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Re: Town of Reading Renewal Cable License Granted to Verizon New England

Dear Ms. Green:

The Select Board of the Town of Reading, in its capacity as the Town's issuing authority for cable television renewal licenses, granted a renewal license to Verizon New England Inc., a copy of which is enclosed as fully executed by the Town and Verizon. Pursuant to 207 C.M.R. 3.06, also enclosed is the written public statement reporting the grant of the enclosed license and the reasons for it, as authorized by the Select Board.

Please enter the enclosed materials in the Department's files. Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Matthew A. Kraunelis, Esq.
Director of Administrative Services

Enclosures

cc: Select Board, Town of Reading
Paul Trane, Esq.
Bryan Bertram, Esq.

Statement Concerning Grant of Renewal Television Cable License Issued by the Town of Reading to Verizon New England Inc.

On July 20, 2021, the Select Board of the Town of Reading, in its capacity as the Town's issuing authority for cable television renewal licenses, voted to grant a renewal license to Verizon New England Inc. The Select Board stated as its reasons therefore:

The Select Board of the Town of Reading has granted to Verizon New England Inc. a Cable Television Renewal License. In accordance with 207 C.M.R. 3.06, and as reasons for that grant, the Select Board found that the Licensee, among other things, substantially met renewal criteria as set forth in the provisions of 47 U.S.C. s. 546(c)(1) and 207 C.M.R. 3.06(1) and the Licensee's proposal and renewal license reasonably meets the cable needs of the Town of Reading.

**CABLE TELEVISION
RENEWAL LICENSE**

**GRANTED TO
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.**

July 20, 2021

**SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF READING,
MASSACHUSETTS**

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Subject to Sec. 3.4

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THIS CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL LICENSE (this "License") is entered into by and between the Select Board of the Town of Reading, 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 25, 2006, 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 federal and State 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 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 and conditions 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 into and shall apply to this License. For the purpose of this License, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivations shall have the meanings given in this Section 1, 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 its PEG Access Designee(s) without charge for non-commercial public, educational, or governmental use for the transmission of Video Programming as directed by the Town.

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 Access Channel required by this License.

1.4. *Cable Division*: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable, or any successor entity.

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 of a non-profit entity, as designated by the Issuing Authority.

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, act of public enemy, epidemics, 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 its PEG Access Designee(s).

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; 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 imposed on the Licensee by this License and applicable law that are passed through and paid to the Licensee by Subscribers (including the License Fee, PEG Access Support and PEG Grant). For the avoidance of doubt, Gross Revenue shall include the amount of 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 relates to the provision of Cable Services over the Cable System in the Town, and not the revenues of any such Affiliate that are not related thereto. In no event shall revenue of an Affiliate be Gross Revenue to the Licensee if such revenue is otherwise subject to Franchise Fees to be paid to the Issuing Authority. Notwithstanding and without limiting the

foregoing, Gross Revenue as defined herein shall include all revenues of the Licensee derived from the provision of Cable Services in the Town, including revenues from services provided to customers in the Town that are, at the time of such provision, classified as Cable Services by federal law, the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction as Cable Services subject to Franchise Fees (including without limitation the quarterly PEG Access support fees set forth in Section 5.4.1). If Cable Services are provided to Subscribers in conjunction with Non-Cable Services, nothing herein shall prevent the Licensee from allocating a greater amount of the combined revenue to Cable Services than is otherwise provided pursuant to GAAP.

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 for revenues 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 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/or 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 non-cable service-related license fees and 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)

1.17.8. Any revenue foregone as a result of the Licensee's provision of free or reduced cost Cable Services as required by this License 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. *Information Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(24).

1.19. *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 such higher resolution as determined by the Licensee in its sole discretion.

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 Reading.

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. *Normal Business Hours*: Those hours during which Licensee's retail locations in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, "normal business hours" must include some evening hours at least one night per week and/or some weekend hours.

1.27. *Normal Operating Conditions*: Those service conditions which are within the control of the Licensee. Those conditions which are not within the control of the Licensee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are within the control of the Licensee include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view

events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or rebuild of the Cable System. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c)(4)(ii).

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

1.29. *PEG Access Channel*: An Access Channel made available to the Town and/or the PEG Access Designee for PEG Access Programming pursuant to the terms of this License and managed by the Issuing Authority and/or its PEG Access Designee(s).

1.30. *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.

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

1.32. *Public 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 by the residents in the Town and managed by the Issuing Authority and/or its PEG Access Designee

1.33. *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.

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

1.35. *Service Interruption*: The loss or degradation of picture or sound on one or more cable Channels.

1.36. *State*: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

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

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

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

1.42. *Town*: The Town of Reading.

1.43. *Transfer*: Any transaction in which:

1.43.1. 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

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

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

1.45. *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, regardless of the transmission method, facilities or technologies used.

