CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL LICENSE

GRANTED TO

COMCAST OF MASSACHUSETTS II, INC.

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AGREEMENT

This Cable Television Renewal License entered into this _____ day of February, 2022 by and between the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for the renewal of the cable television license(s) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A, and Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc., ("Comcast"), a Massachusetts corporation.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166A is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive, revocable cable television renewal licenses to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the City of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority conducted a public hearing, pursuant to Section 626 of the Cable Act, on February 23, 2021, to (1) ascertain the future cable related community needs and interests of Springfield, and (2) review the performance of Comcast during its current license term; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority sent its Request-for-a-Renewal-Proposal ("RFP"), in the form of a new renewal license, to Comcast on April 28, 2021, for response by Comcast; and

WHEREAS, Comcast submitted a license renewal proposal to the City of Springfield, dated July 27, 2021, for a renewal license to operate and maintain a Cable Television System in the City of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority and Comcast did engage in good faith negotiations to further clarify said renewal proposal and did agree on various provisions regarding the Cable Television System in Springfield.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1---DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Renewal License, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivations and abbreviations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning. 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.

- (1) Access: The right or ability of any Springfield resident and/or any Persons affiliated with a Springfield institution to use designated Public, Education and Government ("PEG") facilities, equipment and/or PEG Access channels on the Cable Television System, subject to the conditions and procedures established for such use herein and 47 U.S.C. 531, where applicable.
- (2) Access Channel: A video channel which the Licensee owns and shall make available to the City of Springfield and/or Access Users, without charge, for the purpose of transmitting non-commercial programming by members of the public, City departments and agencies, public schools, educational, institutional and/or similar organizations.
- (3) Access Corporation: The entity, as may be designated from time to time by the Issuing Authority, for the purpose of operating and managing the use of Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") Access funding, equipment, channel capacity, facilities, training and programming for Springfield Subscribers.
- (4) Affiliate or Affiliated Person: When used in relation to any Person, means another Person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, such Person.
- (5) Basic Service: Any service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals.
- (6) CMR: The acronym for Code of Massachusetts Regulations.
- (7) Cable Act: Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984) (the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984), as amended by Public Law No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992) (the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as further amended by Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 110 (1996) (the Telecommunications Act of 1996).
- (8) Cable Division: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.

- (9) Cable Service: The one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or other Programming services, together with Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such Video Programming or other programming services, which the Licensee may make available to all Subscribers generally.
- (10) Cable Television System or Cable System: A facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the City, but such term does not include (A) a facility that serves only to retransmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (B) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public right-of-way; (C) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Cable Act, except that such facility shall be considered a cable system (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of video programming directly to Subscribers unless the extent of such use is solely to provide interactive on-demand services; (D) an open video system that complies with Section 653 of the Cable Act; or (E) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.
- (11) City: The City of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- (12) City Solicitor: The City Solicitor of the City of Springfield.
- (13) Commercial Subscriber: A commercial, non-residential Subscriber to Cable Television Service.
- (14) Complaint: Any written or verbal contact with the Licensee in connection with subscription in which a Person expresses dissatisfaction with an act, omission, product or service that is (1) within the Licensee's control, and (2) requires a corrective measure on the part of the Licensee.
- (15) Converter: Any device changing the frequency of a Signal. A Subscriber Converter may expand reception capacity and/or unscramble coded Signals distributed over the Cable System.
- (16) Department of Public Works ("DPW"): The Department of Public Works of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- (17) Downstream Channel: A channel over which Signals travel from the Cable System Headend or Hub to an authorized recipient of Programming.
- (18) Drop or Cable Drop: The coaxial cable that connects each home or building to the Subscriber Network or Video Return Line.
- (19) Educational Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System owned and made available by the Licensee for use by, among others, the Issuing Authority, educational institutions and/or educators wishing to present non-commercial educational programming and/or information to the public.

- (20) Effective Date of the Renewal License (the "Effective Date"): December 27, 2021.
- (21) FCC: The Federal Communications Commission, or any successor agency.
- (22) Government Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System owned and made available by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) for the presentation of non-commercial governmental programming and/or information to the public.
- (23) Gross Annual Revenues: All revenues derived by the Licensee and/or its Affiliates, calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), from the operation of the Cable Television System for the provision of Cable Service(s) over the Cable Television System including, without limitation: the distribution of any Cable Service over the Cable System; Basic Service monthly fees and all other Cable Service fees; any and all Cable Service fees and/or charges received from Subscribers; installation, reconnection, downgrade, upgrade and any similar fees; all digital Cable Service revenues; interest collected on Subscriber fees and/or charges; fees paid on all Subscriber fees ("Fee-on-Fee"); all Commercial Subscriber revenues; all Pay Cable, Pay-Per-View revenues; any other services now or in the future deemed to be lawful for purposes of computing Gross Annual Revenues by a court or forum of appropriate jurisdiction; video-on-demand Cable Services; fees paid for channels designated for commercial use; home-shopping revenues; Converter, remote control and other cable-related equipment rentals and/or leases and/or sales; and advertising revenues. In the event that an Affiliate and/or any other Person is responsible for advertising, advertising revenues shall be deemed to be the pro-rata portion of advertising revenues, paid to the Cable System by an Affiliate or such other Person for said Affiliate's or other Person's use of the Cable System for the carriage of advertising. Gross Annual Revenues shall also include the gross revenue of any other Person which is received directly or indirectly from or in connection with the operation of the Cable System to the extent that said revenue is received, through a means which has the effect of avoiding payment of License Fees to the City that would otherwise be paid herein. It is the intention of the parties hereto that Gross Annual Revenues shall only include such revenue of such Affiliates and/or Persons relating to Signal carriage over the Cable System and not the gross revenues of any such Affiliate(s) and/or Person(s) itself, where unrelated to such Signal carriage. Gross Annual Revenues shall not include actual bad debt that is written off, consistent with GAAP; provided, however, that all or any part of any such actual bad debt that is written off, but subsequently collected, shall be included in Gross Annual Revenues in the period so collected.
- (24) Headend: The electronic control center of the Cable System containing equipment that receives, amplifies, filters and converts incoming Signals for distribution over the Cable System.
- (25) High-Definition PEG Access Channel: A PEG Access Channel in the high-definition display format for digital television transmissions with video transmitted in a high-definition resolution as determined by the Licensee in its sole discretion.
- (26) Hub or Hub Site: A sub-Headend, generally located within a cable television community used for the purpose of signal processing.

- (27) Issuing Authority: The Mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts.
- (28) Leased Channel or Leased Access: A video channel(s) which the Licensee shall make available pursuant to Section 612 of the Cable Act.
- (29) License Fee or Franchise Fee: The payments to be made by the Licensee to the City of Springfield or its designee(s), which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act and M.G.L. Chapter 166A.
- (30) Licensee: Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc. ("Comcast"), or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal License.
- (31) Normal Business Hours: Those hours during which most similar businesses in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, Normal Business Hours must include some evening hours at least one (1) night per week and/or some weekend hours.
- (32) Origination Capability or Origination Point: An activated cable and connection to an Upstream Channel, allowing a User(s) to transmit a Signal(s) upstream to a designated location.
- (33) Outlet: An interior or exterior receptacle generally mounted in a wall that connects a Subscriber's or User's television set or Subscriber-owned equipment to the Cable System.
- (34) Pay Cable or Premium Services: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-channel basis or group-of-channels basis.
- (35) Pay-Per-View: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-program or per-event basis.
- (36) Pedestal: An environmental protection unit used in housing Cable Television System isolation units and/or distribution amplifiers.
- (37) PEG: The acronym for "public, educational and governmental," used in conjunction with Access Channels, support and facilities.
- (38) PEG Access Channels: Any Licensee-owned channel(s) made available for the presentation of PEG Access Programming.
- (39) Person: Any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, trust, organization, other business entity, individual or group of individuals acting in concert.
- (40) Prime Rate: The prime rate of interest at the Federal Reserve Bank.
- (41) Public Access Channel: A specific channel(s) on the Cable System owned and made available by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority and/or the Access Corporation for use by, among others, Springfield residents and/or organizations wishing to present non-commercial Programming and/or

information to the public.

- (42) Public Way or Street: The surface of, as well as the spaces above and below, any and all public streets, avenues, highways, boulevards, concourses, driveways, bridges, tunnels, parks, parkways, waterways, bulkheads, piers, dedicated public utility easements, and public grounds or waters and all other publicly owned real property within or belonging to the City, now or hereafter existing. Reference herein to "Public Way" or "Street" shall not be construed to be a representation or guarantee by the City 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 City greater than those already possessed by the City.
- (43) Renewal License: The non-exclusive Cable Television License granted to the Licensee by this instrument.
- (44) Service: Any Basic Service, any Pay Cable Service, and/or any other Cable Service, which is offered to any Subscriber in conjunction with, or which is distributed over, the Cable System.
- (45) Signal: Any transmission of electromagnetic or optical energy which carries Programming from one location to another.
- (46) Standard Definition PEG Access Channel: A PEG Access Channel in the standard definition display format for digital television transmissions with video transmitted in a 4:3 aspect ratio with a resolution up to 480i.
- (47) State: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (48) Subscriber: Any Person, firm, corporation or other entity who or which contracts with the Licensee and lawfully receives, for any purpose, a Cable Service provided or distributed by the Licensee by means of, or in connection with, the Cable Television System.
- (49) Subscriber Network: The 750 MHz, bi-directional network owned, operated and maintained by the Licensee, over which Signals can be transmitted to Subscribers.
- (50) Trunk and Distribution System: That portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Cable Drops to Subscriber's residences.
- (51) Upstream Channel: A channel over which Signals travel from an authorized location to the Cable System Headend.
- (52) User: A Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities for purposes of production and/or transmission of electronic or other Signals, as opposed to utilization solely as a Subscriber.
- (53) Video Programming or Programming: Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE

Section 2.1---GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE

- (a) Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, as the Issuing Authority of the City, hereby grants a non-exclusive Cable Television Renewal License to the Licensee authorizing the Licensee to operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the corporate limits of the City of Springfield.
- (b) This Renewal License is subject to the terms and conditions contained in Chapter 166A of the laws of Massachusetts; the regulations of the FCC; the Cable Act; and all City, State and federal statutes and by-laws of general application, as all may be amended.
- (c) Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Issuing Authority hereby grants to the Licensee the right to operate and maintain the Cable Television System in, under, over, along, across or upon the Public Ways and Streets, lanes, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, highways and other public places under the jurisdiction of the City of Springfield within the municipal boundaries and subsequent additions thereto, including property over, under or on which the City has an easement or right-of-way, for the purpose of reception, transmission, collection, amplification, origination, distribution, and/or redistribution of Cable Services and Signals in accordance with the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Springfield. In exercising rights pursuant to this Renewal License, the Licensee shall not endanger the lives of Persons, interfere with any installations of the City, any public utility serving the City or any other Persons permitted to use Public Ways and places.
- (d) Grant of this Renewal License does not establish priority for use over other present or future permit holders or the City's own use of Public Ways or Streets. Disputes between the Licensee and other parties regarding use of Public Ways and Streets shall be resolved in accordance with any generally applicable regulations of the Department of Public Works and any special laws or City ordinances and/or regulations enacted hereafter.

