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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

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

RATE ORDER

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I. INTRODUCTION & PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 3, 2008, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. (“Comcast”) filed Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Forms 1240 with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) that proposed basic service tier (“BST”) maximum permitted rates (“MPR”) for its 143 regulated Massachusetts communities. A list of the regulated Massachusetts communities served by Comcast can be found in the Rate Schedule attached hereto as Attachment 1. On December 30, 2008, the Department received amended FCC Forms 1240 for seven municipalities.¹ The December 30, 2008 FCC Forms 1240 were amended to reflect changes in franchise-related costs pertaining to certain interconnection agreements or license renewals executed after Comcast submitted its initial filings. *See* Exs. Comcast-28A, -47A, -73A, -82A, -85A, -95A, -105A.² Comcast also filed a nationwide FCC Form 1205 that proposed equipment and installation rates for its 143 regulated Massachusetts communities on July 9, 2009.³ Pursuant to FCC regulations, Comcast’s proposed BST and equipment and installation rates became effective on February 1, 2009. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.933(g). *See, e.g.*, Exs. Comcast-1, -144.

The Department issued its Notice of Public Hearing on Cable Television Rates and its First Set of Information Requests on June 25, 2009. *Petition of Comcast Cable Commc’ns, Inc.*

¹ Comcast filed amended FCC Forms 1240 for the Towns of Danvers, Greenfield, Maynard, Middleton, Milton, Norwell, and Randolph.

² Citations to Comcast’s FCC Forms 1240 and 1205, and amendments thereto, are to “Ex. Comcast-1,” *et seq.* Citations to the Department’s First Set of Information Requests and Comcast’s responses thereto are to “Ex. DTC-Comcast-1,” *et seq.* Citations to the evidentiary hearing transcript are to Tr. at [page number]. Citations to Comcast’s responses to record requests issued at the evidentiary hearing are to “RR-1,” *et seq.*

³ Comcast originally filed FCC Forms for 146 municipalities on November 3, 2008. The FCC, however, exempted three Massachusetts municipalities subsequent to the commencement of this proceeding by determining that Comcast is subject to effective competition in the Towns of Rowley, Salisbury, and Sherborn. *In re Comcast Cable Commc’ns, LLC*, DA 08-1594, Fed. Commc’n Comm’n, Memo & Order at 1 (rel. July 32, 2008). Accordingly, Rowley, Salisbury, and Sherborn are not part of this proceeding. In addition, Comcast recently filed a FCC Form 1240 for the Town of Falmouth (“Falmouth”), for which the FCC had previously determined Comcast to be subject to effective competition. The status of the FCC Form 1240 for Falmouth is discussed *infra*.

to establish & adjust the basic service tier programming, equip., & installation rates for the cmtys. served by Comcast that are currently subject to rate regulation, Docket, 08-6 (2009) (“Docket”) at 1. On July 10, 2009, Comcast filed responses to the Department’s First Set of Information Requests. *Id.* The Department held a public and evidentiary hearing on July 23, 2009. Comcast filed its Proof of Notice of the Hearing at the July 23, 2009 hearing. *Id.* Also during the July 23, 2009 hearing, the Department issued record requests (“Record Requests”) 1 through 8 to Comcast. *Id.* Comcast submitted responses to Record Requests 1 through 3 and 5 through 7 on August 8, 2009, to Record Request 4 on August 21, 2009, and to Record Request 8 on August 28, 2009. *Id.* The Department issued its Follow Up Information Request to Comcast on August 26, 2009, to which Comcast filed its response on September 2, 2009. Docket at 1. The evidentiary record consists of 144 Comcast exhibits; 20 Department exhibits; eight responses to Record Requests; and a response to the Department’s Follow Up Information Request. After review and consideration, the Department approves Comcast’s FCC Forms 1240 and FCC Form 1205 subject to the Department’s findings discussed below.

II. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

A. Review of the FCC Form 1240

On November 3, 2008, consistent with FCC rate regulations, Comcast submitted an FCC Form 1240 for each of its 143 regulated communities proposing its annual adjustment to its BST MPR. Upon review, the Department has determined that Comcast’s FCC Forms 1240 were prepared in compliance with federal laws and regulations. In reviewing Comcast’s FCC Forms 1240, two issues required the Department’s further attention: (i) an unexplained rate reduction in the programming costs on the Forms’ projected period beginning February 2009; and (ii) the pending reconsideration of the FCC’s determination that Comcast is subject to effective competition in Falmouth. The two issues are discussed below.