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 along the Public Rights-of-Way within the Town, for the purpose of providing Cable Service. Reference in this License 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 and as such is subject to regulation by the Town consistent with that law, including all lawful and applicable Town bylaws and regulations 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 extension of its existing Telecommunications Facilities for the provision of Non-Cable Services. 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 July 20, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), and shall expire at midnight on July 19, 2026, unless the License is earlier terminated by Licensee pursuant to the terms of this License.

2.4. *Termination:* Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, Licensee may terminate this License upon two hundred and seventy (270) days' written notice to the Issuing Authority. Licensee shall not provide the notice of termination sooner than the beginning of the 28th month following the Effective Date.

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's terms and conditions so that those terms and conditions are not materially more burdensome than the license terms and conditions for 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. The PEG Access Support, as provided in Section 5.4, will not be subject to modification under this Section 2.5.1 or 2.5.2. Any notice given to the Town by Licensee pursuant to this section shall specify the specific provisions of the franchise, agreement, license, or grant of authorization that Licensee believes to be materially more burdensome than the terms or conditions of this License. Licensee shall respond to all reasonable information requests from the Town as may be necessary to review the same.

2.5.2. In the event the parties do not reach mutually acceptable agreement on a modification subject to the criteria above, 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 with the License term being accelerated, thus being deemed to expire thirty-six (36) months from the date of Licensee's written notice to seek relief hereunder;

b. terminating the License no sooner than three (3) years from written notice to the Issuing Authority;

c. 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; or

d. submitting the matter to mediation by a mutually-acceptable mediator.

2.5.3. PEG Access Support payments under this License shall be modified in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 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:* Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, 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.

2.8. *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.

2.9. *No Waiver:*

2.9.1. 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.

2.9.2. 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.

2.10. *Construction of License:*

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

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

2.10.3. 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.

2.11. *Police Powers:* The Town shall not enact any bylaws that are inconsistent with this License, provided however that 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.

3. PROVISION OF CABLE SERVICE

3.1. *Service Area:*

3.1.1. Subject to the issuance of all necessary permits by the Town, the 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 where developments or buildings are subject to claimed exclusive arrangements with other providers; (E) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units that Licensee cannot obtain permission to access under reasonable terms and conditions after good faith negotiation, as reasonably determined by Licensee; (F) 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; (G) where the Licensee determines, in good faith, that providing such service is not commercially reasonable; or (H) in areas where the occupied residential household density does not meet the density requirement set forth in Section 3.1.2.

3.1.2. *Density Requirement:* Subject to 3.1.1, Licensee shall make Cable Services available to residential dwelling units in all areas of the Town where the average density is equal to or greater than ten (10) occupied residential dwelling units per mile for aerial plant and fifteen (15) occupied residential dwelling units per mile for underground plant, in each case as measured in strand footage from the nearest technically feasible point on the active FTTP trunk or feeder line.

3.2. *Availability of Cable Service:* Licensee shall make Cable Service available to all residential dwelling units, and may make Cable Service available to businesses,

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 other than a standard installation charge, all residential dwelling units that are within one hundred fifty (150) feet of trunk or feeder lines not otherwise already served by Licensee's FTTP Network. Where a residential connection exceeds such length, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from such Subscriber the actual cost of connection attributable to the distance in excess of one hundred fifty (150) feet.

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 parties shall implement the 621 Order's requirements regarding the provision of free or discounted Cable Service to public buildings pursuant to a cable franchise. 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 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, Licensee shall provide, without charge, one Cable Service drop, outlet and monthly Basic Service along its activated Cable System route in the Town to public schools, police and fire stations, public libraries and other municipal public buildings designated in writing by the Issuing Authority and set forth in **Exhibit A**. The Licensee shall coordinate the location of each outlet 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 an initial digital passband of 54-863 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, the Massachusetts State Building Code, and the rules and regulations of the Cable Division and the FCC.

4.2. *Interconnection With Other Cable Systems:*

4.2.1 The Licensee shall operate 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 in good faith cooperate 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 ACCESS SERVICES AND SUPPORT

5.1. *PEG Access Channel:*

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, capacity for 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 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 at the discretion of the Issuing Authority to the PEG Access Designee within two hundred 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 of such HD PEG Access Channel shall either be a simulcast of existing SD PEG Access Channel programming in HD or distinct programming. The Issuing Authority or its 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 SD PEG Access Channel simulcast in HD, upon one hundred eighty (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 consistent with the definition of "High Definition" in Section 1.18 above. The Issuing Authority expressly acknowledges that an HD PEG Access Channel may not be available at all times during the term of this License on Licensee's Basic Service Tier and that in order to view the HD PEG Access Channel, a Subscriber may be required to upgrade equipment at an additional charge.