Section 2.2---TERM OF RENEWAL LICENSE

The term of this Renewal License shall commence on December 27, 2021 and shall expire at midnight on December 26, 2031, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

Section 2.3---NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF RENEWAL LICENSE

- (a) This Renewal License shall not affect the right of the Issuing Authority to grant to any other Person a license or right to occupy or use the Public Ways or Streets, or portions thereof, for the construction, upgrade, installation, operation or maintenance of a Cable Television System within the City of Springfield; or the right of the Issuing Authority to permit the use of the Public Ways and places of the City for any purpose(s) whatsoever. The Licensee hereby acknowledges the Issuing Authority's right to make such grants and permit such uses.
- (b) The grant of any additional cable television license(s) shall not be on terms more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License. In the event that the Licensee believes that any additional cable television license(s) have been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License, the Licensee may request, in writing, that the Issuing Authority convene a public hearing on that issue. Along with said written request, the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with written reasons for its belief. At the public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall afford the Licensee an opportunity to demonstrate that any such additional cable television license(s) are on terms more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License. The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with such financial or other relevant information as is requested.
- (ii) Should the Licensee demonstrate that any such additional cable television license(s) have been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority shall consider and negotiate, in good faith, equitable amendments to this Renewal License.
- (c) In the event that the Licensee believes that there is an entity operating in the City that (i) is providing Video Services to residents of the City; (ii) is using, crossing and occupying the City's Public Ways; (iii) has not been issued a Cable Television License; and (iv) such an entity is lawfully required to apply for and obtain a Cable Television License in order to provide Cable Service using, crossing and occupying the Public Ways, then the Licensee may bring such matter to the attention of the Issuing Authority. The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with such legal, financial, technical and/or other relevant information in writing supporting its position in a timely manner.
- (i) In the event that a Cable Television License to provide Cable Service can lawfully be required of such entity, a Cable Television License to provide Cable Service is subsequently granted to such entity, and the Licensee believes that such additional Cable Television License has been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License, the Licensee may request, in writing, that the Issuing Authority convene a public hearing on that issue. Along with said written request, the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with detailed written reasons for its position, including legal, financial, technical and/or other relevant information. At the public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall afford the Licensee an opportunity to demonstrate that any such additional Cable Television License is on terms more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License.

- (ii) Should the Licensee demonstrate that such additional Cable Television License to provide Cable Services, using, crossing and occupying the Public Ways has been granted on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome, on the whole, than those contained in this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority shall consider and negotiate, in good faith, equitable amendments to this Renewal License.
- (d) The issuance of additional license(s) shall be subject to applicable federal law(s), M.G.L. Chapter 166A and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 2.4---POLICE AND REGULATORY POWERS

By executing this Renewal License, the Licensee acknowledges that its rights are subject to the powers of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to the safety and welfare of the public. The Licensee shall comply with all applicable State and City laws, ordinances of general applicability and not specific to this Renewal License, the Cable System or the Licensee, rules and regulations governing construction within a Public Way and shall apply all of such standards to construction within a private way in the City. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal License and any present or future lawful exercise of the City's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved in a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Section 2.5---REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

Upon termination of the Renewal License by passage of time or otherwise, and unless (1) the Licensee has its license renewed for another term or (2) the Licensee has transferred the Cable Television System to a transferee approved by the Issuing Authority, pursuant to applicable law, the Licensee shall remove all of its supporting structures, poles, Trunk and Distribution System, and all other appurtenances from the Public Ways or Streets and shall restore all areas to their original condition. If such removal is not complete within six (6) months after such termination, the Issuing Authority may deem any property not removed as having been abandoned.

Section 2.6---TRANSFER OF THE RENEWAL LICENSE

- (a) Subject to applicable law, neither this Renewal License, nor control thereof, shall be transferred, assigned or disposed in any manner, voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, or by transfer of control of any Person, company and/or other entity holding such Renewal License to any other Person, company and/or other entity, 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 after a hearing upon a written application therefor on forms prescribed by the Cable Division and/or the FCC. An application for consent to a transfer or assignment, if required, shall be signed by the Licensee and by the proposed transferee or assignee or by their representatives, evidence of whose authority shall be submitted with the application.
- (b) Pursuant to applicable federal and State law(s), in considering a request to transfer control of this Renewal License, the Issuing Authority may consider such factors as the transferee's financial

capability, management experience, technical expertise, legal ability to operate the Cable System under the existing license and any other criteria allowable under applicable law(s) and/or regulation(s).

- (c) For purposes of this Section 2.6, the word "control" shall comply with the definition of such in 207 CMR 4.01, as may be amended from time to time. Pursuant to 207 CMR 4.01(2), a transfer or assignment of this Renewal License or control thereof between commonly controlled entities, between affiliated companies, or between parent and subsidiary corporations, shall not constitute a transfer or assignment of this Renewal License or control thereof under M.G.L. c. 166A, Section 7. For purposes of this Section 2.6(c) only, under 207 CMR 4.00, an "affiliated company" is any Person or entity that directly or indirectly, or through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another Person or entity.
- (d) The consent or approval of the Issuing Authority to any assignment or transfer of the Renewal License granted to the Licensee shall not constitute a waiver or release of the rights of the City in and to the Streets and Public Ways or any other rights of the City under this Renewal License, and any such transfer shall, by its terms, be expressly subordinate to the terms and conditions of this Renewal License.
- (e) The Licensee shall promptly notify the Issuing Authority of any action requiring the consent of the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Section 2.6.
- (f) Subject to applicable law, the Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority an original and five (5) copies, unless otherwise directed, of the application and FCC Form 394 requesting such transfer or assignment consent.
- (g) The consent of the Issuing Authority shall be given only after a public hearing to consider the written application for transfer. Unless otherwise allowed by applicable law(s), the Issuing Authority shall provide a decision on said written application within one hundred and twenty (120) days of receipt of said application. After 120 days, the application shall be deemed approved, unless said 120- day period is extended by mutual consent of the parties.
- (h) Any proposed controlling or owning Person or transferee approved by the Issuing Authority shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in this Renewal License.

Section 2.7---EFFECT OF UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER ACTION

- (a) Any transfer of the Cable System without complying with Section 2.6 above shall be null and void, and shall be deemed a material breach of this Renewal License.
- (b) If the Issuing Authority denies its consent to any such action and a transfer has nevertheless occurred, the Issuing Authority may revoke and terminate this Renewal License, unless such transfer is otherwise allowable pursuant to applicable law.
 - (c) The grant or waiver of any one or more of such consents shall not render unnecessary any

subsequent consent or consents, nor shall the grant of any such consent constitute a waiver of any other rights of the City.

SYSTEM DESIGN

Section 3.1---SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to operate, maintain and make available to all residents of the City a minimum 750 MHz Subscriber Network.
- (b) The Licensee shall transmit all of its Signals to Springfield Subscribers in stereo, provided that such Signals are available and furnished to the Licensee in stereo.
 - (c) The Cable Television System shall conform to applicable FCC video technical specifications.

Section 3.2---EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The Subscriber Network shall comply with the FCC's Emergency Alert System ("EAS") regulations.

Section 3.3---PARENTAL CONTROL CAPABILITY

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

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Section 4.1---SERVICE AVAILABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS

- (a) The Licensee shall make Cable Service available to all residents of the City, within seven (7) business days of a request therefor, unless legally prevented from doing so, subject only to the installation charges herein and subject to the provisions of Section 12.4(a) below.
- (b) Installation charges shall be non-discriminatory. A standard aerial installation charge shall be established by the Licensee which shall apply to any residence located not more than one hundred fifty feet (150') from the existing aerial Trunk and Distribution System and additions thereto. The Licensee may charge residents located more than 150 feet from the existing aerial Trunk and Distribution System, and additions thereto, time and materials charges. The Licensee shall have up to, but not more than, ninety (90) days, subject to Force Majeure, in order to survey, design and install non-standard installations that are more than 150 feet from the existing Trunk and Distribution System. Underground installations shall be considered non-standard installations. All non-standard installations shall be provided at a rate established by the Licensee in accordance with applicable federal and state law and regulations.

Section 4.2---LOCATION OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

The Licensee shall own, install, operate and maintain the Cable Television System within the City of Springfield. Licensee-owned poles, towers, if any, and other obstructions shall be erected so as not to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic over Public Ways. The erection and location of all Licensee-owned poles, towers, if any, and other obstructions shall be in accordance with all applicable State and local laws and regulations.

Section 4.3---UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

(a) In the areas of the City having telephone lines and electric utility lines underground, or in the future specified to be, underground, whether required by law or not, all of the Licensee's lines, cables and wires shall be underground. At such time as these facilities are placed underground by the telephone and electric utility company, the Licensee shall likewise place its facilities underground at no cost to the City, unless the City makes public funds available to occupiers of the rights-of-way to aid in the cost of said underground project(s). Any costs incurred by Licensee for relocating the Cable System shall be reimbursed to Licensee in the event public or private funds are raised for the project and made available to other users of the Public Way. In the event that funds are not reimbursed, Licensee reserves the right to pass through its costs to Subscribers.

- (b) Pursuant to Section 4.3(a) above, underground cable lines shall be placed beneath the pavement subgrade in compliance with applicable City ordinances, rules, regulations and/or standards. It is the policy of the City that existing poles for electric and communication purposes be utilized wherever possible and that underground installation is preferable to the placement of additional poles.
- (c) Except as provided for in paragraph (a) herein, in the event that the Licensee is required to place existing aerial plant underground, the Licensee reserves its right to pass those costs through to Subscribers if and to the extent allowed by applicable law
- (d) Nothing in this Section 4.3 shall be construed to require the Licensee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as Subscriber taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

Section 4.4---TREE TRIMMING

In installing, operating and maintaining equipment, cable and wires, the Licensee shall avoid all unnecessary damage and/or injury to trees, in and along Public Ways or Streets. The Licensee shall be subject to M.G.L. Chapter 87 and shall comply with all rules established by the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) during the term of this Renewal License. All tree and/or root trimming and/or pruning provided for herein shall be done pursuant to appropriate regulations of the City.

Section 4.5---RESTORATION TO PRIOR CONDITION

Whenever the Licensee takes up or disturbs any pavement, sidewalk or other improvement of any Public Way, the same shall be replaced and the surface restored in as good condition as before entry as soon as practicable. If the Licensee fails to make such restoration within a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority may fix a reasonable time for such restoration and repairs and shall notify the Licensee in writing of the restoration and repairs required and the time fixed for performance thereof. Upon failure of the Licensee to comply within the specified time period, the Issuing Authority may cause proper restoration and repairs to be made and the reasonable expense of such work shall be paid by the Licensee upon demand by the Issuing Authority.