The FCC has created specific forms incorporating the provisions of its rate regulations, upon which a cable operator must calculate its rates. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.922, 76.930. The FCC Form 1240 allows a cable operator to annually update its BST programming rates to account for inflation; changes in the number of regulated channels; and changes in external costs, including programming costs, copyright costs, and franchise related costs (“FRCs”). *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.922(e). In order that rates be adjusted on the FCC Form 1240 for projections in external costs, or for projected changes to the number of regulated channels, the cable operator must demonstrate that such projections are reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.922(e)(2)(ii)(A), 76.922(e)(2)(iii)(A). Projections involving copyright fees, retransmission consent fees, other programming costs, FCC regulatory fees, and cable specific taxes are presumed to be reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.922(e)(2)(ii)(A). Cable operators may also project for increases in FRCs to the extent they are reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable. *Id.* Such projections, however, are not presumed to be reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable. *See id.* Accordingly, the operator must demonstrate that FRC projections are reasonably certain and reasonably quantifiable.

The standard under which the Department must review rate adjustments on the FCC Form 1240 is found in the FCC’s rate regulations. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.922(a). Specifically, the FCC directed local rate regulators, including the Department, to ensure that the approved rates are in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 543, as amended (the “Communications Act”) and regulations promulgated thereunder, and do not exceed the maximum permitted charges calculated by the FCC’s rate forms. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.922(a). The Department may accept, in compliance with the statute, BST rates that do not exceed the approved maximum permitted charge as determined by federal regulations. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 76.922(a), 76.922(c). In addition, the Department shall only approve rates it deems reasonable. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 543; 47 C.F.R. § 76.937(d)-(e); G. L. c. 166A, §§ 2, 15. As noted above, the burden of proof is on the cable operator to demonstrate that its proposed

rates for BST programming comply with Section 623 of the Communications Act. 47 U.S.C. § 543; *FCC Rate Order* at 5716, ¶ 128. *See also* 47 C.F.R. § 76.937(a). The Department determines that all of Comcast's FCC Forms 1240 have been prepared in compliance with federal laws and regulations.

During its review of Comcast's FCC Forms 1240, the Department noted that there was a significant reduction in the programming costs for all communities between the true-up period ending July 2008 and the Forms' projected period beginning February 2009. Comcast made no indication on the rate forms, however, of any channel readjustment or programming cost decreases that would explain the reduction. In response to the Department's Information Request 1, Comcast indicated that the reduction in programming costs was related to the planned removal of Channel CN8 from all of Comcast's channel line-ups in Massachusetts scheduled for January 2009. Ex. DTC-Comcast-1. The actual programming costs are still contained in the true-up period, which ended before the channel's removal, but were not included in the projected period that began after the channel's planned removal. The Department expects Comcast's next FCC Forms 1240 for Massachusetts to reflect the removal of the channel and its associated channel movement/deletion rate segment from the BST rate calculation. Accordingly, the Department finds that the reduction in programming costs is reasonable.

With regard to Falmouth, although the FCC had previously determined that Comcast was subject to effective competition in Falmouth, there is now pending with the FCC a joint petition by Comcast and Falmouth for reconsideration of that FCC determination ("Joint Petition"). Tr. 28:12-28:22. The Department requested that Comcast submit a revised FCC Form 1240 for Falmouth pending the FCC's determination of the Joint Petition. Ex. DTC-Comcast-8. The Department, however, will not review the Falmouth FCC Form 1240 until the FCC has made its determination on the Joint Petition. In the interim, and without involvement by the FCC or the Department, Comcast, in agreement with Falmouth, elected to reduce its BST in Falmouth to the MPR on October 1, 2009. Comcast intends to use the

true-up mechanism on its next FCC Form 1240 to refund any overcollection with interest during 2009. RR-8.

Upon its review of Comcast's responses to the Department's Information and Record Requests, the Department is satisfied that Comcast has adequately addressed these issues. Comcast's approved BST MPRs and operator selected BST programming rates appear in the Rate Schedule in Attachment 1.

B. Review of the FCC Form 1205

In its FCC Form 1205 filing, Comcast proposes to adjust its operator selected rates for equipment and installations. Comcast's approved BST MPRs and operator selected rates for equipment and installations appear in the Rate Schedule in Attachment 1. The Department approves Comcast's FCC Form 1205, as filed on July 9, 2009. However, as discussed below, the Department reminds Comcast that it must adjust its methodology in its FCC Form 1205 filings in accordance with this and past orders.