5.1.4. The Issuing Authority hereby authorizes the Licensee to transmit PEG Access programming within the Town's jurisdictional boundaries and outside the Town's jurisdictional boundaries to other areas that are served out of the same central offices of the Licensee as those that serve the Town. Licensee shall assign the PEG Channels on its channel line-up as set forth in **Exhibit B** to the extent such channel assignments do not interfere with Licensee's existing or planned channel line-up or Licensee's contractual obligations, provided however, that the Licensee specifically reserves the right in its sole discretion to assign and/or reassign channel number and location for any and all PEG Access Channels. If a PEG Access Channel provided under this Article is not being utilized by the Town or its designee for a period of 120 days, the Licensee may utilize such PEG Access Channel, in its sole discretion, until such time as the Town elects to utilize the PEG Channel for its intended purpose. In the event that the Town determines to again use such PEG capacity, the Town shall provide Licensee with 120 days' prior written notice.

5.2. *PEG Interconnection and Cablecasting:* The Licensee shall continue to connect to equipment owned by the Town and/or the PEG Access Designee at the Town Hall (16 Lowell Street, Reading MA) (the "PEG Interconnection Site"). The Issuing Authority or, if designated by the Issuing Authority in writing to Licensee, the Town's 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 its 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 its PEG Access Designee; or (iv) installing any new connection if initiated by the Issuing Authority or its 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 its PEG Access Designee.

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 Interconnection Site. 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 its 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 Channel transmitted on Licensee's System without Licensee's prior written consent.

5.2.1. The Licensee shall monitor the PEG Access Channel for technical quality and shall ensure that it is 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 pay to the Issuing Authority a PEG Grant to be used for PEG Access Channel capital funding purposes (the "PEG Grant"), as follows:

Within forty-five (45) days of the Effective Date Licensee shall pay to the Issuing Authority the sum of Forty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$48,750). Two additional payments in the same dollar amount of Forty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$48,750) shall be paid by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority on the first and second anniversaries of the Effective Date of the License.

5.3.2. Licensee shall be allowed to submit or correct any payments that were incorrectly omitted, and shall be refunded any payments that were incorrectly submitted, in connection with the PEG Grant remittances within ninety (90) days following the PEG Grant payment date for which such payments were applicable. Any such refund shall be requested in writing by Licensee and shall include an itemized account of the basis of the refund requested. The PEG Grant shall not be counted against either the PEG Access Support payment required by Section 5.4, or any Licensee Fee required by Section 6.1. The Issuing Authority and/or PEG Access Designee shall have no obligation to maintain, repair, replace or insure any equipment or facilities purchased with the PEG Grant.

5.4. *PEG Access Support:*

5.4.1. The Licensee shall provide annual funding to the Issuing Authority and/or its PEG Access Designee(s) for PEG Access Channel operating support or other PEG Access Channel costs and expenses ("PEG Access Support") in the amount of five percent

(5.0%) of the Licensee's annual Gross Revenue, subject to the limitation in Section 6.2; however, if the Town issues or renews any cable licenses after the Effective Date that provide for PEG access support payments in a lesser percentage of Gross Revenue as specified in this License, 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 (Section 5.4.1) 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 report documenting, in reasonable detail, the Licensee's Gross Revenue as defined in Section 1.17. The Licensee shall be allowed to provide an extra payment if needed to 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 quarter for which such payments were applicable. For purposes of the PEG Access Support payment, the period for determining Gross Revenues shall be the preceding calendar quarter.

5.5. *PEG Operational Rules:* The Issuing Authority or its PEG Access 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 PEG Access 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 the costs of PEG interconnection (Section 5.2), the PEG Grant (Section 5.3), and PEG Access Support payments (Section 5.4.1), and any other costs arising from the provision of PEG services and related payments, required by this License, from Subscribers and to include such costs as a separately billed line items on each Subscriber's bill.

5.7. *Late Payments:* In the event that the PEG Grant (Section 5.3), the PEG Access Support fee (Section 5.4) or the License Fee (Section 6.1) is not paid on or before the due date 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 the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) per annum above the Prime Rate, as published in the *Wall Street Journal*, or (ii) eighteen percent (18%) per annum, in either case compounded annually.

5.8. *Listing of PEG Access Channel 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, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority the technical feasibility and commercial reasonability of listing the *Town's* PEG Access Channel program content titles on the Licensee's electronic program guide; however, the Licensee shall not be required to list the Town's PEG Access Channel program content titles on its electronic program guide.

5.9. *PEG Access Channel 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, 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 or its PEG Access Designee shall not use the PEG Access Channel to provide for-profit commercial programming. Nothing in this Section 5.11 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 Revenues (as defined in Section 1.17 above).

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 and Franchise 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 or Franchise 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. §622(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 revenues 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. *Re-computation:*

6.8.1. Tender or acceptance of any payment made pursuant to Article 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, including interest payable under this Section 6.8.

