the Town's defense within a reasonable time after receipt of said second notice, then Licensee's indemnification obligation under this Section 9.2 shall include the Town's costs of defending such claim, suit, cause of action or proceeding, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees.

9.2.5. Neither the provisions of this Section 9.2, nor any damages recovered by the Town shall be construed to limit the liability of the Licensee or its subcontractors for damages under this License or to excuse the faithful performance of obligations required by this License, except to the extent that any monetary damages suffered by the Town have been satisfied by a financial recovery under this section or other provisions of this License.

10. PERFORMANCE BOND

10.1. Licensee shall provide to the Town, and shall maintain throughout the term of this License, a performance bond in the Town's favor in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) securing the performance of Licensee's obligations under this License. The Town may not attempt to collect under this bond unless thirty (30) days have passed since the Town provided the Licensee with written notice of its intent to collect under this bond. If within this thirty (30) day time frame, Licensee gives written notice it disputes entitlement to payments from Licensee for which it has refused to make payment, the parties shall promptly meet to attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith amongst themselves.

10.2. The performance bond shall be in the same form as attached hereto as **Exhibit C**; however, notwithstanding any provision in **Exhibit C**, nothing shall permit the amount of the bond or any replacement bond to be less than the minimum amount required by Section 10.1 above. The Licensee shall not permit the performance bond to expire or approach less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration without securing and delivering to the Town a substitute, renewal or replacement bond in conformance with applicable law. The Licensee shall not materially change the terms of said bond without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority.

10.3. There shall be recoverable by the Town from the principal and surety, any and all amounts due to the Town and any and all damages, losses, costs, and expenses incurred by the Town resulting from the failure of the Licensee to comply with the material provisions of this License, to comply with all orders, permits and directives of any Town agency or body having jurisdiction over its acts or defaults, to pay fees or penalties due to the Town, or to pay any claims, taxes or liens due to the Town. Such losses, costs and expenses shall include but not be limited to reasonable attorney's fees and other associated expenses, provided that the total of such losses, costs and expenses recovered from the bond shall not exceed the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

11. TRANSFER OF LICENSE

11.1. *Town Approval Required:* Subject to Section 617 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §537) and Sections 11.2 and 11.3 below, Licensee shall not Transfer this License,

voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, to any other Person, without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld or delayed. Such consent shall be given only upon a written application therefore on forms prescribed by the Cable Division and/or the FCC.

11.2. *No Consent Required for Transfers Securing Indebtedness:* The Licensee shall not be required to file an application or obtain the consent or approval of the Town for a Transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Licensee in this License, the Licensee or Cable System in order to secure indebtedness. However, the Licensee shall notify the Town within thirty (30) business days if at any time there is a mortgage or security interest granted on substantially all of the assets of the Cable System. The submission of the Licensee's audited financial statements prepared for the Licensee's bondholders shall constitute such notice.

11.3. *No Consent Required for Any Affiliate Transfers:* Unless required by applicable federal or State law, the Licensee shall not be required to file an application or obtain the consent or approval of the Town for: any Transfer of an ownership or other interest in Licensee, the Cable System, or the Cable System assets to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; any Transfer of an interest in the License or the rights held by the Licensee under this License to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; any action which is the result of a merger of the parent of Licensee; or any action which is the result of a merger of another Affiliate of the Licensee. However, the Licensee shall notify the Town within thirty (30) business days if at any time a Transfer covered by this Section 11.3 occurs. The transferee of any Transfer covered by this Section 11.3 shall be legally qualified to hold, and shall be bound by the terms and conditions of, this License.

11.4. *Transfer Procedures:* Subject to applicable law, the Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority an original and a copy of the application and FCC Form 394 requesting any such Transfer consent. Pursuant to 207 CMR 4.03, the consent of the Issuing Authority shall be given only after a public hearing to consider the written application for Transfer. The Issuing Authority shall have 120 days from the filing of a completed FCC Form 394 to take final action on it. After 120 days, the application shall be deemed approved, unless said 120-day period is extended pursuant to applicable law.

11.5. *Non-Waiver:* The consent or approval of the Issuing Authority to any Transfer shall not constitute a waiver or release of any rights of the Town under this License, whether arising before or after the date of said Transfer.

12. RENEWAL OF LICENSE

The Town and Licensee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Town that relate to the renewal of this License shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 546), and the applicable provision of the Massachusetts Cable Law, as each may be amended from time to time. The Town shall notify Licensee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as

well as the past performance of Licensee under the terms of this License, and such assessments shall be provided to Licensee by the Town.