Section 4.6---TEMPORARY RELOCATION

The Licensee shall temporarily raise or lower its wires or other equipment upon the reasonable request of any Person holding a building moving permit issued by the City. Such raising or lowering shall be at no cost to the City. The Licensee shall be given reasonable notice necessary to maintain continuity of service.

Section 4.7---DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION

The Licensee shall, upon reasonable advance notice, without cost to the City, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same Street or other Public Way, or remove from any Street or any other Public Ways, any of its property as required by the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street construction, change or establishment of street grade, or the construction of any public improvement or structure by any City department acting in a governmental capacity.

Section 4.8---SAFETY STANDARDS

The Licensee shall construct, install, operate, maintain and remove the Cable Television System in conformance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the Massachusetts Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the rules and regulations of the Cable Division and the FCC, all State and local laws, any other applicable regulations, and all land use restrictions as the same exist or may be amended hereafter. Enforcement of such codes shall be by the appropriate regulatory authority.

Section 4.9---PEDESTALS

Pedestals housing passive devices may be installed and utilized by the Licensee in and on the City's Public Way(s) for the provision of Cable Service(s), subject to the Licensee applying for and receiving a permit for such installation and/or utilization. In any cases in which Pedestals housing passive devices are to be utilized, in City Public Ways or within the City public lay-out, such equipment must be installed in accordance with applicable DPW regulations. Above-ground pedestals shall be at City approved locations to be determined when the Licensee applies for a permit. All pedestals shall be shown on the construction maps submitted to the City in accordance with Section 4.12 infra.

Section 4.10---PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Licensee shall be subject to all laws, by-laws and/or regulations regarding private property in the course of constructing, upgrading, installing, operating and maintaining the Cable Television System in the City. The Licensee shall promptly repair or replace all private property, real and personal, damaged or destroyed as a result of the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of the Cable System at its sole cost and expense.

Section 4.11---RIGHT TO INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION

The Issuing Authority or his or her designee(s) shall have the right, at its cost, to inspect all construction and installation work performed subject to the provisions of this Renewal license in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Renewal License and all other applicable law. Any such inspection shall not interfere with the Licensee's operations, except in emergency situations. Except for emergency situations, the Issuing Authority shall provide the Licensee with timely notice of any such inspection(s). The Licensee shall have the right to have a

representative present at any such inspection. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to work with each other to schedule any such inspections at a mutually convenient time.

Section 4.12---CABLE SYSTEM MAPS

The Licensee shall provide, upon written request, not more than once annually, the Issuing Authority or his or her designee with strand maps of the Cable System plant. If changes are made in the Cable System that effect the accuracy of such strand maps, the Licensee shall file updated strand maps not more than once annually.

Section 4.13---COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

The Licensee shall be required to make Cable Service(s) available to any commercial establishments in the City, provided that said establishment(s) agrees to pay for installation and subscription costs as established by the Licensee.

Section 4.14---"DIG SAFE"

The Licensee shall comply with all applicable "dig-safe" provisions, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 40.

Section 4.15---SERVICE INTERRUPTION

Except where there exists an emergency situation necessitating a more expeditious procedure, the Licensee may interrupt Service for the purpose of repairing or testing the Cable Television System only during periods of minimum use and, when practical, only after a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours-notice to all affected Subscribers.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

Section 5.1---BASIC SERVICE

The Licensee shall provide a Basic Service which shall include all Signals which are required to be carried by a Cable Television System serving the City pursuant to applicable federal statute or regulation.

Section 5.2---PROGRAMMING

- (a) Pursuant to Section 624 of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall maintain the mix, quality and broad categories of Programming set forth in **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Pursuant to federal law, all Programming decisions, including the Programming listed in **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto, shall be at the sole discretion of the Licensee.
- (b) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cable Division, the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority and all Subscribers with notice of its intent to substantially change the Springfield Programming line-up at least thirty (30) days before any such change is to take place. Unless otherwise required by applicable law(s) or regulation(s), advance notice shall not be required for the launch of new channels when offered on a subscription basis or added to an existing service tier at no additional cost to the customer. Written notices required by this section may be provided electronically as permitted by 47 C.F.R. § 76.1600.

Section 5.3---LEASED CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Pursuant to Section 612 (b)(1)(B) of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall make available channel capacity for commercial use by Persons unaffiliated with the Licensee.

Section 5.4---CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

It shall be the right of all Subscribers to receive Cable Service insofar as their financial and other obligations to the Licensee are honored; provided, however, that the Licensee shall have no obligation to provide Cable Service to any Person who or which the Licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is utilizing an unauthorized Converter and/or is otherwise obtaining any Cable Service without required payment thereof. The Licensee shall ensure that all Subscribers receive continuous, uninterrupted Cable Service, except for necessary Service interruptions or as a result of Cable System or equipment failures. When necessary, non-routine Service interruptions can be anticipated, the Licensee shall notify Subscribers of such interruption(s) in advance.

Section 5.5---DROPS & OUTLETS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Licensee shall provide a Cable Drop and an Outlet along its cable routes to public schools, police and fire stations, public libraries, and other public buildings designated in writing by the Issuing Authority, including those listed in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and made a part hereof. In the event that the Licensee intends to charge for the Cable Drop(s) and Outlet(s) required herein, the parties shall adhere to the procedures and timelines in accordance with the FCC's 2019 Third Report and Order in the Matter of Implementation of Section 621 of the Cable Act (the "621 Order"), as such 621 Order may be amended from time to time.

PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

Section 6.1---PEG ACCESS CORPORATION

The Access Corporation shall provide services to PEG Access Users and the City, as follows:

- (1) Schedule, operate and program the PEG Access Channels provided in accordance with Section 6.2 below;
- (2) Purchase, maintain and/or lease PEG Access equipment, with the funds allocated for such purposes in Section 7.2 below;
- (3) Conduct training programs in the skills necessary to produce quality PEG Access programming;
- (4) Provide technical assistance, pre-production services, post-production services and production services to PEG Access Users, using Access Corporation staff and volunteers;
 - (5) Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for use of the PEG Access Channels;
- (6) Accomplish such other tasks relating to the operation, scheduling and/or management of PEG Access Channels, facilities and equipment as appropriate and necessary; and
- (7) Produce or assist PEG Access Users in the production of original, non-commercial PEG Access Programming of interest to Subscribers and focusing on City issues, events and activities.

Section 6.2---PEG ACCESS CHANNELS

(a) The Licensee shall continue to make available four (4) Standard Definition ("SD") PEG Access channels for PEG Access Programming purposes as described herein. Subject to the requirements of this Section 6.2, within twenty-four (24) months of the Effective Date of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall make available to the City two (2) HD PEG Access Channels. At the same time, the Licensee shall have the right to reclaim two (2) of the SD PEG Access Channels referenced above. The subsequent result shall then be two (2) HD PEG Access Channels and two (2) SD PEG Access Channels, for a total of four (4) PEG Access Channels. In the event that the PEG Access studio has not been relocated within twenty-four (24) months of the Effective Date of this Renewal License, said HD PEG Access Channels shall not be activated by the Licensee until six (6) months after the PEG Access studio has been relocated. The Licensee shall give the Issuing Authority and the Access Corporation at least sixty (60) days advance written

notice of the impending activation of the two (2) HD PEG Access Channels and the reclamation of the two SD PEG Access Channels referenced herein.

- (b) The City or the Access Corporation shall be responsible for providing the HD PEG Access Channel Signals in an HD digital format compatible with the Licensee's equipment in the Cable System to the demarcation point at the designated points of origination for the HD PEG Channels. The City or the Access Corporation shall be responsible for acquiring all equipment, except for the Licensee providing transmission equipment to transmit Signals to the Licensee's Cable System necessary to produce PEG Access Programming in HD.
- (c) The Licensee may implement HD carriage of the PEG Access Channels in any manner (including selection of compression, utilization of IP, and other processing characteristics) that produces Signal quality for Subscribers that is substantially equivalent to similar commercial HD channels carried on the Springfield Cable System.
- (d) The Licensee shall not move or otherwise relocate the channel locations of the PEG Access Channels, once established, without a minimum of sixty (60) days advance written notice to the Issuing Authority and the Access Corporation.
- (e) Said PEG Access Channels shall be made available by the Licensee and programmed by the City, the Access Corporation, and/or the Springfield Public Schools at no charge to Users and/or Subscribers.
- (f) The Licensee shall monitor the four (4) PEG Access Channels for technical quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at FCC standards commensurate with those which apply to the Cable System's commercial channels.
- (g) Pursuant to Section 6.5 below, the Licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that PEG Access Programming can be originated from the remote locations listed in **Exhibit 3**, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and sent to the Headend or Hub on an Upstream Channel(s) provided by the Licensee for interconnection with and on said Downstream PEG Access Channels.

Section 6.3---RELOCATION OF THE PEG ACCESS STUDIO

(a) Upon the written notice and request from the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall assist the City and/or the Access Corporation with any necessary technical and engineering non-monetary support related to the relocation of the new PEG Access studio to 150 Bridge Street in Springfield.

(b) No later than one hundred twenty (120) days of the written notice and request from the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall construct, install and commence maintaining PEG Access video return capability from the new PEG Access studio at 150 Bridge Street in Springfield. The Licensee shall also continue to maintain PEG Access origination capability from: (i) City Hall and the Mayor's Conference Room in City Hall at 36 Court Street; (ii) the Van Sickle School at 1170 Carew Street; (iii) the Springfield Library at 220 State Street; (iv) the Putnam Vocational High School at 1300 State Street; and (v) the Licensee's Headend, without cost(s) to the City and/or the Access Corporation and/or Springfield Subscribers.

Section 6.4---CENSORSHIP

Neither the Issuing Authority, the City, the Licensee nor the Access Corporation shall engage in any program censorship or any other control of the content of the PEG Access Programming on the Cable System, except as otherwise required or permitted by applicable law.

Section 6.5---PEG ACCESS CABLECASTING

- (a) No later than the Effective Date of this Renewal License, in order that the City and/or the Access Corporation can cablecast its PEG Access Programming over the Subscriber Network PEG Access Downstream Channels, all PEG Access Programming shall continue to be modulated by the City and/or the Access Corporation, then transmitted from the PEG Access studio and/or from any of the other locations in the City with Origination Capability identified in **Exhibit 3**, attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the Cable System Headend or Hub, on one of four (4) Upstream Channels made available, without charge, to the Issuing Authority and/or the Access Corporation for their use.
- (b) The Licensee shall provide the Access Corporation with the capability to ensure that said Programming is properly routed to the appropriate PEG Access Downstream Channel, in an efficient and timely manner. The Licensee shall not charge the City and/or the Access Corporation for such routing responsibility. Any manual routing that may be necessary for multiple remote origination cable casting shall be the responsibility of the Access Corporation. The Licensee and the Issuing Authority shall negotiate in good faith any difficulties that arise regarding cable casting of PEG Access Programming.
- (c) The Licensee shall provide and maintain all necessary routing and/or processing equipment necessary to route Upstream Signals carrying PEG Access Programming from the PEG Access studio to the designated Subscriber Network Downstream PEG Access Channel.
- (d) The Licensee shall own, maintain, repair and/or replace any Headend or Hub-site audio or video Signal processing equipment. The City and/or Access Corporation, respectively, shall, own, maintain, repair and/or replace studio or portable processors. The demarcation-point between the Licensee's equipment and the City's and/or the Access Corporation's equipment shall be at the output of the City's and/or the Access Corporation's equipment at the PEG Access studio.