6.8.2. If the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that any such payment is incorrect, it may notify the Licensee thereof in writing within ninety (90) business days after receiving such payment. Licensee shall then have ninety (90) business days after receipt of such notice to provide the Town with additional information documenting the accuracy of such payment. In the event that the Issuing Authority does not reasonably believe that such documentation supports the accuracy of such payment, then the Issuing Authority may conduct an audit of such payment. The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority or its qualified representative(s) all records which the Issuing Authority or such qualified representative(s) reasonably deem necessary or relevant to determine the accuracy of a payment or its re-computation, subject to the provisions of Article 8 below.

6.8.3. If, after such audit and re-computation, an additional fee is owed to the Town, such fee shall be paid within thirty (30) business days after such audit and re-computation. The interest on such additional fee shall be charged from the due date at the rate equal to the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) per annum above the Prime Rate, or (ii) eighteen percent (18%) per annum, in either case compounded annually. If, after such audit and re-computation, the Licensee has overpaid, such overpayment shall be credited against the next respective payment to the Town and/or its designee(s), without interest charges of any kind.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Requirements are set forth in **Exhibit C**, which shall be binding unless amended by written consent of the parties. Licensee shall comply with the billing and termination of service provisions set forth in 207 CMR 10.00, as amended, which shall supersede any conflicting provisions set forth in **Exhibit C**.

8. REPORTS AND RECORDS AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

8.1. *Open Books and Records:* With no less than thirty (30) business days prior written notice to the Licensee, the Issuing Authority or its designated authorized representative(s) shall have the right to inspect at an office of the Licensee, the Licensee's books and records including all documents in whatever form maintained, including electronic media, pertaining to the Licensee's provision of Cable Service in the Town at any time 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 section or subsection of this License that is under review, so that the Licensee may organize the necessary books and records for appropriate access by the Issuing Authority. The Licensee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for License compliance purposes longer than three (3) years, except if required by applicable law or regulation. If any books, records, Service Area maps, plans, or other requested documents are too voluminous, not available locally, or for security reasons cannot be copied and moved, then the Licensee may request that the inspection take place at the Licensee's designated offices within the State (or other location mutually agreed to by the Issuing Authority and the Licensee), provided that (i) the Licensee must make necessary arrangements for copying documents selected by the Town after its review; and (ii) the Licensee must pay all travel and additional copying expenses incurred by the Town (above those that would have been incurred had the documents been produced in the Town) in inspecting those documents or having those documents inspected by its designee.

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. 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 its date, duration and area; the number of Subscribers affected; the type of outage; and its 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; and

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

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 DTC 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 8.8 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 sixty (60) days after the conclusion of such hearing.

9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

9.1. *Insurance:*

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

9.1.1.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence for property damage and bodily injury. Such insurance shall cover the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, and the conduct of the Licensee's Cable Service business in the Town.

9.1.1.2. Automobile Liability Insurance 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 all legal requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (A) Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000; and (B) Bodily Injury by Disease: \$100,000 employee limit; \$500,000 policy limit.

9.1.2. The Town shall be included as an additional insured as their interests may appear under this License on the Commercial General Liability Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance required herein.

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 of Massachusetts, 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.

9.2. *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 (i) the installation, operation, or maintenance of the Cable System, or (ii) the provision of Cable Services. 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 or the Emergency Alert System.

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 9.2.2, 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. The 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 timeframe, 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 substantially the same form as attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. 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, penalties or liquidated damages 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 will 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 will 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.

11.6. *Transferee Subject to Terms and Conditions*: In the event this License is transferred, the transferee shall be subject to and bound by all the terms, conditions and other provisions in this License.

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.

13. ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION 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 a 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 of such hearing with the cost shared by the parties.

13.5.2. Following a 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 provisions of this License, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

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. The procedures for approval of any subsequent amendment or modification to said Exhibits shall be the same as those applicable to any amendment or modification hereof, except as specified in such Exhibit or elsewhere in 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. *Preemption:* 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.

14.8. *Force Majeure:* The Licensee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the License, nor suffer any enforcement, liquidated damage, 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.

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

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

(i) 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;

(ii) 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;

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

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

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
10th Floor
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:

Town of Reading
Reading Town Hall
16 Lowell Street
Reading, MA 01867
Attention: Town Manager

with a copy to:

Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee
Reading Town Hall
16 Lowell Street
Reading, MA 01867

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*: Amendments or modifications to this License shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

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

14.15. *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.

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

14.17. *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.

14.18. *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.

14.19. *FTTP Network Transfer Prohibition:* Under no circumstance including, without limitation, upon expiration, revocation, termination, surrender, 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, surrender, 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.

14.20. *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.

14.21. *Counterparts:* This License 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 License 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 License.