13. ENFORCEMENT AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE

13.1. *Notice of Violation:* If at any time the Issuing Authority believes that Licensee has not complied with the terms of this License, the Issuing Authority shall informally discuss the matter with Licensee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem in a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority shall then notify Licensee in writing of the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance (for purposes of this Article, the “Noncompliance Notice”).

13.2. *Licensee’s Right to Cure or Respond:* The Licensee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Noncompliance Notice to: (i) respond to the Issuing Authority, if Licensee contests (in whole or in part) the assertion of noncompliance; (ii) cure such noncompliance; or (iii) in the event that, by its nature, such noncompliance cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such noncompliance as soon as reasonably possible and notify the Issuing Authority of the steps being taken and the date by which they are projected to be completed, all of which shall be to the reasonable satisfaction of the Issuing Authority. If the Licensee believes it has cured the subject non-compliance, it shall provide written notice of such to the Issuing Authority. The Town shall provide the Licensee with a written response as to whether such cure has been effected.

13.3. *Public Hearing:* In the event that the Licensee fails to respond to the Noncompliance Notice pursuant to the procedures required by this Article, or in the event that the alleged noncompliance is not remedied within thirty (30) days or the date projected pursuant to Section 13.2(iii) above, and if the Town seeks to continue its investigation into the alleged noncompliance, then the Issuing Authority shall schedule a public hearing. The Issuing Authority shall provide the Licensee with the following minimum written notice of such public hearing, which will specify the time, place and purpose of such public hearing, and provide Licensee the opportunity to be heard: (i) for a hearing for which the Issuing Authority states in the written notice that that revocation of the License shall not be a possible consequence – thirty (30) days written notice, and (ii) for a hearing for which the Issuing Authority does not state in the written notice that that revocation of the License shall not be a possible consequence – forty-five (45) days written notice.

13.4. *Enforcement:* Subject to applicable federal and State law, in the event the Issuing Authority, after the public hearing set forth in Section 13.3, determines that Licensee is in default of any provision of this License, the Issuing Authority may:

13.4.1. Seek specific performance of any provision, which reasonably lends itself to such remedy, as an alternative to damages;

13.4.2. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief;

13.4.3. Submit a claim against an appropriate part of the performance bond pursuant to Section 10 above;

13.4.4. In the case of a substantial noncompliance of a material provision of this License, revoke this License in accordance with Section 13.5; and/or

13.4.5. Invoke any other lawful remedy available to the Town.

13.5. *Revocation Hearing:*

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

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

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

14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14.1. *Actions of Parties:* In any action by the Town or Licensee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner.

14.2. *Binding Acceptance:* This License shall bind and benefit the parties hereto and their respective receivers, trustees, successors and assigns, and the promises and obligations

herein shall survive the expiration date hereof.

14.3. *Captions and Headings:* The captions and headings to sections throughout this License are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the License. Such captions and headings shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the License.

14.4. *Exhibits:* The Exhibits to this License attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are, except as otherwise specified in such Exhibits, incorporated herein by reference and expressly made a part of this License.

14.5. *Recitals:* The recitals set forth in this License are incorporated into the body of this License as if they had been originally set forth herein.

14.6. *Equal Employment Opportunity:* The Licensee shall adhere to applicable Equal Employment Opportunity regulations of the FCC and to all federal, State and local laws pertaining to discrimination, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action that are applicable to the Licensee.

14.7. *Force Majeure:* The Licensee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the License, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults were caused by a Force Majeure, provided that the Licensee takes reasonable steps under the circumstances to comply with the obligations of the License to the maximum extent possible without endangering the health or safety of the Licensee's employees or property, or the health or safety of the Town or the public, or their property. In the event that any such delay in performance or failure to perform affects only part of the Licensee's capacity to perform, the Licensee shall perform to the maximum extent it is able to do so in as expeditious a manner as possible under the circumstances.

14.8. *Acts or Omissions of Affiliates:* During the term of this License, the Licensee shall be liable for the acts and/or omissions of its Affiliates to the extent arising out of any such Affiliate's installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable System pursuant to this License.

14.9. *Warranties:* The Licensee represents and warrants to the Issuing Authority that, as of the Effective Date:

14.9.1. The Licensee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its incorporation and is authorized to do business in the State;

14.9.2. The Licensee has the requisite power and authority under applicable law and its by-laws and articles of incorporation and other corporate authority to enter into and legally bind the Licensee to this License and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this License;

14.9.3. This License is enforceable against the Licensee in accordance with the provisions herein, subject to applicable State and federal law; and

14.9.4. There is no action or proceedings pending against the Licensee that would reasonably interfere with its performance of this License.