LICENSE FEES

Section 7.1---LICENSE FEE PAYMENTS

- (a) Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166A, Section 9, the Licensee shall pay to the City, throughout the term of this Renewal License, a License Fee equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber per year, or such higher amount in the future pursuant to State and/or federal law. The number of Subscribers, for purposes of this section, shall be calculated in compliance with applicable law(s). Said Licensee Fees shall be paid to the City no later than March 15th of each year of this Renewal License, unless provided for otherwise by applicable law.
- (b) The Licensee shall not be liable for a total financial commitment pursuant to this Renewal License and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of its Gross Annual Revenues; provided, however, that said maximum five percent (5%) shall include the following: (i) the annual funding for PEG Access/Cable-Related Funding pursuant to Section 7.2 and (ii) any License Fees that may be payable to the City and/or the State; provided, however, that said maximum five percent (5%) shall not include the following: (i) any costs pursuant to Section 6.3 above.; (ii) any interest due herein to the City and/or the Access Corporation because of late payments; (iii) the costs related to any liquidated damages pursuant to Section 11.2 infra; and/or (iv) any exclusion to the term "franchise fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(2) of the Cable Act.

Section 7.2---PEG ACCESS/CABLE-RELATED FUNDING

- (a) The Licensee shall continue to make License Fee payments to the Issuing Authority equal to two percent (2%) of the Licensee's Gross Annual Revenues, as defined in Section 1.1(23) supra; provided however, that upon ninety (90) days written notice to the Licensee, the Issuing Authority shall have the right to increase said License Fees up to an additional three quarters of one percent (.75%) up to three (3) times during the term of this Renewal License.
- (b) Subject to sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) below, said payments shall be made directly to the Issuing Authority and/or its designee(s) on the following quarterly basis: (i) on or before May 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous (3) month period of January, February and March; (ii) on or before August 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of April, May and June; (iii) on or before November 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of July, August and September; and (iv) on or before February 15th of each year of this Renewal License for the previous three (3) month period of October, November and December.
 - (i) The first 2% payment under this Renewal License shall be made on or before February 15, 2022 for the previous period from the Effective Date of this Renewal License through December 31, 2021.

- (ii) The second 2% or higher payment under this Renewal License shall be made on or before May 15, 2022 for the previous period from January 1, 2022 through March 30, 2022.
- (iii) Subsequent 2% or higher payments under this Renewal License shall be made on the dates specified in paragraph (b) above.
- (c) The Licensee shall file with each of said two percent (2%) or higher quarterly payments a statement certified by an authorized representative of the Licensee documenting, in reasonable detail, the total of all Gross Annual Revenues of the Licensee during the preceding three (3) month reporting period(s), as well as a completed Gross Annual Revenues Reporting Form, consistent with that which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4.** If the Licensee's quarterly payments to the Issuing Authority were less than two percent (2%), or higher, of the Licensee's Gross Annual Revenues for the reporting period, the Licensee shall pay any balance due to the Issuing Authority no later than the quarterly payment subsequent to the discovery of such underpayment. Said statement shall list all of the general categories comprising Gross Annual Revenues as defined in Section 1.1(23) supra.
- (d) In no case shall said two percent (2%) or higher payment(s) include applicable License Fee payments to the City, the State and/or the FCC. Said two percent (2%) or higher payments shall be considered a Franchise Fee, unless otherwise provided for by applicable law.
- (e) In the event that the PEG Access/Cable-Related Funding payments herein required are not tendered on or before the dates fixed in paragraph (a) above, interest due on such fee shall accrue from the date due at the rate of two percent (2%) above the Prime Rate, on the last day of business of the prior month. Any such late payments pursuant to this Section 7.2(e) shall not be deemed to be part of the funding to be paid to the Issuing Authority pursuant to this Section 7.2 and shall be within the exclusion to the term "franchise fee" for requirements incidental to enforcing the Renewal License pursuant to Section 622(g)(2)(D) of the Cable Act.

Section 7.3---OTHER PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- (a) The License Fee payments shall be in addition to and shall not constitute an offset or credit against any and all taxes or other fees or charges of general applicability which Licensee or any Affiliated Person shall be required to pay to the City, or to any State or federal agency or authority, as required herein or by law; the payment of said taxes, fees or charges shall not constitute a credit or offset against the License Fee payments all of which shall be separate and distinct obligations of the Licensee and each Affiliated Person. The Licensee herein agrees that no such taxes, fees or charges shall be used as offsets or credits against the License Fee payments, except as permitted by applicable law.
- (b) In accordance with Section 622(h) of the Cable Act, nothing in the Cable Act or this Renewal 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 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 System.

Section 7.4---LATE PAYMENT

In the event that the License Fee payments herein required are not tendered on or before the dates fixed in Section 7.1 above, interest due on such fees and/or payments shall accrue from the date due at the rate of two percent (2%) above the annual Prime Rate. Any payments to the City pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall not be deemed to be part of the License Fees to be paid to the City pursuant to Section 7.1 hereof and shall be within the exclusion to the term "franchise fee" for requirements incidental to enforcing the Renewal License pursuant to Section 622(g)(2)(D) of the Cable Act.

Section 7.5---RECOMPUTATION

- (a) Tender or acceptance of any payment required in Article 6 and/or by Section 7.1 and/or Section 7.2 shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid pursuant to this Renewal License 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 pursuant to Section 7.2 supra. All amounts paid shall be subject to audit and re-computation by the Issuing Authority, which shall be based on the Licensee's fiscal year and shall occur in no event later than two (2) years after each License Fee payment is tendered with respect to such fiscal year.
- (b) If the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that any such payment(s) are incorrect, the Licensee shall have thirty (30) days to provide the Issuing Authority with additional information documenting and verifying the accuracy of any such payment(s). In the event that the Issuing Authority does not believe that such documentation supports the accuracy of such payment(s), the Issuing Authority may conduct an audit of such payment(s). Upon reasonable written notice, the Issuing Authority shall have the right to inspect any records relating to Gross Annual Revenues, as defined herein, in order to establish the accuracy of any payments to the Issuing Authority tendered hereunder.
- (c) If, after such audit and re-computation, an additional fee is owed to the Issuing Authority, such fee shall be paid within thirty (30) days after such audit and re-computation. The interest on such additional fee shall be charged from the due date at the Prime Rate during the period that such additional amount is owed. If, after such audit and re-computation, the Licensee has overpaid, such overpayment shall be credited against the next required PEG Access payment to the Issuing Authority, without interest charges of any kind.

Section 7.6---AFFILIATES USE OF SYSTEM

Use of the Cable System by Affiliates shall comply with applicable State and/or federal laws, and shall not detract from Services provided to Springfield.

Section 7.7---METHOD OF PAYMENT

All License Fee payments by the Licensee to the City pursuant to this Renewal License shall be made payable to the City and deposited with the City Treasurer.

RATES AND CHARGES

Section 8.1---RATE REGULATION

The City reserves the right to regulate the Licensee's Basic Service rates and charges to the extent allowable under State and federal laws.

Section 8.2---NOTIFICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) In accordance with applicable law, the Licensee shall file with the Issuing Authority schedules which shall describe all Services offered by the Licensee, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms or conditions relating thereto.
- (b) At the time of initial solicitation or installation of Service, the Licensee shall also provide each Subscriber with an explanation of downgrade and upgrade policies and the manner in which Subscribers may terminate cable service. Subscribers shall have at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any rate increase to either downgrade service or terminate service altogether without any charge. Change of service policies shall be in accordance with 207 CMR 10.00 et seq., attached as **Exhibit 5.**
- (c) Under the 1992 Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act, certain costs of Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") Access and other Renewal License requirements, may be passed through to Subscribers in accordance with federal law, which the Licensee reserves the right to do so.

Section 8.3---PUBLICATION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

All rates for Subscriber services shall be published and non-discriminatory. A written schedule of all rates shall be available upon request during business hours at the Licensee's business office. Nothing in this Renewal License shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiver of charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting or maintaining Subscribers.

Section 8.4---CREDIT FOR SERVICE INTERRUPTION

Pursuant to applicable law(s), in the event that Service to any Subscriber is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, the Licensee shall grant such Subscriber a pro rata credit or rebate.

INSURANCE AND BONDS

Section 9.1---INSURANCE

- (a) The Licensee shall carry insurance throughout the term of this Renewal License and any removal period, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, §5(f), with the City listed as an additional insured with an insurance company satisfactory to the Issuing Authority, indemnifying the City and the Licensee from and against all claims for injury or damage to Persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance and/or removal of the Cable Television System. The amount of such insurance against liability for damage to property shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) as to any one occurrence. The amount of such insurance for liability for injury or death to any Person shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The amount of such insurance for excess liability shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in umbrella form.
- (b) The Licensee shall carry insurance against all claims arising out of the operation of motor vehicles and general tort or contract liability in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit per occurrence.
- (c) All insurance coverage, including Workers' Compensation in amounts required by applicable law, shall be maintained throughout the entire term of this Renewal License. All expenses incurred for said insurance shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee.
- (d) The following conditions shall apply to the insurance policies required herein:
 - (i) Such insurance shall commence no later than the Effective Date of this Renewal License.
 - (ii) Such insurance shall be primary with respect to any insurance maintained by the City and shall not call on the City's insurance for contributions.
 - (iii) Such insurance shall be obtained from brokers or carriers authorized to transact insurance business in the State.

Section 9.2---PERFORMANCE BOND

(a) The Licensee shall continue to maintain, without charge to the City, throughout the term of the Renewal License a faithful performance bond running to the City, with good and sufficient surety licensed to do business in the State in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance and discharge of all of the obligations imposed by

this Renewal License.

- (b) The performance bond shall be effective throughout the term of this Renewal License, including the time for removal of all of the facilities provided for herein, and shall be conditioned that in the event that the Licensee shall fail to comply with any one or more provisions of this Renewal License, the City shall recover from the surety of such bond all damages suffered by the City as a result thereof, pursuant to Sections 11.1 and 11.2 infra.
- (c) Said bond shall be a continuing obligation of this Renewal License, and thereafter until the Licensee has satisfied all of its obligations to the City that may have arisen from the grant of the Renewal License or from the exercise of any privilege herein granted. In the event that the City recovers from said surety, the Licensee shall take immediate steps to reinstate the performance bond to the \$50,000.00 required herein. Neither this section, any bond accepted pursuant thereto, or any damages recovered thereunder shall limit the liability of the Licensee under the Renewal License.