14.22. *Jurisdiction:* Except as otherwise set forth in this License or otherwise required by law, 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 agree to be subject to the personal jurisdiction of such a 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 court or seek the remand of a matter to State court as permitted by law.

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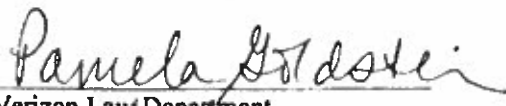
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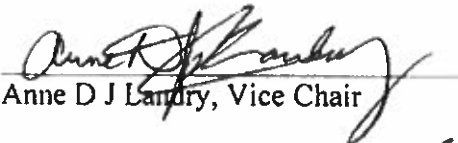
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Subject to Sec. 3.4

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EXHIBIT C – CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

EXHIBIT D – PERFORMANCE BOND

EXHIBIT A

PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED FREE CABLE SERVICE

Municipal Building

	<u>Address</u>
Town Hall	16 Lowell Street
Police Dept.	15 Union Street
Public Library	64 Middlesex Avenue
Senior Center	67 Pleasant Street
Central Fire Station	757 Main Street
West Side Fire Station	260 Woburn Street
Reading Municipal Light Dept.	230 Ash Street
Town Common	Reading Center (Main Street)
Department of Public Works	75 New Crossing Road
Matterra Cabin	1481 Main Street

Schools

	<u>Address</u>
Reading Memorial High School	62 Oakland Road
RMHS Field House	62 Oakland Road
Coolidge Middle School	89 Birch Meadow Drive
Parker Middle School	45 Temple Street
Barrows School	16 Edgemont Avenue
Birch Meadow School	27 Arthur B. Lord Drive
Eaton School	365 Summer Avenue
Killam School	333 Charles Street
Wood End School	Sunset Rock Lane

Public Buildings

	<u>Address</u>
TV/Access Studio	557 Main Street
Burbank Arena	51 Symonds Road
YMCA	36 Arthur B. Lord Drive

EXHIBIT B

PEG ACCESS CHANNELS

Channel 31	Public
Channel 32	Education
Channel 33	Government

EXHIBIT C

CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

These standards shall apply to the Licensee to the extent it is providing Cable Services over the Cable System in the Town.

DEFINITIONS

A. Respond: Licensee's investigation of a Service Interruption by receiving a Subscriber call and opening a trouble ticket, if required.

B. Service Interruption: Defined in Section I of the License.

C. Significant Outage: A significant outage of the Cable Service shall mean any Service Interruption lasting at least four (4) continuous hours that affects at least ten percent (10%) of the Subscribers in the Service Area.

D. Service Call: The action taken by the Licensee to correct a Service Interruption the effect of which is limited to an individual Subscriber.

E. Standard Installation: Installations where the Subscriber is within one hundred fifty (150) feet of trunk or feeder lines.

SECTION 1: TELEPHONE AVAILABILITY

A. The Licensee shall maintain a toll-free number to receive all calls and inquiries from Subscribers in the Town and/or residents regarding Cable Service. Licensee representatives trained and qualified to answer questions related to Cable Service in the Service Area must be available to respond to customer telephone inquiries during Normal Business Hours. Licensee representatives shall identify themselves by name when answering this number. After Normal Business Hours, the toll-free number may be answered by an Automated Response Unit ("ARU") or a Voice Response Unit ("VRU"), including an answering machine. Inquiries received after Normal Business Hours shall be responded to by a trained company representative on the next business day.

B. The Licensee's telephone numbers shall be listed, with appropriate description (e.g. administration, customer service, billing, repair, etc.), in the directory published by the local telephone company or companies serving the Service Area, beginning with the next publication cycle after the Effective Date of this License.

C. Licensee may use an ARU or a VRU to distribute calls. If a foreign language routing option is provided, and the Subscriber does not enter an option, the menu will default to the first tier menu of English options.

After the first tier menu (not including a foreign language rollout) has run through three times, if customers do not select any option, the ARU or VRU will forward the call to a queue for a live representative. The Licensee may reasonably substitute this requirement with another method of handling calls from customers who do not have touch-tone telephones.

D. Under Normal Operating Conditions, calls received by the Licensee shall be answered within thirty (30) seconds. The Licensee shall meet this standard for ninety percent (90%) of the calls it receives at all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers, as measured on a cumulative quarterly calendar basis. Measurement of this standard 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.

E. Under Normal Operating Conditions, callers to the Licensee shall receive a busy signal no more than three (3%) percent of the time during any calendar quarter.

F. Upon written request from the Town, but in no event more than twice annually, the Licensee shall report to the Town the following for all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers except for temporary telephone numbers set up for national promotions:

(1) Percentage of calls answered within thirty (30) seconds as set forth in Subsection 1.D.

(2) Percentage of time customers received busy signal when calling the Verizon service center as set forth in Subsection 1.E.

Subject to consumer privacy requirements, underlying activity will be made available to the Town for review upon reasonable request.

