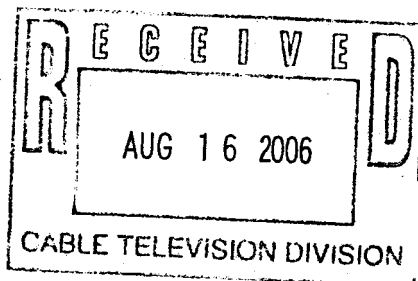




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Ms. Judith F. Judson, Chairman
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RE: Docket No. CTV 06-1

Dear Chairwoman Judson:

Please accept this letter as my testimony in opposition of Docket Number CTV 06-1:
A Petition by Verizon New England for adoption of competitive license regulation.
The proposed 90 day licensing period for competitive initial licensing is inadequate;
because it will restrict the ability of local municipalities to properly negotiate community
cable television needs.

To serve the public interest, adequate time must be allowed for regular meetings to
discuss the complex details of community needs. The proposed 90 day licensing period
would put an undue burden on local communities, especially since the existing timetable
has allowed communities to voice their community cable television needs effectively.

I do recognize the potential savings to my constituents by increasing competition among
service providers, which is why I would support a shorter period of time than the current
licensing period. However, I am a strong supporter of community television which
provides informative coverage of local issues that does not exist on regional and national
cable stations.

I respectfully request that Commission of the Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications and Energy oppose this petition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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