Section 9.3---REPORTING

Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall submit to the Issuing Authority, or his or her designee(s), copies of all current certificates regarding (i) all insurance policies required herein, and (ii) the performance bond required herein.

Section 9.4---INDEMNIFICATION

The Licensee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify and hold harmless the Issuing Authority, the City, its officials, boards, commissions, committees, agents and/or employees against all claims for damage due to the actions of the Licensee, its employees, officers or agents arising out of the construction, installation, maintenance, operation and/or removal of the Cable Television System under the Renewal License, including without limitation, damage to Persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance and/or removal of any structure, equipment, wire or cable installed. Indemnified expenses shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred up to such time that the Licensee assumes defense of any action hereunder. The Issuing Authority shall give the Licensee written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Issuing Authority within ten (10) business days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this section.

Section 9.5---NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR REDUCING COVERAGE

Neither the insurance policy referenced in Section 9.1 above or the performance bond referenced in Section 9.2 above shall be cancelled, materially changed or the amount of coverage thereof reduced until thirty (30) days after receipt by the Issuing Authority by certified mail of one (1) copy of a written notice of such intent to cancel, materially change or reduce the coverage required herein.

ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

Section 10.1---REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) shall be responsible for the day-to-day regulation of the Cable Television System. The Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) shall monitor and enforce the Licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal License. The Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing of any instance of non-compliance pursuant to Section 11.1 infra.

Section 10.2---PERFORMANCE EVALUATION HEARINGS

- (a) The Issuing Authority may hold a performance evaluation hearing in each year of this Renewal License, conducted by the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s). All such evaluation hearings shall be open to the public. The purpose of said evaluation hearing shall be to, among other things, (i) review the Licensee's compliance to the terms and conditions of this Renewal License, with emphasis on PEG Access Channels, facilities and support; customer service and Complaint response; and (ii) hear comments, suggestions and/or complaints from the public. The Issuing Authority shall provide the Licensee with advance, written notice regarding compliance matters.
- (b) The Issuing Authority shall have the right to question the Licensee on any aspect of this Renewal License including, but not limited to, the operation, maintenance and/or removal of the Cable Television System. During review and evaluation by the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall fully cooperate with the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) and produce such documents or other materials relevant to such review as are reasonably requested from the City. Any Subscriber or other Person may submit comments during such review hearing, either orally or in writing, and such comments shall be duly considered by the Issuing Authority.
- (c) Within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of such review hearing(s), the Issuing Authority shall issue a written report with respect to the Licensee's compliance and send one (1) copy to the Licensee and file one (1) copy with the City Clerk's Office. If noncompliance is found which result in a violation of any of the provisions of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall respond and propose a plan for implementing any changes or improvements necessary, pursuant to Section 11.1 infra. Said report shall report on the Licensee's compliance to the terms and conditions of this Renewal License as well.

Section 10.3---NONDISCRIMINATION

The Licensee shall not discriminate against any Person in its solicitation, service or access activities,

if applicable, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, geographical location within the City, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Licensee shall be subject to all other requirements of federal and State laws or regulations, relating to nondiscrimination through the term of the Renewal License. This Section 10.3 shall not affect the right of the Licensee to offer discounts.

Section 10.4---EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT

If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the City, it shall become necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Issuing Authority or any designee(s), to cut or move any of the wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances or appurtenances of the Cable Television System, the City shall have the right to do so at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee.

Section 10.5---REMOVAL AND RELOCATION

The Issuing Authority shall have the power at any time to order and require the Licensee to remove or relocate any pole, wire, cable or other structure owned by the Licensee that is dangerous to life or property. In the event that the Licensee, after notice, fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority shall have the power to remove or relocate the same at the sole cost and expense of the Licensee, which cost shall be summarized by the Issuing Authority.

Section 10.6---JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction and venue over any dispute, action or suit shall be in any court of appropriate venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties by the instrument subject themselves to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the entry of any such judgment and for the resolution of any dispute, action, or suit.

DETERMINATION OF BREACH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES-LICENSE REVOCATION

Section 11.1---DETERMINATION OF BREACH

In the event that the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that the Licensee has defaulted in the performance of any or several provisions of the Renewal License, except as excused by Force Majeure, the Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions which the Issuing Authority believes may have been in default and the details relating thereto. The Licensee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

- (a) respond to the Issuing Authority in writing, contesting the Issuing Authority's assertion of default and providing such information or documentation as may be necessary to support the Licensee's position.
- (b) cure any such default (and provide written evidence of the same), or, in the event that by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, to take reasonable steps to cure said default and diligently continue such efforts until said default is cured. The Licensee shall report to the Issuing Authority, in writing, by certified mail, at twenty-one (21) day intervals as to the Licensee's efforts, indicating the steps taken by the Licensee to cure said default and reporting the Licensee's progress until such default is cured.
- (c) In the event that the Licensee fails to respond to such notice of default and to cure the default or to take reasonable steps to cure the default within the required thirty (30) day period, the Issuing Authority or its designee shall promptly schedule a public hearing no sooner than fourteen (14) days after written notice, by certified mail, to the Licensee. The Licensee shall be provided reasonable opportunity to offer evidence and be heard at such public hearing.
- (d) Within thirty (30) days after said public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall determine whether or not the Licensee is in default of any provision of the Renewal License and shall issue a written determination of its findings. In the event that the Issuing Authority, after such hearings, determines that the Licensee is in such default, the Issuing Authority may determine to pursue any of the following remedies:
 - (i) Seek specific performance of any provision in the Renewal License that reasonably lends itself to such remedy as an alternative to damages;
 - (ii) Assess liquidated damages in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 11.2 below;
 - (iii) Commence an action at law for monetary damages;
 - (iv) Foreclose on all or any appropriate part of the security provided pursuant to Section 9.2

herein;

- (v) Declare the Renewal License to be revoked subject to Section 11.3 below and applicable law;
- (vi) Invoke any other lawful remedy available to the City.

Section 11.2---LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- (a) For the violation of any of the following provisions of this Renewal License, liquidated damages shall be paid by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority, subject to Section 11.1 above. Any such liquidated damages shall be assessed as of the date that the Licensee received written notice, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions which the Issuing Authority believes are in default, provided that the Issuing Authority provided a determination of default pursuant to Section 11.1(d) above.
- (1) For failure to fully activate, operate and maintain the Subscriber Network in accordance with Section 3.1 herein, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continues.
- (2) For failure to obtain the advance, written approval of the Issuing Authority for any transfer of this Renewal License in accordance with Section 2.6 herein, Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continues.
- (3) For failure to comply with the PEG Access Programming provisions in accordance with the requirements in Article 6 herein, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per day, for each day that any such non-compliance continue.
- (4) For failure to install, operate and maintain the remote origination locations in accordance with Section 6.3 herein and **Exhibit** 3, attached hereto, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per day that any such non-compliance continues.
- (5) For failure to comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations in accordance with Section 12.5 infra, and **Exhibit** 6 attached hereto, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per day that any such non-compliance continues.
- (6) For failure to provide, install and/or fully activate the Subscriber Network Drops in accordance with Section 5.5 herein and/or **Exhibit 2**, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per day that any of such Drops and/or Outlets are not provided, installed and/or activated as required.
- (7) For failure to submit reports, pursuant to Article 13 herein, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day that any of said reports are not submitted as required.
- (b) Such liquidated damages shall not be a limitation upon, any other provisions of the Renewal License and applicable law, including revocation, or any other statutorily or judicially imposed

penalties or remedies.

(c) Each of the above-mentioned cases of non-compliance shall result in damage to the City, its residents, businesses and institutions, compensation for which will be difficult to ascertain. The Licensee agrees that the liquidated damages in the amounts set forth above are fair and reasonable compensation for such damage. The Licensee agrees that said foregoing amounts are liquidated damages, not a penalty or forfeiture, and are within one or more exclusions to the term "franchise fee" provided by Section 622(g)(2)(A)-(D) of the Cable Act. Any violations or failures resulting from the same factual event and the same date shall be assessed as a single per diem violation.

Section 11.3---REVOCATION OF THE RENEWAL LICENSE

To the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to the provisions of Section 11.1 supra, in the event that the Licensee fails to comply with any material provision of the Renewal License, the Issuing Authority may revoke the Renewal License granted herein.

Section 11.4---TERMINATION

The termination of the Renewal License and the Licensee's rights herein shall become effective upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the revocation of the Renewal License by action of the Issuing Authority, pursuant to Section 11.1 and 11.3 above; (ii) the abandonment of the Cable System, in whole or material part, by the Licensee without the express, prior approval of the Issuing Authority; or (iii) the expiration of the term of the Renewal License. In the event of any termination, the City shall have all of the rights provided in the Renewal License unless the Licensee is otherwise permitted to continue operating the Cable System pursuant to applicable law(s).

Section 11.5---NOTICE TO CITY OF LEGAL ACTION

Except in an emergency situation, in the event that the Licensee or the Issuing Authority intends to take legal action against the other party for any reason, it shall first give the other party reasonable notice that an action will be filed.

Section 11.6---NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDY

No decision by the Issuing Authority or the City to invoke any remedy under the Renewal License or under any statute, law or by-law shall preclude the availability of any other such remedy.

Section 11.7---NO WAIVER-CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

(a) No failure on the part of the Issuing Authority or the City, or the Licensee to exercise, and no

delay in exercising, any right in the Renewal License shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other right, all subject to the conditions and limitations contained in the Renewal License.

- (b) The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law, and nothing contained in the Renewal License shall impair any of the rights of the Issuing Authority or the City or the Licensee under applicable law, subject in each case to the terms and conditions in the Renewal License.
- (c) No waiver of, nor failure to exercise any right or remedy by the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee at any one time shall affect the exercise of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy by the City at any other time. In order for any waiver of the Issuing Authority, City or the Licensee to be effective, it shall be in writing.
- (d) The failure of the Issuing Authority or the City to take any action in the event of any breach by the Licensee shall not be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of or otherwise affect the right of the Issuing Authority or the City to take any action permitted by this Renewal License at any other time in the event that such breach has not been cured, or with respect to any other breach by the Licensee.

ARTICLE 12

SUBSCRIBER RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Section 12.1---CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE

For the entire term of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall continue to maintain, operate and staff its full-time customer service office in the City of Springfield for the purpose of receiving customer payments, inquiries and Complaints and equipment return/exchange, made in person, including without limitation, those regarding billing, Service, installation, equipment malfunctions and answering general inquiries. Said customer service office shall be open for walk-in business during Normal Business Hours.