The FCC Form 1205 establishes rates for installations and equipment, such as converters and remote controls, based upon actual capital costs and expenses. *FCC Form 1205 Instructions for Determining Costs of Regulated Cable Equip. & Installation*, at 1, 7, 11-13 (June 1996) ("*FCC Form 1205 Instructions*"). A cable operator prepares the FCC Form 1205 on an annual basis using information from the cable operator's previous fiscal year. *See id.* at 2-3. In this proceeding, the Department reviews Comcast's nationwide FCC Form 1205 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. *See* Ex. Comcast-144.

Subscriber charges established by FCC Form 1205 may not exceed charges based on actual costs in accordance with the FCC's regulatory requirements. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.923(a)(2). The cable operator has the burden of proof to demonstrate that its proposed rates for equipment and installations comply with Section 623 of the Communications Act. *Implementation of Sections of the Cable Television Consumer Protection & Competition Act of*

1992: Rate Regulation, Report & Order & Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 8 F.C.C.R. 5631, at 5716, ¶ 128 (May 3, 1993) (“*FCC Rate Order*”); 47 C.F.R. § 76.937(a) (regulation assigning the burden of proof to the cable operator).

The Department has previously determined that it is inappropriate for Comcast to capitalize its labor costs in its average installation time rate calculation and that commissions are a marketing expense that should not be included in Comcast’s FCC Form 1205 calculation. *E.g., In re Comcast Cable Commc’ns, Inc. to establish & adjust the basic service tier programming, equip & installation rates for the cmty.s. served by Comcast that are currently subject to rate regulation*, C.T.V./D.T.C. 06-3, at 3 (Oct. 19, 2007) (“2007 Order”). Accordingly, the Department has directed Comcast to remove labor costs and commissions associated with new installations (also called a “subscriber drop” or “unwired primary installation”) from its FCC Form 1205. *Id.*

In the current proceeding, Comcast initially submitted a FCC Form 1205 that included subscriber drops and sales commission expenses. Ex. Comcast-144. As the Department has explained in previous orders, the FCC’s rules indicate that marketing expenses are not to be included in the calculation of equipment and installation rates. 2007 Order at 4. In addition, a cable operator has a choice to either capitalize subscriber drop labor costs or include these costs in its installation rates. *Id.* Comcast’s initial filing indicates that it did both. Ex. Comcast-144.

On July 9, 2009, Comcast submitted a revised filing that removed the subscriber drops and commission expenses in response to the Department’s Information Request 17. The July 9, 2009 FCC Form 1205 excludes these costs in the same manner as the costs were excluded on prior Comcast FCC Forms 1205 that the Department approved. The removal of the time associated with subscriber drops reduced the average hours for an unwired home installation from 1.39 hours to 1.18 hours. *Compare* Ex. Comcast-144 *with* Ex. DTC-Comcast-17. There is

a corresponding decrease in the MPR for an unwired home installation, from \$47.12 to \$39.80. *Compare* Ex. Comcast-144 *with* Ex. DTC-Comcast-17. Comcast's current rate for unwired installation, however, is \$38.95, which is lower than the revised MPRs. Accordingly no refund is required. These changes also led to a slight decrease in other MPRs for installations, which were reduced by between \$0.10 and \$0.16. *Compare* Ex. Comcast-144 *with* Ex. DTC-Comcast-17. The Department finds that Comcast's revised FCC Form 1205 establishes MPRs for listed equipment and installations that are in compliance with applicable law and that its operator selected rates are not in excess of the MPRs established by its FCC Form 1205.

Comcast's proposed and approved charges for equipment appear in the Rate Schedule in Attachment 1.

III. ORDER

Accordingly, after due notice, hearing and consideration, it is

ORDERED: That Comcast's FCC Forms 1240, as filed on November 3, 2008, for the communities served by Comcast, and amended on December 31, 2008 with respect to certain communities, are approved; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That Comcast's FCC Form 1205, as filed on November 3, 2008, and revised on July 9, 2009, is approved; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That the parties comply with all other directives herein.

By Order of the Department


Geoffrey G. Why, Commissioner

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Appeals of any final decision, order or ruling of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable may be brought pursuant to applicable state and federal laws.