14.10. *Delivery of Payments*: Licensee may use electronic funds transfer to make any payments to the Town required under this Agreement.

14.11. *Notices*: Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, notices required under this License shall be forwarded in one of the following ways: (i) hand delivered (signature required), (ii) sent by express mail (signature required) or (iii) by certified mail/return receipt requested to, to the addressees below. Each party may change its designee by providing written notice to the other party.

Notices to Licensee shall be mailed to:

Verizon New England Inc.
6 Bowdoin Square
Flr-10
Boston, MA 02114
Attention: Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager

With a copy to:

Verizon
1300 I St. NW
Suite 500 East
Washington, DC 20005
Attention: Tonya Rutherford, VP and Deputy General Counsel

Notices to the Issuing Authority shall be mailed to:

Office of the Select Board
Norfolk Town Hall
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

With a copy to:

Town Administrator
Norfolk Town Hall
One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

14.12. *Entire Agreement*: This License and the Exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between Licensee and the Town, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous

agreements, representations or understandings (written or oral) of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.

14.13. *Amendments and/or Modifications*: Amendments or modifications to this License shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties, except as otherwise provided herein.

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

14.15. *No Third-Party Beneficiary*: Nothing in this License shall be construed to create or confer any rights or benefits to any third party.

14.16. *No Recourse Against Issuing Authority*: Pursuant to Section 635A(a) of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §555a(a)), the Licensee shall have no recourse against the Issuing Authority, the Town and/or its officials, members, employees or agents, other than injunctive relief or declaratory relief, arising from the regulation of cable service or from a decision of approval or disapproval with respect to a grant, renewal, transfer, or amendment of this License.

14.17. *Town's Right of Intervention*: The Town hereby reserves the right, as authorized by applicable law and/or regulation, to intervene in any suit, action or proceeding involving this License, or any provision in this License; provided, however, that this section shall not restrict the right of the Licensee to oppose such intervention, pursuant to applicable law.

14.18. *FTTP Network Transfer Prohibition*: Under no circumstance including, without limitation, upon expiration, revocation, termination, or denial of renewal of this License or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services, shall Licensee or its assignees be required to sell any right, title, interest, use or control of any portion of Licensee's FTTP Network including, without limitation, the Cable System and any capacity used for Cable Service or otherwise, to the Town or any third party. Licensee shall not be required to remove the FTTP Network or to relocate the FTTP Network or any portion thereof as a result of revocation, expiration, termination, or denial of renewal or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services. This provision is not intended to contravene leased access requirements under Title VI or the PEG requirements set out in this License.

14.19. *Interpretation*: The Town and Licensee each acknowledge that it has received independent legal advice in entering into this License. In the event that a dispute arises over the meaning or application of any term(s) of this License, such term(s) shall not be construed by the reference to any doctrine calling for ambiguities to be construed against the drafter of the License.

14.20. *Jurisdiction*: Except as otherwise set forth in this License, exclusive jurisdiction and venue over any dispute arising out of this License shall be in a court of appropriate

venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the parties hereby agree to be subject to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the resolution of any such dispute. This provision is not intended to limit the right of either party to remove a matter to Federal or State court in Massachusetts as permitted by law.

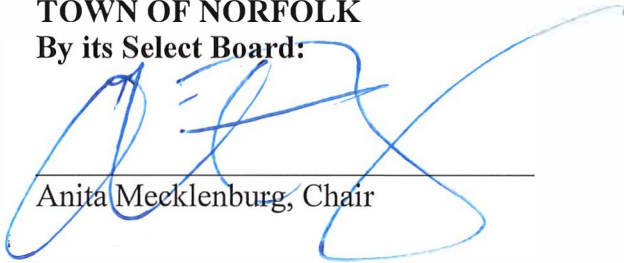
14.21. *Counterparts*: This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Further, this Agreement may be executed by facsimile, email, electronic signature or other electronic means, and so executed shall have the full force and legal effect as an executed original of this Agreement.