Section 12.2---TELEPHONE ACCESS

- (a) The Licensee shall comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations at 47 C.F.R. §76.309, attached hereto as **Exhibit** 6, during Normal Business Hours, as defined therein.
- (b) The Licensee's customer service call center shall have a publicly listed local or toll-free telephone number for Springfield Subscribers.
- (c) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §76.309(c)(1)(B), under Normal Operating Conditions, as defined, telephone answer time by a customer service representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. Said standards shall be met no less than ninety (90) percent of the time under normal operating conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.
- (d) A Subscriber shall receive a busy signal less than three (3%) of the time, measured on a quarterly basis, under normal operating conditions.
- (e) The Licensee shall meet with the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) in the event that the City continues to receive Complaints from Subscribers regarding the difficulty of reaching the Licensee by telephone. The Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing of the dates of such Complaints, and schedule a meeting between City and Licensee to discuss and resolve any such Complaints. The Licensee shall periodically update its customer service representatives regarding customer service matters in Springfield, with an emphasis on providing accurate information regarding (i) senior citizen discounts(s) and (ii) the availability of Cable Services to residents.
- (f) The Licensee shall not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards above unless an historical record of complaints indicates a clear failure to comply.

Section 12.3---CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL CENTER

(a) The Licensee shall maintain and operate its customer service call center twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including holidays. In accordance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations, the Licensee reserves the right to modify its business operations with regard to such customer service call center. The Licensee shall comply with all State and federal requirements pertaining to the hours of operation of such customer service call center.

Section 12.4---INSTALLATION VISITS-SERVICE CALLS-RESPONSE TIME

- (a) The Licensee shall provide Cable Service(s), for new aerial installations, to Springfield residents who request Service within seven (7) business days of said request, or at such time as is mutually agreed-upon by the Licensee and said Subscriber. Underground installations shall be completed as expeditiously as possible, weather permitting If arranging appointments for installation, the Licensee shall specify in advance whether such will occur in the morning or afternoon, or a more-narrow interval, if possible, and the Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to install at times convenient to Subscribers (including times other than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays).
- (b) A Subscriber Complaint or request for Service received after Normal Business Hours shall be responded to the next business day.
- (c) The Licensee shall ensure that there are stand-by technician(s) on-call at all times after Normal Business Hours. The answering service shall be required to notify the stand-by technician(s) of (i) any emergency situations, (ii) an unusual number of calls and/or (iii) a number of similar Complaint calls or a number of calls coming from the same area.
- (d) System outages shall be responded to promptly by technical personnel. For purposes of the section, an outage shall be considered to occur when three (3) or more calls are received from any one neighborhood, concerning such an outage, or when the Licensee has reason to know of such an outage.
- (e) The Licensee shall remove all Subscriber Drop Cables, within fifteen (15) days of receiving a request from a Subscriber to do so.

Section 12.5---FCC CUSTOMER SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

The Licensee shall comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations, codified at 47 U.S.C. Section 76.309, as may be amended from time to time, which standards are attached hereto, and made a part hereof, as **Exhibit 6**.

Section 12.6--BUSINESS PRACTICE STANDARDS

The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority, the Cable Division and all of its Subscribers with the following information in accordance with 207 CMR 10.00 et seq., attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** and made a part hereof, as the same may exist or as may be amended from time to time:

- (i) Billing Practices Notice;
- (ii) Services, Rates and Charges Notice;
- (iii) Form of Bill;
- (iv) Advance Billing and Issuance of Bills;
- (v) Billing Due Dates, Delinquency, Late Charges and Termination of Service;
- (vi) Charges for Disconnection or Downgrading of Service;
- (vii) Billing Disputes; and
- (viii) Security Deposits.

Section 12.7---COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

- (a) The Licensee shall establish a procedure for resolution of Complaints by Subscribers.
- (b) Upon reasonable notice, the Licensee shall expeditiously investigate and resolve all Complaints regarding the quality of Service, equipment malfunctions, the difficulty of downgrading Cable Service(s) and similar matters. In the event that a Subscriber is aggrieved, the Issuing Authority or its designee(s) shall be responsible for receiving and acting upon such Subscriber Complaints/inquiries, as follows:
 - (i) Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority or his or her designee(s), and subject to applicable privacy laws, the Licensee shall, within fourteen (14) business days after receiving such request, send a written report to the Issuing Authority with respect to any Complaint. Such report shall provide a full explanation of the investigation, finding and corrective steps taken by the Licensee. Should a Subscriber have an unresolved Complaint regarding cable television operations, the Subscriber shall be entitled to file his or her Complaint with the Issuing Authority or his or her designee(s), who shall have primary responsibility for the continuing administration of the Renewal License and the implementation of Complaint procedures. Thereafter, if the Subscriber wishes to participate in further processing of the Complaint, the Subscriber shall meet jointly in Springfield with the Issuing Authority or his or her designee(s) and a representative of the Licensee, within thirty (30) days of the Subscriber's filing of his or her Complaint, in order to fully discuss and attempt to resolve such matter.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to applicable privacy laws, if the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) determines it to be in the public interest, the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) may investigate any Complaints or disputes brought by Subscribers arising from the operations of the Licensee.

Section 12.8--REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES

The Licensee shall allow its Subscribers to purchase, from legal and authorized parties other than the Licensee, own, utilize and program remote control devices that are compatible with the Converter(s) provided by the Licensee. The Licensee takes no responsibility for changes in its equipment that might make inoperable the remote-control devices acquired by Subscribers.

Section 12.9---EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All of the Licensee's employees entering, or seeking entrance, upon private property, in connection with the construction, installation, maintenance and/or operation of the Cable System, including repair and sales personnel, shall be required to wear an employee identification card issued by the Licensee and bearing a picture of said employee.

Section 12.10---PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

The Licensee shall comply with the privacy provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 551 and all other applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations related to the following:

- + Notice to Subscriber regarding Personally Identifiable Information;
- + Collection of Personally Identifiable Information;
- + Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information;
- + Subscriber Access to Information;
- + Destruction of Information;
- + Civil Action in U.S. District Court; Damages, Attorney's Fees, Non-Exclusive Nature of Remedy; and
- + Disclosure of Information to Governmental Entity Pursuant to Court Order.

ARTICLE 13

REPORTS, AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE TESTS

Section 13.1---GENERAL

- (a) Upon written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall promptly submit to the City any information in such form and containing such information as may be reasonably requested by the Issuing Authority, which may be reasonably required to establish the Licensee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to the Renewal License.
- (b) If the Licensee believes that the documentation requested by the Issuing Authority involves proprietary information, then the Licensee shall submit the information to its counsel, who shall confer with the City Solicitor for a determination of the validity of the Licensee's claim of a proprietary interest.
- (c) The Licensee shall file reports in electronic format where and when possible.

Section 13.2---FINANCIAL REPORTS

- (a) Upon written request, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the Licensee's fiscal year, the Licensee shall furnish the Issuing Authority and/or his or her designee(s) with Cable Division Forms 200 showing a balance sheet sworn to by an authorized representative of the Licensee. Said forms shall contain such financial information as required by applicable law.
 - (b) The Licensee shall provide any other reports required by State and/or federal law.

Section 13.3---CABLE SYSTEM INFORMATION

Pursuant to applicable law, upon the Issuing Authority's written request, the Licensee shall file annually with the Issuing Authority a statistical summary of the operations of the Cable System. Said report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of Basic Service Subscribers.

Section 13.4---IN-HOUSE TELEPHONE REPORTS

To establish the Licensee's compliance with the requirements of Sections 12.2 and 12.5 of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall provide to the Issuing Authority, upon written request of the Issuing Authority on a semi-annual basis, a report of regional telephone traffic, generated from an in-house automated call accounting or call tracking system, covering Subscriber calls to the Licensee. Said reports shall include the following information and any other information that may be required by applicable law(s): (i) confirmation that, under Normal Operating Conditions,

telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made (which standard shall be met no less than ninety percent (90%) of the time under Normal Operating Conditions, measured on a quarterly basis); and (ii) confirmation that, under Normal Operating Conditions, the customer will receive a busy signal less than three percent (3%) of the time.

Section 13.5---SUBSCRIBER COMPLAINT REPORT

In accordance with the regulations of the Cable Division, the Licensee shall submit a completed copy of Cable Division Form 500, attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** to the Issuing Authority, or his or her designee(s), as required by the Cable Division.

Section 13.6---INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT REPORTS

Subject to Sections 12.7 supra, the Licensee shall, within fourteen (14) business days after receiving a written request from the Issuing Authority, send a written report to the Issuing Authority with respect to any Complaint. Such report shall provide a full explanation of the investigation, finding(s) and corrective steps taken, as allowed by applicable law.

Section 13.7---QUALITY OF SERVICE

Where there exists evidence which, in the reasonable judgment of the Issuing Authority, casts doubt upon the reliability or technical quality of Cable Service(s), the Issuing Authority shall cite specific facts which cast such doubt(s), in a notice to the Licensee. The Licensee shall submit a written report to the Issuing Authority, within thirty (30) days of receipt of any such notice from the Issuing Authority, setting forth in detail its explanation of the problem(s).

Section 13.8---DUAL FILINGS

To the extent required by applicable law, either party shall notify the other of any petitions, communications, and/or requests for waiver or advisory opinion with any State or federal agency or commission pertaining to any material aspect of the Cable System operation hereunder, subject to Section 13.1 above, and upon the other party's written request, shall make available at its own expense to the other party copies of any such petitions, communications or requests.

Section 13.9--ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At any time during the term of the Renewal License, upon the reasonable request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall not unreasonably deny any requests for further information which may be required to establish the Licensee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to the Renewal License and subject to Section 13.1 supra.

Section 13.10---INVESTIGATION

Subject to applicable law and regulation, the Licensee and any Affiliated Person(s) shall cooperate fully and faithfully with any lawful investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a City governmental agency; provided, however, that any such investigation, audit, or inquiry is for the purpose of establishing the Licensee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to this Renewal License.

ARTICLE 14

EMPLOYMENT

Section 14.1---EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Licensee is an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall comply with applicable FCC regulations with respect to Equal Employment Opportunities.

Section 14.2---NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Licensee shall adhere to all federal and State laws prohibiting discrimination in employment practices.

ARTICLE 15

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 15.1---ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements or proposals except as specifically incorporated herein, and cannot be changed orally but only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties.

Section 15.2---CAPTIONS

The captions to sections throughout this Renewal License are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the Renewal License. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Renewal License.

Section 15.3---SEPARABILITY

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

Section 15.4---ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AFFILIATES

During the term of this Renewal License, the Licensee shall be liable for the acts or omission of its Affiliates while such Affiliates are involved directly or indirectly in the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable System as if the acts or omissions of such Affiliates were the acts or omissions of the Licensee.

Section 15.5---RENEWAL LICENSE EXHIBITS

The Exhibits to this Renewal License, attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are incorporated herein by this reference and expressly made a part of this Renewal License, unless such Exhibits are noted for informational purposes only.