ATTACHMENT 1

Comcast
February 1, 2008 Price Adjustment
Operator Selected Rates

Franchise Area	2008 Actual Rate			2009 Approved MPR			2009 Operator Selected Rate		
	2/1/08 BST	FRC	Total BST	2/1/09 MPR	FRC	Total BST MPR	B1	FRC	Total Basic
Acushnet	\$11.25	\$0.64	\$11.89	\$10.30	\$0.62	\$10.92	\$10.30	\$0.62	\$10.92
Agawam	\$4.22	\$0.24	\$4.46	\$3.89	\$0.24	\$4.13	\$3.83	\$0.24	\$4.07
Amesbury	\$11.20	\$0.00	\$11.20	\$12.55	\$0.81	\$13.36	\$12.20	\$0.81	\$13.01
Amherst	\$10.10	\$0.79	\$10.89	\$8.88	\$0.79	\$9.67	\$8.88	\$0.79	\$9.67
Ashland	\$14.00	\$0.81	\$14.81	\$14.32	\$0.79	\$15.11	\$14.30	\$0.79	\$15.09
Attleboro	\$8.65	\$0.94	\$9.59	\$8.21	\$0.93	\$9.14	\$8.15	\$0.93	\$9.08
Avon	\$7.55	\$2.07	\$9.62	\$6.98	\$2.09	\$9.07	\$6.95	\$2.09	\$9.04
Barnstable	\$10.90	\$0.32	\$11.22	\$10.61	\$0.31	\$10.92	\$10.60	\$0.31	\$10.91
Bedford	\$10.55	\$0.93	\$11.48	\$12.32	\$1.35	\$13.67	\$11.55	\$1.35	\$12.90
Bellingham	\$14.45	\$0.55	\$15.00	\$14.95	\$0.55	\$15.50	\$14.95	\$0.55	\$15.50
Berkley	\$8.95	\$0.62	\$9.57	\$7.99	\$0.60	\$8.59	\$7.99	\$0.60	\$8.59
Beverly	\$7.85	\$1.43	\$9.28	\$7.73	\$1.43	\$9.16	\$7.70	\$1.43	\$9.13
Billerica	\$9.60	\$0.37	\$9.97	\$8.45	\$0.35	\$8.80	\$8.40	\$0.35	\$8.75
Blackstone	\$10.70	\$0.33	\$11.03	\$9.97	\$0.33	\$10.30	\$9.95	\$0.33	\$10.28
Braintree	\$9.40	\$2.08	\$11.48	\$8.97	\$2.55	\$11.52	\$8.95	\$2.55	\$11.50
Bridgewater	\$12.95	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$55.57	\$0.00	\$55.57	\$13.95	\$0.00	\$13.95
Brockton	\$8.95	\$1.07	\$10.02	\$9.15	\$0.08	\$9.23	\$9.10	\$0.08	\$9.18
Buckland	\$11.51	\$0.59	\$12.10	\$10.63	\$0.61	\$11.24	\$10.63	\$0.61	\$11.24
Cambridge	\$6.90	\$1.01	\$7.91	\$6.52	\$0.97	\$7.49	\$6.45	\$0.97	\$7.42
Canton	\$11.60	\$3.42	\$15.02	\$9.39	\$0.72	\$10.11	\$9.35	\$0.72	\$10.07
Carlisle	\$12.45	\$0.31	\$12.76	\$14.60	\$0.30	\$14.90	\$13.45	\$0.30	\$13.75
Chatham	\$11.15	\$0.35	\$11.50	\$10.31	\$0.33	\$10.64	\$10.30	\$0.33	\$10.63
Chelmsford	\$11.30	\$0.49	\$11.79	\$10.21	\$0.47	\$10.68	\$10.20	\$0.47	\$10.67
Chelsea	\$11.50	\$0.20	\$11.70	\$9.97	\$0.19	\$10.16	\$9.95	\$0.19	\$10.14
Clinton	\$7.85	\$0.20	\$8.05	\$6.87	\$0.20	\$7.07	\$6.80	\$0.20	\$7.00
Cohasset	\$8.30	\$1.04	\$9.34	\$7.59	\$1.03	\$8.62	\$7.55	\$1.03	\$8.58
Concord	\$12.15	\$0.92	\$13.07	\$13.40	\$0.89	\$14.29	\$13.15	\$0.89	\$14.04
Danvers	\$12.50	\$0.78	\$13.28	\$14.53	\$0.35	\$14.88	\$13.50	\$0.35	\$13.85
Dartmouth	\$9.35	\$0.46	\$9.81	\$8.20	\$0.46	\$8.66	\$8.15	\$0.46	\$8.61