G. The measurements and reporting above may be based on calendar or accounting periods at the Licensee's option.

SECTION 2: INSTALLATIONS AND SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

A. All installations will be in accordance with FCC rules, including but not limited to, appropriate grounding, connection of equipment to ensure reception of Cable Service, and the provision of required consumer information and literature to adequately inform the Subscriber in the utilization of the Licensee-supplied equipment and Cable Service.

B. The Standard Installation shall be performed within seven (7) business days after the placement of the Optical Network Terminal ("ONT") on the customer's premises or within seven (7) business days after an order is placed if the ONT is already installed on the customer's premises.

The Licensee shall meet this standard for ninety-five percent (95%) of the Standard Installations it performs, as measured on a calendar quarter basis, excluding customer requests

for connection later than seven (7) days after ONT placement or later than seven (7) days after an order is placed if the ONT is already installed on the customer's premises.

C. The Licensee shall provide the Town with a report upon written request from the Town, but in no event more than twice annually, noting the percentage of Standard Installations completed within the seven (7) day period, excluding those requested outside of the seven (7) day period by the Subscriber. Subject to consumer privacy requirements, underlying activity will be made available to the Town for review upon reasonable request.

The measurements and reporting of above may be based on calendar or accounting periods at the Licensee's option.

D. The Licensee will offer Subscribers "appointment window" alternatives for arrival to perform installations, Service Calls and other activities of a maximum four (4) hours scheduled time block during appropriate daylight available hours, usually beginning at 8:00 AM unless it is deemed appropriate to begin earlier by location exception. At the Licensee's discretion, the Licensee may offer Subscribers appointment arrival times other than these four (4) hour time blocks, if agreeable to the Subscriber. These hour restrictions do not apply to weekends.

SECTION 3: SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND OUTAGES

A. The Licensee shall, as circumstances permit, promptly notify of the Town of any Significant Outage of the Cable Service.

B. The Licensee shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to limit any Significant Outage for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, or constructing the Cable System. Except in an emergency or other situation necessitating a more expedited or alternative notification procedure, the Licensee may schedule a Significant Outage for a period of more than four (4) hours during any twenty-four (24) hour period only after the Town and each affected Subscriber in the Service Area have been given fifteen (15) days prior notice of the proposed Significant Outage.

C. Licensee representatives who are capable of responding to Service Interruptions must be available to Respond twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

D. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee must Respond to a call from a Subscriber regarding a Service Interruption or other service problems within the following time frames:

(1) Within twenty-four (24) hours, including weekends, of receiving Subscriber calls respecting Service Interruptions in the Service Area.

(2) The Licensee must begin actions to correct all other Cable Service problems the next business day after notification by the Subscriber or the Town of a Cable Service problem.

E. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall complete Service Calls within seventy-two (72) hours of the time Licensee commences to Respond to the Service Interruption, not including weekends and situations where the Subscriber is not reasonably available for a Service Call to correct the Service Interruption within the seventy-two (72) hour period.

F. The Licensee shall meet the standard in Subsection E of this Section for eighty percent (80%) of the Service Calls it completes, as measured on a quarterly basis.

G. The Licensee shall provide the Town with a report upon written request from the Town, but in no event more than twice annually, noting the percentage of Service Calls completed within the seventy-two (72) hour period not including Service Calls where the Subscriber was reasonably unavailable for a Service Call within the seventy-two (72) hour period as set forth in this Section. Subject to consumer privacy requirements, underlying activity will be made available to the Town for review upon reasonable request. The above measurements and reporting may be based on calendar or accounting periods at the Licensee's option.

H. Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall provide a credit upon Subscriber request when all Channels received by that Subscriber are out of service for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours or more. The credit shall equal, at a minimum, a proportionate amount of the affected Subscriber(s) current monthly bill. In order to qualify for the credit, the Subscriber must promptly report the problem and allow the Licensee to verify the problem if requested by the Licensee. If Subscriber availability is required for repair, a credit will not be provided for such time, if any, that the Subscriber is not reasonably available.

I. Under Normal Operating Conditions, if a Significant Outage affects all Video Programming Cable Services for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, the Licensee shall issue an automatic credit to the affected Subscribers in the amount equal to their monthly recurring charges for the proportionate time the Cable Service was out, or a credit to the affected Subscribers in the amount equal to the charge for the basic plus enhanced basic level of service for the proportionate time the Cable Service was out, whichever is technically feasible or, if both are technically feasible, as determined by Licensee provided such determination is non-discriminatory. Such credit shall be reflected on Subscriber billing statements within the next available billing cycle following the outage.