Section 15.6---WARRANTIES

The Licensee warrants, represents and acknowledges that, as of the Effective Date of this

Renewal License:

- (i) The Licensee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State;
- (ii) The Licensee has the requisite power and authority under applicable law and its by-laws and articles of incorporation and/or other organizational documents, is authorized by resolutions of its Board of Directors or other governing body, and has secured all consents which are required to be obtained as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License, to enter into and legally bind the Licensee to this Renewal License and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this Renewal License;
- (iii) This Renewal License is enforceable against the Licensee in accordance with the provisions herein, subject to applicable State and federal law;
- (iv) There are no actions or proceedings pending or threatened against the Licensee as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License which would interfere with its performance of this Renewal License; and
- (v) Pursuant to Section 625(f) of the Cable Act, the performance of all terms and conditions in this Renewal License is commercially practicable as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License.

Section 15.7---FORCE MAJEURE

If by reason of force majeure either party is unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations hereunder, said party shall not be deemed in violation or default during the continuance of such inability. The term "Force Majeure" as used herein shall mean the following: acts of God; acts of public enemies; orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivision, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; pandemics; landslides; lightening; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; civil disturbances; explosions; strikes; applicable environmental restrictions; unavailability of essential equipment, services and/or materials beyond the control of the Licensee, the Issuing Authority and/or the City; and any other matters beyond the reasonable control of the Licensee, the Issuing Authority and/or the City.

Section 15.8 --- APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL LICENSE

All of the provisions in this Renewal License shall apply to the City, the Licensee, and their respective successors and assignees.

Section 15.9 --- NOTICES

- (a) Every notice to be served upon the Issuing Authority shall be delivered, or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) or by nationally recognized overnight courier service or other means as allowed by applicable law and providing for a receipt as proof of delivery to the Office of the Mayor, Springfield City Hall, 36 Court Street Springfield, Massachusetts 01103, or such other address as the Issuing Authority may specify in writing to the Licensee, with one (1) copy of such notice to the City Solicitor, City of Springfield Law Department, 36 Court Street, Room 210, Springfield, MA. 01103. The delivery shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.
- (b) Every notice served upon the Licensee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid), or by nationally recognized overnight courier service or other means as allowed by applicable law and providing for a receipt as proof of delivery to the following addresses. The delivery shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Attn: Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs 3303 Main Street Springfield, Massachusetts 01107

with one (1) copy to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs 676 Island Pond Road Manchester, New Hampshire 03109

and one (1) copy to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc Attn: Government Affairs One Comcast Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

- (c) Whenever notice of any public hearing relating to the Cable System is required by law or regulation or the Renewal License, the Issuing Authority shall publish notice of the same, sufficient to identify its time, place and purpose, as may be required.
- (d) Subject to subsection (c) above, all required notices shall be in writing.

Section 15.10 --- NO RECOURSE AGAINST THE ISSUING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 635A(a) of the Cable Act, the Licensee shall have no recourse against the

Issuing Authority, the City and/or its officials, boards, commissions, committees, members, agents or employees 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 Renewal License.

Section 15.11---CITY'S RIGHT OF INTERVENTION

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

Section 15.12---TERM

All obligations of the Licensee and the Issuing Authority set forth in the Renewal License shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Renewal License and shall continue for the term of the Renewal License, except as expressly provided for otherwise herein.

Section 15.13---NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing in this Renewal License is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any person other than the parties to this Renewal License to enforce the terms of this Renewal License.

EXHIBITS

PROGRAMMING

The Licensee shall provide the following broad categories of Programming:

- + News Programming;
- + Sports Programming;
- + Public Affairs Programming;
- + Children's Programming;
- + Entertainment Programming; and
- + Local Programming.

DROPS AND OUTLETS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS

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The following public buildings and schools shall receive the following Drops and Outlets **:

16 Acres Elementary School	50 Empress Ct
Alternative Programs	118 Alden St
Armory School	426 Armory St
Balliet School	111 Seymour Ave
Balliet Elementary School	52 Rosewell St
Balliet Middle School	732 Chestnut St
Beal School	285 Tiffany St
Bowles School	24 Bowles Park
Brightwood School	471 Plainfield St
Brightwood-Lincoln Elementary School	225 Plainfield St
Brooking School	367 Hancock St
Brookings Elementary School	433 Walnut St
Central High School	1840 Roosevelt Ave
Chestnut Middle School	355 Plainfield St

City Hall 36 Court St
Commerce High School 415 State St
Conservatory of the Arts 339 State St
Daniel B Brunton School 1801 Parker St
Deberry School 670 Union St
Department of Public Works 70 Tapley St
Dorman School 20 Lydia St

Children's House Inc.

1015 Wilbraham Rd Duggan Junior High School 15 Catherine St Early Childhood Center 136 Surrey Rd East Forest Park Library Porter Lake Dam Rd ECOS Building at Forest Park 1212 Carew St Fire Department 1265 Parker St Fire Department 14 Massreco St Fire Department 15 Odessa St Fire Department

Fire Department 1535 Roosevelt Ave

Fire Department 2729 Main St
Fire Department 33 Eastern Ave
Fire Department 382 White St

605 Worthington St Fire Department 1200 Main St Fl 1A Focus Springfield Forest Park Middle School 46 Oakland St 58 Hartford Ter Frederick School 90 Cherokee Dr Freedman Elementary School 200 Birnie Ave Gerena School Glenwood Elementary school 50 Morison Ter 120 Ashland Ave Glickman Elementary School 1250 State St High School of Science and Technology Homer Street School 43 Homer St 95 Milton St Indian Orchard Elementary School

Kennedy Junior High School 1385 Berkshire Ave Kensington School 31 Kensington Ave

180 Coley St Kiley Junior High School 37 Alderman St Liberty Prep 962 Carew St Liberty School 319 Cortland St Margaret Ells School 315 N Branch Pkwy Mary Lynch School 600 Liberty St Massachusetts State Police 190 Surrey Rd Memorial Elementary School 22 Mulberry St Milton Bradley School 335 Berkshire Ave Pine Point Community Council

Police Department 130 Pearl St
Police Department 50 Dwight St
Police Department 50 East St
Potenger School 1435 Carew St
Public Day Elementary School 34 Nye St
Public Day High School 90 Berkshire St
Public Library 220 State St

Raymond Jordan Senior Center

Realization Academy

Rebecca Johnson School

Roger Putnam V/T Academy

Sabis International School

1476 Roosevelt Ave
46 Oakland St
55 Catherine Street
1300 State Street
160 Joan St

Senior Center 120 Clyde St Rm A

Senior Center 439 Union St
South End Comm Center 99 Marble St
South End Middle School 36 Margaret St
Springfield High School 37 Alderman St
Springfield Public Schools 1550 Main St
Springfield Public Schools 91 School St
Stem Middle School 60 Alton St

Sumner School 45 Sumner Ave
Talmadge School 1395 Allen St
Van Sickle School 1170 Carew St
Warner School 493 Parker St
Washington School 141 Washington St
White St Elementary School 300 White St
Zanetti School 474 Armory St

^{**} And any other public buildings along the cable route designated by the Issuing Authority in accordance with Section 5.6 herein.

PEG ACCESS ORIGINATION LOCATIONS

- (1) Springfield City Hall and Mayor's Conference Room: 36 Court Street, Springfield;
- (2) Springfield Library: 220 State Street;
- (3) Van Sickle School: 1170 Carew Street;
- (4) New PEG Access Studio at 150 Bridge Street, Springfield; and
- (5) Putnam Vocational High School: 1300 Main Street, Springfield.

GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES REPORTING FORM

Vendor ID:

System Name: Email: Phone: Office of the Mayor City of Springfield City Hall	Contract Name: Statement Period: Payment Amount: Statement Number: CUID: System ID: This statement represents your payment for the period listed above.	
36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103		
Revenue Category	A	mount
Expanded Basic Video Service		zelba Elevesi sved
Limited Basic Video Service		
Digital Video Service		
Pay		
PPV / VOD		
Digital Video Equipment		
Video Installation / Activation		
Franchise Fees		
State Assessment		
Guide		
Other		
Late Fees		
Write-offs / Recoveries		
Ad Sales		
Home Shopping Commissions	and a superior of the superior	094703034757548
Total		
Franchise Fee %		
Franchise Fee		
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above is a true and correct statement for the a	accounting of the gross revenues received by this corporation for the period	od.
	Analyst	
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. 207 CMR 10.00 BILLING AND TERMINATION OF SERVICE

10.01: Billing Practices Notice

1) Every cable television operator shall give written notice of its billing practices to potential subscribers before a subscription agreement is reached. Such notice shall include practices relating to the frequency and timing of bills, payment requirements necessary to avoid account delinquency, billing dispute resolution procedures and late payment penalties.

2) A copy of the cable television operator's billing practices notice, work order and sample subscriber bill shall be filed by March 15th of each year with the Commission, the issuing authority, and the company's local office, where they shall be available for public inspection. If an operator amends its billing practices notice, work order or subscriber bill after submitting the annual filing, it shall file copies of the amendments with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office.

3) At least 30 days prior to implementing a change of one of its billing practices, the cable television operator shall notify in writing the Commission, the issuing authority and all affected subscribers of the change and include a description of the changed practice.

4) Statements about billing practices in work orders, marketing, materials and other documents shall be consistent with the billing practices notice.

10.02: Services, Rates and Charges Notice

1) The cable television operator shall give notice of its services, rates and charges to potential subscribers before a subscription agreement is reached.

2) At least 30 days prior to implementing an increase in one of its rates or charges or a substantial change in the number or type of programming services, the operator shall notify, in writing, the Commission, the issuing authority and all affected subscribers of the change and include a description of the increased rate or charge. The notice shall list the old and new rate or charge and, if applicable, the old and new programming services provided.

3) Every cable television operator shall fully disclose in writing all of its programming services and rates, upon request from a subscriber.

4) Every cable television operator shall fully disclose in writing all of its charges for installation, disconnection, downgrades and upgrades, reconnection, additional outlets, and rental, purchase and/or replacement due to damage or theft of equipment or devices used in relation to cable services, upon request from a subscriber.

5) Every cable television operator shall provide written notice of the charge, if any, for service visits and under what circumstances such charge will be imposed, upon request from a subscriber.

6) A copy of the cable operator's programming services, rates and charges shall be filed by March 15th of each year with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office where it shall be made available for public inspection. If an operator amends its notice after the annual filing, it shall file a copy of the amendment with the Commission, the issuing authority and the company's local office.

7) A cable operator shall not charge a subscriber for any service or equipment that the subscriber has not affirmatively requested by name. This provision, however, shall not preclude the addition or deletion of a specific program from a service offering, the addition or deletion of specific channels from an existing tier of service, or the restructuring or division of existing tiers of service that do not result in a fundamental change in the nature of an existing service or tier of service.