Deerfield	\$6.35	\$1.03	\$7.38	\$4.87	\$1.04	\$5.91	\$4.82	\$1.04	\$5.86
Dennis	\$10.80	\$0.33	\$11.13	\$10.49	\$0.32	\$10.81	\$10.45	\$0.32	\$10.77
Dighton	\$8.85	\$0.62	\$9.47	\$8.86	\$0.60	\$9.46	\$8.80	\$0.60	\$9.40
Dover	\$7.50	\$3.06	\$10.56	\$5.17	\$3.11	\$8.28	\$5.10	\$3.11	\$8.21
Dracut	\$11.50	\$0.09	\$11.59	\$8.54	\$0.09	\$8.63	\$8.50	\$0.09	\$8.59
Duxbury	\$13.70	\$0.00	\$13.70	\$13.24	\$0.86	\$14.10	\$13.24	\$0.86	\$14.10
East Bridgewater	\$8.80	\$1.18	\$9.98	\$8.75	\$1.16	\$9.91	\$8.70	\$1.16	\$9.86
Eastham	\$9.20	\$0.37	\$9.57	\$8.75	\$0.41	\$9.16	\$8.70	\$0.41	\$9.11
Easton	\$9.40	\$1.03	\$10.43	\$8.80	\$0.53	\$9.33	\$8.75	\$0.53	\$9.28
Essex	\$11.75	\$0.00	\$11.75	\$15.35	\$0.97	\$16.32	\$12.75	\$0.97	\$13.72
Fairhaven	\$11.70	\$0.16	\$11.86	\$10.72	\$0.15	\$10.87	\$10.70	\$0.15	\$10.85
Fall River	\$8.75	\$0.78	\$9.53	\$7.79	\$0.71	\$8.50	\$7.75	\$0.71	\$8.46
Foxborough	\$11.40	\$0.46	\$11.86	\$9.48	\$0.45	\$9.93	\$9.45	\$0.45	\$9.90
Freetown	\$9.05	\$0.66	\$9.71	\$8.09	\$0.65	\$8.74	\$8.05	\$0.65	\$8.70
Gardner	\$10.50	\$0.42	\$10.92	\$20.13	\$0.41	\$20.54	\$11.50	\$0.41	\$11.91
Gloucester	\$11.25	\$0.00	\$11.25	\$16.63	\$0.65	\$17.28	\$12.25	\$0.65	\$12.90
Granby	\$7.32	\$0.82	\$8.14	\$6.78	\$0.81	\$7.59	\$6.75	\$0.81	\$7.56
Greenfield	\$12.19	\$0.51	\$12.70	\$10.16	\$0.40	\$10.56	\$10.16	\$0.40	\$10.56
Groveland	\$10.80	\$0.43	\$11.23	\$9.26	\$0.42	\$9.68	\$9.25	\$0.42	\$9.67
Hanover	\$8.35	\$0.64	\$8.99	\$7.86	\$0.64	\$8.50	\$7.80	\$0.64	\$8.44
Hanson	\$9.30	\$1.22	\$10.52	\$8.97	\$1.21	\$10.18	\$8.95	\$1.21	\$10.16
Harwich	\$11.20	\$0.24	\$11.44	\$10.34	\$0.24	\$10.58	\$10.34	\$0.24	\$10.58
Hatfield	\$6.11	\$0.99	\$7.10	\$4.64	\$0.98	\$5.62	\$4.59	\$0.98	\$5.57
Haverhill	\$11.50	\$0.29	\$11.79	\$9.96	\$0.28	\$10.24	\$9.95	\$0.28	\$10.23
Hingham	\$8.45	\$0.64	\$9.09	\$7.96	\$0.63	\$8.59	\$7.90	\$0.63	\$8.53
Holbrook	\$7.80	\$1.18	\$8.98	\$8.01	\$0.14	\$8.15	\$7.95	\$0.14	\$8.09
Holliston	\$12.00	\$1.01	\$13.01	\$22.17	\$1.66	\$23.83	\$13.00	\$1.66	\$14.66
Holyoke	\$4.45	\$0.19	\$4.64	\$3.95	\$0.18	\$4.13	\$3.89	\$0.18	\$4.07
Hopedale	\$13.70	\$0.87	\$14.57	\$31.91	\$0.87	\$32.78	\$14.70	\$0.87	\$15.57
Hull	\$7.80	\$1.02	\$8.82	\$7.24	\$0.99	\$8.23	\$7.20	\$0.99	\$8.19
Lakeville	\$9.35	\$0.68	\$10.03	\$8.84	\$0.49	\$9.33	\$8.80	\$0.49	\$9.29
Lancaster	\$7.80	\$0.00	\$7.80	\$7.06	\$0.00	\$7.06	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$7.00
Lawrence	\$8.65	\$0.95	\$9.60	\$7.12	\$0.95	\$8.07	\$7.10	\$0.95	\$8.05

