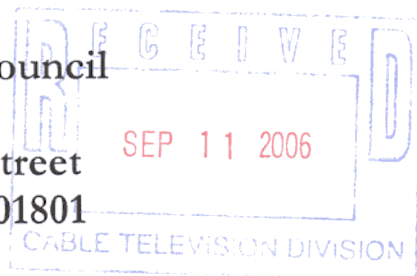




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September 5, 2006

Ms. Andrea Nixon, Clerk  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Cable Television Division  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Verizon Petition, CTV06-1

Dear Ms. Nixon,

The Woburn City Council is writing this letter of objection over Verizon's petition to the DTE to change the State's cable licensing regulations. Local municipalities, such as the City of Woburn, have benefited from negotiating local franchises with cable and phone companies in the past. Such negotiations are the result of careful consideration, and in some cases, may require more than 90 days.

Without the support of telecommunications companies the City of Woburn would not be able to provide quality local cable programming and broadcasting. Furthermore, upgrades to our public safety communication systems are made possible through mitigation funds from telecommunication companies. Given that our budgets have been strained by cuts in local aid and rising operational costs, municipalities in Massachusetts do not have the revenues to replace lost resources that may result from streamlined negotiations.

Woburn was excited to be one of the first communities to enjoy Verizon's fiber optic network and we hope the DTE can ensure that the mutual cooperation between local communities and telecommunication companies continues in the future.

Sincerely,

The Woburn City Council  
By *Will C. [Signature]*  
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cc: Mayor McLaughlin