J. For service issues concerning Cable Services provided by the Licensee to the buildings listed in Exhibit A to the License, the Licensee shall Respond to all inquiries from the Town and/or PEG Access Designee within four (4) hours and shall commence necessary repairs within twenty-four (24) hours under Normal Operating Conditions. If such repairs cannot be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of any such inquiry, the Licensee shall notify the Town and/or PEG Access Designee in writing as to the reason(s) for the delay and provide an estimated time of repair.

K. Licensee may provide all notices identified in this Section electronically or on-screen.

SECTION 4: CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Under Normal Operating Conditions, the Licensee shall investigate Subscriber complaints referred by the Town within seventy-two (72) hours. The Licensee shall notify the Town of those matters that necessitate an excess of seventy-two (72) hours to resolve, but those matters must be resolved within fifteen (15) days of the initial complaint. The Town may require reasonable documentation to be provided by the Licensee to substantiate the request for additional time to resolve the problem. For purposes of this Section, "resolve" means that the Licensee shall perform those actions, which, in the normal course of business, are necessary to investigate the Customer's complaint and advise the Customer of the results of that investigation.

SECTION 5: BILLING

A. Subscriber bills must be itemized to describe Cable Services purchased by Subscribers and related equipment charges, and shall include the information required by 207 CMR 10.03(1) in clear, concise and understandable language and format. Bills shall clearly delineate activity during the billing period, including optional charges, rebates, credits, and aggregate late charges. Licensee shall, without limitation as to additional line items, be allowed to itemize as separate line items, License fees, taxes and/or other governmentally imposed fees. The Licensee shall maintain records of the date and place of mailing of bills.

B. Every Subscriber with a current account balance sending payment directly to Licensee shall be given at least five (5) days from the date statements are mailed to the Subscriber until the payment due date.

C. A specific due date shall be listed on the bill of every Subscriber.

D. Any Subscriber who, in good faith, disputes all or part of any bill shall have the option of withholding the disputed amount without disconnect or late fee being assessed until the dispute is resolved provided that:

(1) The Subscriber pays all undisputed charges;

(2) The Subscriber provides notification of the dispute to Licensee within thirty (30) days after the due date; and

(3) The Subscriber cooperates in determining the accuracy and/or appropriateness of the charges in dispute.

E. The Licensee shall notify the Subscriber of the result of its investigation of any complaint and shall give an explanation for its decision within 30 business days after the receipt of the complaint. The Subscriber shall forfeit any rights under 207 CMR 10.07 if he or she fails to pay the undisputed balance within 30 days. Any Subscriber who disagrees with the results of

Licensee's investigation shall promptly inquire about and take advantage of any complaint resolution mechanism, formal or informal, available under this License or through the Issuing Authority before the Cable Division may accept a petition. The Subscriber or Licensee may petition the Cable Division to resolve disputed matters within 30 days of any final action.

F. The Licensee shall forward a copy of any Cable Service related billing inserts or other mailing sent to Subscribers to the Town upon request.

G. The Licensee shall provide all Subscribers with the option of paying for Cable Service by check or an automatic payment option where the amount of the bill is automatically deducted from a checking account designated by the Subscriber. Licensee may in the future, at its' discretion, permit payment by using a major credit card on a preauthorized basis. Based on credit history, at the option of the Licensee, the payment alternative may be limited.

SECTION 6: DEPOSITS, REFUNDS AND CREDITS

A. The Licensee may require refundable deposits from Subscribers with 1) a poor credit or poor payment history, 2) who refuse to provide credit history information to the Licensee, or 3) who rent Subscriber equipment from the Licensee, so long as such deposits are applied on a non-discriminatory basis. The deposit the Licensee may charge Subscribers with poor credit or poor payment history or who refuse to provide credit information may not exceed an amount equal to an average Subscriber's monthly charge multiplied by six (6). The maximum deposit the Licensee may charge for Subscriber equipment is the cost of the equipment which the Licensee would need to purchase to replace the equipment rented to the Subscriber.

B. The Licensee shall refund or credit the Subscriber for the amount of the deposit collected for equipment, which is unrelated to poor credit or poor payment history, after one year and provided the Subscriber has demonstrated good payment history during this period.

C. Under Normal Operating Conditions, refund checks shall be issued within the next available billing cycle following the resolution of the event giving rise to the refund (e.g., equipment return and final bill payment).

D. Credits for Cable Service shall be issued no later than the Subscriber's next available billing cycle, following the determination that a credit is warranted, and the credit is approved and processed. Such approval and processing shall not be unreasonably delayed.

E. Bills shall be considered paid when appropriate payment is received by the Licensee or its' authorized agent. Appropriate time considerations shall be included in the Licensee's collection procedures to assure that payments due have been received before late notices or termination notices are sent.

SECTION 7: RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

A. The Licensee shall not, except to the extent expressly permitted by law, impose any fee or charge for Service Calls to a Subscriber's premises to perform any repair or

maintenance work related to Licensee equipment necessary to receive Cable Service, except where such problem is caused by a negligent or wrongful act of the Subscriber (including, but not limited to a situation in which the Subscriber reconnects Licensee equipment incorrectly) or by the failure of the Subscriber to take reasonable precautions to protect the Licensee's equipment (for example, a dog chew).