**February 1, 2008 Price Adjustment
Operator Selected Rates**

Franchise Area	2008 Actual Rate			2009 Approved MPR			2009 Operator Selected Rate		
	2/1/08 BST	FRC	Total BST	2/1/09 MPR	FRC	Total BST MPR	B1	FRC	Total Basic
Leominster	\$10.10	\$1.09	\$11.19	\$9.45	\$1.09	\$10.54	\$9.40	\$1.09	\$10.49
Longmeadow	\$7.42	\$0.53	\$7.95	\$5.94	\$0.53	\$6.47	\$5.90	\$0.53	\$6.43
Lowell	\$12.80	\$0.21	\$13.01	\$11.23	\$0.21	\$11.44	\$11.20	\$0.21	\$11.41
Lynnfield	\$12.10	\$1.69	\$13.79	\$11.29	\$2.53	\$13.82	\$11.29	\$2.53	\$13.82
Malden	\$11.20	\$0.34	\$11.54	\$11.07	\$0.29	\$11.36	\$11.05	\$0.29	\$11.34
Manchester By The Sea	\$11.55	\$0.00	\$11.55	\$18.22	\$1.08	\$19.30	\$12.55	\$1.08	\$13.63
Mansfield	\$12.10	\$1.98	\$14.08	\$10.21	\$1.96	\$12.17	\$10.20	\$1.96	\$12.16
Marblehead	\$7.70	\$0.17	\$7.87	\$6.96	\$0.16	\$7.12	\$6.90	\$0.16	\$7.06
Marion	\$11.00	\$1.21	\$12.21	\$10.30	\$1.35	\$11.65	\$10.30	\$1.35	\$11.65
Mattapoisett	\$10.75	\$0.81	\$11.56	\$10.13	\$0.99	\$11.12	\$10.10	\$0.99	\$11.09
Maynard	\$13.70	\$0.00	\$13.70	\$11.81	\$0.92	\$12.73	\$11.80	\$0.92	\$12.72
Medfield	\$11.20	\$0.85	\$12.05	\$10.62	\$1.42	\$12.04	\$10.60	\$1.42	\$12.02
Medford	\$11.65	\$0.75	\$12.40	\$10.90	\$0.70	\$11.60	\$10.90	\$0.70	\$11.60
Medway	\$13.50	\$0.20	\$13.70	\$22.03	\$0.00	\$22.03	\$14.50	\$0.00	\$14.50
Melrose	\$11.85	\$0.51	\$12.36	\$10.79	\$0.74	\$11.53	\$10.79	\$0.74	\$11.53
Mendon	\$13.20	\$0.49	\$13.69	\$42.19	\$0.49	\$42.68	\$14.20	\$0.49	\$14.69
Merrimac	\$10.35	\$0.00	\$10.35	\$8.70	\$1.50	\$10.20	\$6.15	\$1.50	\$7.65
Methuen	\$8.30	\$0.57	\$8.87	\$7.40	\$0.64	\$8.04	\$7.35	\$0.64	\$7.99
Middleborough	\$8.60	\$0.91	\$9.51	\$8.49	\$0.22	\$8.71	\$8.45	\$0.22	\$8.67
Middleton	\$9.00	\$0.84	\$9.84	\$7.19	\$0.32	\$7.51	\$7.15	\$0.32	\$7.47
Milford	\$6.35	\$0.96	\$7.31	\$5.66	\$0.92	\$6.58	\$5.60	\$0.92	\$6.52
Millis	\$11.45	\$0.84	\$12.29	\$9.90	\$0.68	\$10.58	\$9.90	\$0.68	\$10.58
Milton	\$7.10	\$0.13	\$7.23	\$6.67	\$0.10	\$6.77	\$6.60	\$0.10	\$6.70
Montague	\$12.60	\$0.83	\$13.43	\$14.94	\$0.85	\$15.79	\$13.60	\$0.85	\$14.45
New Bedford	\$9.60	\$0.18	\$9.78	\$8.65	\$0.17	\$8.82	\$8.65	\$0.17	\$8.82
Newbury	\$10.70	\$0.52	\$11.22	\$9.22	\$0.52	\$9.74	\$9.20	\$0.52	\$9.72
Newburyport	\$9.74	\$0.38	\$10.12	\$11.24	\$0.38	\$11.62	\$10.74	\$0.38	\$11.12
Norfolk	\$10.65	\$2.52	\$13.17	\$10.26	\$2.99	\$13.25	\$10.25	\$2.99	\$13.24
North Andover	\$11.70	\$1.40	\$13.10	\$10.92	\$1.24	\$12.16	\$10.90	\$1.24	\$12.14
North Attleborough	\$14.70	\$0.55	\$15.25	\$13.70	\$0.55	\$14.25	\$13.70	\$0.55	\$14.25