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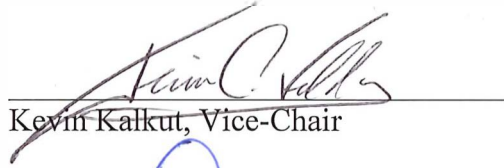
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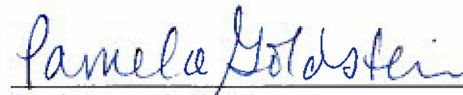
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EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A – MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED CABLE SERVICE
(SUBJECT TO SECTION 3.4)

EXHIBIT B – GROSS REVENUE REPORTING FORM

EXHIBIT C – FORM OF PERFORMANCE BOND

Exhibit List

EXHIBIT A

PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED BASIC CABLE SERVICE (SUBJECT TO SECTION 3.4)

All located in Norfolk, MA 02056

Town Hall	One Liberty Lane
Public Safety Building	117 Main Street
DPW	33 Medway Branch Road
Access Corporation	70 Boardman Street
Library	139 Main Street
Senior Center	28 Medway Branch Road
Old Town Hall	100 Main Street

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE PROVIDED DIGITAL CABLE SERVICE (SUBJECT TO SECTION 3.4)

All located in Norfolk, MA 02056

Freeman-Centennial School	70 Boardman Street
H. Olive Day School	232 Main Street
King Philip Middle School	18 King Street

Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT B
GROSS REVENUE REPORTING FORM**

PEG Report 1st Quarter [YEAR]

Sample Town

Verizon - fBA

MA

PEG Fee Rate: 5%

	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	Quarter Total
Monthly Recurring Cable Service Charges (e.g. Basic, Enhanced Basic, Premium and Equipment Rental)				
Usage Based Charges (e.g. PayPer View, Installation)				
Advertising				
Home Shopping				
Late Payment				
Other Misc. (Leased Access & Other Misc.)				
License Fee Billed				
PEG Fee Billed				
Less:				
Bad Debt				
Total Receipts subject to PEG Fee Calculation				
PEG Grant Before Adjustment				
Adjustment				
PEG Grant				

Verizon New England Inc. is hereby requesting that this information be treated as confidential and proprietary business information in accordance with the terms of the Cable Television Renewal License granted to Verizon New England Inc. This information is not otherwise readily ascertainable or publicly available by proper means by other persons from another source in the same configuration as provided herein, would cause substantial harm to competitive position of Verizon in the highly competitive video marketplace if disclosed, is intended to be proprietary confidential business information and is treated by Verizon as such. Nothing in this License shall be read to prevent the Town from sharing information with the Town's PEG Access Designee. The parties specifically recognize that the Town is required to comply with all provisions of the Massachusetts Public Records Act and, to the extent that this document is a Public Record under that Act, will produce it in compliance with all requirements of law.

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF PERFORMANCE BOND

Franchise Bond
Bond No. _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That (name & address) (hereinafter called the Principal), and (name and address) (hereinafter called the Surety), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of (state), are held and firmly bound unto (name & address) (hereinafter called the Obligee), in the full and just sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____), the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, the said Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal and Obligee have entered into a License Agreement dated _____ which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, said Principal is required to perform certain obligations under said Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Obligee has agreed to accept this bond as security against default by Principal of performance of its obligations under said Agreement during the time period this bond is in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the Principal shall perform its obligations under said Agreement, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise terminated, cancelled or expired as hereinafter provided.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that this bond is executed subject to the following express provisions and conditions:

1. In the event of default by the Principal, Obligee shall deliver to Surety a written statement of the details of such default within 30 days after the Obligee shall learn of the same, such notice to be delivered by certified mail to address of said Surety as stated herein.
2. This Bond shall be effective _____, 20____, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter for a period of one year and will automatically extend for additional one-year periods from the expiry date hereof, or any future expiration date, unless the Surety provides to the Obligee not less than sixty (60) days advance written notice of its intent not to renew this Bond or unless the Bond is earlier canceled pursuant to the following. This Bond may be canceled at any time upon sixty (60) days advance written notice from the Surety to the Obligee.

Exhibit C

3. Neither cancellation, termination nor refusal by Surety to extend this bond, nor inability of Principal to file a replacement bond or replacement security for its obligations under said Agreement, shall constitute a loss to the Obligees recoverable under this bond.

4. No claim, action, suit or proceeding shall be instituted against this bond unless same be brought or instituted and process served within one year after termination or cancellation of this bond.

5. No right of action shall accrue on this bond for the use of any person, corporation or entity other than the Obligees named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators or successors of the Obligees.

6. The aggregate liability of the surety is limited to the penal sum stated herein regardless of the number of years this bond remains in force or the amount or number of claims brought against this bond.

7. This bond is and shall be construed to be strictly one of suretyship only. If any conflict or inconsistency exists between the Surety's obligations as described in this bond and as may be described in any underlying agreement, permit, document or contract to which this bond is related, then the terms of this bond shall supersede and prevail in all respects.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bounded Principal and Surety have hereunto signed and sealed this bond effective this ____ day of _____, 202_.

Principal

Surety

By: _____

By: _____

, Attorney-in-Fact

Accepted by Obligees: _____

(Signature & date above - Print Name, Title below)

Exhibit C