B. The Licensee shall provide reasonable notice to Subscribers of the possible assessment of a late fee on bills or by separate notice.

SECTION 8: DISCONNECTION /DENIAL OF SERVICE

A. The Licensee shall not terminate Cable Service for nonpayment of a delinquent account unless the Licensee mails a notice of the delinquency and impending termination prior to the proposed final termination. The notice of termination shall be mailed to the Subscriber to whom the Cable Service is billed. The notice of delinquency and impending termination may be part of a billing statement.

B. Cable Service terminated in error must be restored without charge within twenty-four (24) hours of notice. If a Subscriber was billed for the period during which Cable Service was terminated in error, a credit shall be issued to the Subscriber if the Service Interruption was reported by the Subscriber.

C. 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.

D. Charges for cable service will be discontinued at the time of the requested termination of service by the Subscriber, except equipment charges may be applied until equipment has been returned. No period of notice prior to requested termination of service can be required of Subscribers by the Licensee. No charge shall be imposed upon the Subscriber for or related to total disconnection of Cable Service or for any Cable Service delivered after the effective date of the disconnect request, unless there is a delay in returning Licensee equipment or early termination charges apply pursuant to the Subscriber's service contract. If the Subscriber fails to specify an effective date for disconnection, the Subscriber shall not be responsible for Cable Services received after the day following the date the disconnect request is received by the Licensee. For purposes of this subsection, the term "disconnect" shall include Subscribers who elect to cease receiving Cable Service from the Licensee and to receive Cable Service or other multi-channel video service from another Person or entity.

SECTION 9: COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUBSCRIBERS

A. All Licensee personnel, contractors and subcontractors contacting Subscribers or potential Subscribers at the homes of such Subscribers or potential Subscribers shall wear a

clearly visible identification card bearing their name and photograph. The Licensee shall make reasonable effort to account for all identification cards at all times. In addition, all Licensee representatives shall wear appropriate clothing while working at a Subscriber's premises. Every service vehicle of the Licensee and its contractors or subcontractors shall be clearly identified as such to the public. Specifically, Licensee vehicles shall have the Licensee's logo plainly visible. The vehicles of those contractors and subcontractors working for the Licensee shall have the contractor's / subcontractor's name plus markings (such as a magnetic door sign) indicating they are under contract to the Licensee.

B. All contact with a Subscriber or potential Subscriber by a Person representing the Licensee shall be conducted in a courteous manner.

C. The Licensee shall notify Subscribers annually that any complaints or inquiries not satisfactorily handled by the Licensee may be referred to the Town.

D. All notices identified in this Section shall be by either:

(1) A separate document included with a billing statement or a message included on the portion of the monthly bill that is to be retained by the Subscriber; or

(2) A separate electronic notification

(3) A separate on-screen notification; or

(4) Any other reasonable written means.

E. The Licensee shall provide notice, as may be required by applicable FCC regulations, to Subscribers of any pricing changes or additional changes (excluding sales discounts, new products or offers) and, subject to the forgoing, any changes in Cable Services, including channel line-ups.

F. The Licensee shall provide information to all Subscribers about each of the following items at the time of installation of Cable Services, annually to all Subscribers, at any time upon request, and, subject to Subsection 9.E., at least thirty (30) days prior to making significant changes in the information required by this Section if within the control of the Licensee:

(1) Products and Cable Service offered;

(2) Prices and options for Cable Services and condition of subscription to Cable Services. Prices shall include those for Cable Service options, equipment rentals, program guides, installation, downgrades, late fees and other fees charged by the Licensee related to Cable Service;

(3) Installation and maintenance policies including, when applicable, information regarding the Subscriber's in-home wiring rights during the period Cable Service is being provided;

(4) To the extent applicable, channel positions of Cable Services offered on the Cable System;

(5) Complaint procedures, including the name, address and telephone number of the Town, but with a notice advising the Subscriber to initially contact the Licensee about all complaints and questions;

(6) Procedures for requesting Cable Service credit;

(7) The availability of a parental control device;

(8) Licensee practices and procedures for protecting against invasion of privacy; and

(9) The address and telephone number of the Licensee's office to which complaints may be reported.

G. Notices of changes in rates shall indicate the Cable Service new rates and old rates, if applicable.

H. Every notice of termination of Cable Service shall include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the Subscriber whose account is delinquent;

(2) The amount of the delinquency for all services billed;

(3) The date by which payment is required in order to avoid termination of Cable Service; and

(4) The telephone number for the Licensee where the Subscriber can receive additional information about their account and discuss the pending termination.

EXHIBIT D
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.

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