Northampton	\$5.87	\$0.60	\$6.47	\$4.78	\$0.59	\$5.37	\$4.73	\$0.59	\$5.32
Norton	\$10.60	\$0.07	\$10.67	\$10.27	\$0.07	\$10.34	\$10.25	\$0.07	\$10.32
Norwell	\$7.75	\$1.35	\$9.10	\$6.93	\$1.02	\$7.95	\$6.90	\$1.02	\$7.92
Norwood	\$13.00	\$0.44	\$13.44	\$14.18	\$0.43	\$14.61	\$14.00	\$0.43	\$14.43
Orleans	\$6.75	\$0.64	\$7.39	\$6.25	\$0.62	\$6.87	\$6.20	\$0.62	\$6.82
Palmer	\$9.86	\$0.24	\$10.10	\$9.52	\$0.23	\$9.75	\$9.51	\$0.23	\$9.74
Peabody	\$12.25	\$1.49	\$13.74	\$11.35	\$1.42	\$12.77	\$11.35	\$1.42	\$12.77
Pelham	\$10.81	\$0.00	\$10.81	\$10.35	\$0.00	\$10.35	\$10.35	\$0.00	\$10.35
Phillipston	\$6.30	\$0.11	\$6.41	\$5.31	\$0.11	\$5.42	\$5.25	\$0.11	\$5.36
Plainville	\$11.35	\$0.69	\$12.04	\$9.70	\$0.69	\$10.39	\$9.65	\$0.69	\$10.34
Provincetown	\$8.85	\$0.81	\$9.66	\$8.76	\$0.75	\$9.51	\$8.70	\$0.75	\$9.45
Quincy	\$7.90	\$0.01	\$7.91	\$7.01	\$0.01	\$7.02	\$6.95	\$0.01	\$6.96
Randolph	\$6.35	\$1.43	\$7.78	\$6.35	\$0.07	\$6.42	\$6.30	\$0.07	\$6.37
Raynham	\$8.30	\$0.87	\$9.17	\$7.66	\$0.85	\$8.51	\$7.60	\$0.85	\$8.45
Rehoboth	\$9.15	\$0.83	\$9.98	\$8.81	\$0.80	\$9.61	\$8.80	\$0.80	\$9.60
Revere	\$9.30	\$1.08	\$10.38	\$7.60	\$0.32	\$7.92	\$7.55	\$0.32	\$7.87
Rochester	\$11.05	\$0.69	\$11.74	\$10.61	\$0.71	\$11.32	\$10.60	\$0.71	\$11.31
Rockport	\$11.40	\$0.00	\$11.40	\$13.20	\$0.24	\$13.44	\$12.40	\$0.24	\$12.64
Salem	\$12.60	\$2.50	\$15.10	\$11.18	\$2.56	\$13.74	\$11.15	\$2.56	\$13.71
Saugus	\$8.05	\$0.50	\$8.55	\$7.80	\$0.49	\$8.29	\$7.75	\$0.49	\$8.24
Scituate	\$8.45	\$0.92	\$9.37	\$7.94	\$0.92	\$8.86	\$7.90	\$0.92	\$8.82
Sharon	\$11.45	\$0.85	\$12.30	\$11.25	\$0.84	\$12.09	\$11.25	\$0.84	\$12.09
Somerset	\$14.20	\$0.48	\$14.68	\$24.81	\$0.47	\$25.28	\$15.20	\$0.47	\$15.67
South Hadley	\$4.05	\$0.42	\$4.47	\$3.63	\$0.43	\$4.06	\$3.57	\$0.43	\$4.00
Southwick	\$7.65	\$0.00	\$7.65	\$6.71	\$0.00	\$6.71	\$6.68	\$0.00	\$6.68
Springfield	\$4.81	\$1.26	\$6.07	\$4.82	\$1.23	\$6.05	\$4.76	\$1.23	\$5.99
Stoughton	\$9.40	\$0.99	\$10.39	\$8.93	\$0.96	\$9.89	\$8.90	\$0.96	\$9.86
Stow	\$14.50	\$0.38	\$14.88	\$13.48	\$0.07	\$13.55	\$13.48	\$0.07	\$13.55
Sunderland	\$6.67	\$1.21	\$7.88	\$4.99	\$1.23	\$6.22	\$4.95	\$1.23	\$6.18
Swansea	\$10.85	\$0.05	\$10.90	\$9.31	\$0.05	\$9.36	\$9.30	\$0.05	\$9.35
Taunton	\$14.70	\$0.47	\$15.17	\$19.34	\$0.43	\$19.77	\$15.70	\$0.43	\$16.13
Templeton	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$9.05	\$0.00	\$9.05	\$9.05	\$0.00	\$9.05
Topsfield	\$7.50	\$0.97	\$8.47	\$7.36	\$1.47	\$8.83	\$7.30	\$1.47	\$8.77

**February 1, 2008 Price Adjustment
Operator Selected Rates**

Franchise Area	2008 Actual Rate			2009 Approved MPR			2009 Operator Selected Rate		
	2/1/08 BST	FRC	Total BST	2/1/09 MPR	FRC	Total BST MPR	B1	FRC	Total Basic
Tyngsborough	\$14.00	\$1.24	\$15.24	\$13.57	\$1.65	\$15.22	\$13.55	\$1.65	\$15.20
Walpole	\$12.45	\$0.71	\$13.16	\$12.20	\$0.60	\$12.80	\$12.20	\$0.60	\$12.80
Ware	\$10.15	\$0.78	\$10.93	\$9.86	\$0.77	\$10.63	\$9.86	\$0.77	\$10.63
Warren	\$11.02	\$0.73	\$11.75	\$10.12	\$0.71	\$10.83	\$10.12	\$0.71	\$10.83
Wayland	\$6.50	\$1.76	\$8.26	\$6.43	\$1.86	\$8.29	\$6.35	\$1.86	\$8.21
Wellfleet	\$9.30	\$0.34	\$9.64	\$8.78	\$0.33	\$9.11	\$8.75	\$0.33	\$9.08
West Bridgewater	\$8.20	\$1.22	\$9.42	\$7.68	\$1.21	\$8.89	\$7.65	\$1.21	\$8.86
West Springfield	\$4.40	\$0.24	\$4.64	\$3.92	\$0.23	\$4.15	\$3.87	\$0.23	\$4.10
Westfield	\$4.31	\$0.52	\$4.83	\$3.91	\$0.52	\$4.43	\$3.85	\$0.52	\$4.37
Westhampton	\$5.95	\$0.00	\$5.95	\$4.76	\$0.00	\$4.76	\$4.71	\$0.00	\$4.71
Weston	\$7.80	\$0.57	\$8.37	\$6.57	\$0.50	\$7.07	\$6.50	\$0.50	\$7.00
Weymouth	\$8.85	\$0.33	\$9.18	\$8.34	\$0.33	\$8.67	\$8.30	\$0.33	\$8.63
Whitman	\$7.75	\$1.69	\$9.44	\$7.72	\$1.69	\$9.41	\$7.65	\$1.69	\$9.34
Williamsburg	\$6.85	\$0.00	\$6.85	\$5.37	\$0.00	\$5.37	\$5.32	\$0.00	\$5.32
Wilmington	\$9.15	\$0.86	\$10.01	\$8.37	\$0.44	\$8.81	\$8.35	\$0.44	\$8.79
Winthrop	\$14.20	\$0.00	\$14.20	\$11.90	\$0.00	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$0.00	\$11.90
Wrentham	\$11.45	\$1.21	\$12.66	\$16.26	\$1.18	\$17.44	\$12.45	\$1.18	\$13.63
Yarmouth	\$11.00	\$0.54	\$11.54	\$10.31	\$0.53	\$10.84	\$10.30	\$0.53	\$10.83

REGULATED EQUIPMENT RATES

	Actual Rate 2/1/08	Approved Maximum Permitted Rate 2/1/09	Current Operator Selected Rate 2/1/08
Remote	\$0.20	\$0.31	\$0.25
Basic Converter	\$1.10	\$1.14	\$1.10
Digital Converter	\$3.79	\$3.43	\$1.70
HD Converter	\$8.79	\$9.80	\$8.70
Cable Card	\$2.00	\$2.05	1.50*

* First Cable Card is No Charge