10.03: Form of Bill

- 1) The bill shall contain the following information in clear, concise and understandable language and format:
 - a. The name, local address and telephone number of the cable television operator. The telephone number shall be displayed in a conspicuous location on the bill and shall be accompanied by a statement that the subscriber may call this number with any questions or complaints about the bill or to obtain a description of the subscriber's rights under 207 CMR 10.07 in the event of a billing dispute;
 - b. the period of time over which each chargeable service is billed including prorated periods as a result of establishment and termination of service;
 - c. the dates on which individually chargeable services were rendered or any applicable credits were applied;
 - d. separate itemization of each rate or charge levied or credit applied, including, but not be limited to, basic, premium service and equipment charges, as well as any unit, pay-per-view or per item charges;
 - e. the amount of the bill for the current billing period, separate from any prior balance due;
 - f. The date on which payment is due from the subscriber.
- 2) Cable operators may identify as a separate line item of each regular subscriber bill the following:
 - a. The amount of the total bill assessed as a franchise fee and the identity of the franchising authority to whom the fee is paid;
 - b. The amount of the total bill assessed to satisfy any requirements imposed on the cable operator by the franchise agreement to support public, educational, or governmental channels or the use of such channels;
 - c. The amount of any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any governmental authority on the transaction between the operator and the subscriber. In order for a governmental fee or assessment to be separately identified under 207 CMR 10.03, it must be directly imposed by a governmental body on a transaction between a subscriber and an operator.
- 3) All itemized costs shall be direct and verifiable. Each cable operator shall maintain a document in its public file which shall be available upon request that provides the accounting justification for all itemized costs appearing on the bill.

10.04: Advance Billing and Issuance of Bill

- 1) In the absence of a license provision further limiting the period of advance billing, a cable operator may, under uniform nondiscriminatory terms and conditions, require payment not more than two months prior to the last day of a service period.
- 2) A cable subscriber may voluntarily offer and a cable operator may accept advance payments for periods greater than two months.

3) Upon request, a cable television operator shall provide subscribers with a written statement of account for each billing period and a final bill at the time of disconnection.

10.05: Billing Due Dates, Delinquency, Late Charges and Termination of Service

- 1) Subscriber payment is due on the due date marked on the bill, which shall be a date certain and in no case a statement that the bill is due upon receipt. The due date shall not be less than five business days following the mailing date of the bill.
- 2) A subscriber account shall not be considered delinquent unless payment has not been received by the company at least 30 days after the bill due date.
- 3) The following provisions shall apply to the imposition of late charges on subscribers:
 - a. A cable television operator shall not impose a late charge on a subscriber unless a subscriber is delinquent, the operator has given the subscriber a written late charge notice in a clear and conspicuous manner, and the subscriber has been given at least eight business days from the date of delinquency to pay the balance due.
 - b. A charge of not more than 5 percent of the balance due may be imposed as a one-time late charge.
 - c. No late charge may be assessed on the amount of a bill in dispute.
- 4) A cable television operator shall not terminate a subscriber's service unless the subscriber is delinquent, the cable operator has given the subscriber a separate written notice of termination in a clear and conspicuous manner, and the subscriber has been given at least eight business days from the mailing of the notice of termination to pay the balance due. A notice of termination shall not be mailed to subscribers until after the date of delinquency.
- 5) A cable television operator shall not assess a late charge on a bill or discontinue a subscriber's cable television service solely because of the nonpayment of the disputed portion of a bill during the period established by 207 CMR 10.07 for registration of a complaint with the operator or during the process of a dispute resolution mechanism recognized under 207 CMR 10.07.
- 6) Any charge for returned checks shall be reasonably related to the costs incurred by the cable company in processing such checks.

10.06: Charges for Disconnection or Downgrading of Service

- 1) A cable television operator may impose a charge reasonably related to the cost incurred for a downgrade of service, except that no such charge may be imposed when:
 - a. A subscriber requests total disconnection from cable service; or
 - b. A subscriber requests the downgrade within the 30-day period following the notice of a rate increase or a substantial change in the number or type of programming services relative to the service (s) in question.
- 2) If a subscriber requests disconnection from cable television service prior to the effective date of an increase in rates, the subscriber shall not be charged the increased rate if the cable television operator fails to disconnect service prior to the effective date. Any subscriber who has paid in advance for the next billing period and who requests disconnection from service shall receive a prorated refund of any amounts paid in advance.

10.07: Billing Disputes

1) Every cable television operator shall establish procedures for prompt investigation of any billing dispute registered by a subscriber. The procedure shall provide at least 30 days from the due date of the bill for the subscriber to register a complaint. The cable television operator shall notify the

subscriber of the result of its investigation and give an explanation for its decision within 30 working days of receipt of the complaint.

2) The subscriber shall forfeit any rights under 207 CMR 10.07 if he or she fails to pay the

undisputed balance within 30 days.

3) Any subscriber in disagreement with the results of the cable television operator's investigation shall promptly inquire about and take advantage of any complaint resolution mechanism, formal or informal, available under the license or through the issuing authority before the Commission may accept a petition filed under 207 CMR 10.07(4).

4) The subscriber or the cable television operator may petition the Commission to resolve disputed matters within 30 days of any final action. Final action under 207 CMR 10.07(3) shall be deemed

to have occurred 30 days after the filing of a complaint.

5) Upon receipt of a petition, the Commission may proceed to resolve the dispute if all parties agree to submit the dispute to the Commission and be bound by the Commission's decision and the Commission obtains a statement signed by the parties indicating that agreement. In resolving the dispute, the Commission may receive either written or oral statements from the parties, and may conduct its own investigation. The Commission shall then issue a decision based on the record and the parties shall receive written notification of the decision and a statement of reasons therefor.

10.08: Security Deposits

1) A cable operator shall not require from any cable subscriber a security deposit for converters or

other equipment in excess of the cost of the equipment.

2) The cable operator shall pay interest to the cable subscriber at a rate of 7% per year for any deposit held for six months or more, and such interest shall accrue from the date the deposit is made by the cable subscriber. Interest shall be paid annually by the cable operator to the cable subscriber, either as a direct payment or as a credit to the cable subscriber's account.

3) Within 30 days after the return of the converter or other equipment, the cable operator shall return the security deposit plus any accrued interest to the cable subscriber, either as a direct

payment or as a credit to the cable subscriber's account.

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TITLE 47--TELECOMMUNICATION

CHAPTER I--FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (CONTINUED)

PART 76 MULTICHANNEL VIDEO AND CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE--Table of Contents

Subpart H General Operating Requirements

Sec. 76.309 Customer service obligations.

- (a) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators ninety (90) days written notice of its intent to enforce the standards.
 - (b) Nothing in this rule should be construed to prevent or prohibit:
- (1) A franchising authority and a cable operator from agreeing to customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section;
- (2) A franchising authority from enforcing, through the end of the franchise term, pre-existing customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section and are contained in current franchise agreements;
- (3) Any State or any franchising authority from enacting or enforcing any consumer protection law, to the extent not specifically preempted herein; or
- (4) The establishment or enforcement of any State or municipal law or regulation concerning customer service that imposes customer service requirements that exceed, or address matters not addressed by the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.
- (c) Effective July 1, 1993, a cable operator shall be subject to the following customer service standards:
 - (1) Cable system office hours and telephone availability--
- (i) The cable operator will maintain a local, toll-free or collect call telephone access line which will be available to its subscribers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- (A) Trained company representatives will be available to respond to customer telephone inquiries during normal business hours.

- (B) After normal business hours, the access line may be answered by a service or an automated response system, including an answering machine. Inquiries received after normal business hours must be responded to by a trained company representative on the next business day.
- (ii) Under normal operating conditions, telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. These standards shall be met no less than ninety (90) percent of the time under normal operating conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.
- (iii) The operator will not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards above unless an historical record of complaints indicates a clear failure to comply.
- (iv) Under normal operating conditions, the customer will receive a busy signal less than three (3) percent of the time.
- (v) Customer service center and bill payment locations will be open at least during normal business hours and will be conveniently located.
- (2) Installations, outages and service calls. Under normal operating conditions, each of the following four standards will be met no less than ninety-five (95) percent of the time measured on a quarterly basis:
- (i) Standard installations will be performed within seven (7) business days after an order has been placed. "Standard" installations are those that are located up to 125 feet from the existing distribution system.
- (ii) Excluding conditions beyond the control of the operator, the cable operator will begin working on "service interruptions" promptly and in no event later than 24 hours after the interruption becomes known. The cable operator must begin actions to correct other service problems the next business day after notification of the service problem.
- (iii) The "appointment window" alternatives for installations, service calls, and other installation activities will be either a specific time or, at maximum, a four-hour time block during normal business hours. (The operator may schedule service calls and other installation activities outside of normal business hours for the express convenience of the customer.)
- (iv) An operator may not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment.
- (v) If a cable operator representative is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the customer will be contacted. The appointment will be rescheduled, as necessary, at a time which is convenient for the customer.
 - (3) Communications between cable operators and cable subscribers--
 - (i) Refunds--Refund checks will be issued promptly, but no later than either--
- (A) The customer's next billing cycle following resolution of the request or thirty (30) days, whichever is earlier, or
 - (B) The return of the equipment supplied by the cable operator if service is terminated.
- (ii) Credits--Credits for service will be issued no later than the customer's next billing cycle following the determination that a credit is warranted.
 - (4) Definitions--
- (i) Normal business hours--The term ''normal business hours" means those hours during which most similar businesses 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.

(ii) Normal operating conditions--The term ''normal operating conditions" means those service conditions which are within the control of the cable operator. Those conditions which are not within the control of the cable operator 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 ordinarily within the control of the cable operator include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the cable system.

(iii) Service interruption--The term "service interruption" means the loss of picture or sound on

one or more cable channels.

EXHIBIT 7

CABLE DIVISION FORM 500

(See Attached)

Advertising/Marketing Appointment/Service call Billing Customer Service Equipment Equipment Enterruption Service Interruption Service Interruption Other:	Avgerage Resolution Time: Manner of Resolution:	Filing Year: Number of Subscribers:	City/Town:
	<1> Less than 1 Day, <2> 1-3 Days, <3: A. Resolved to the satisfaction of both parties		Form 5
Complaints			00 Complaint 1
Avg. Resolution Time (see code above)	<3> 4-7 Days, <4> 8-14 Days, es., B. Resolved, customer dissats	Address: Contact: Phone:	Form 500 Complaint Data - Paper Filing Cable Company:
Manner of Resolution (see c represented by the letters arch letter indicates the number of the numbe	> 4-7 Days, <4> 8-14 Days, <5> 15-30 Days, <6> >30 Days B. Resolved, customer dissatisfied., C. Not Resolved.	E-Mail:	iling
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SIGNATURE PAGE

In Witness Whereof, this Renewal License is hereby issued by the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority, and all terms and conditions are hereby agreed to by Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc.

The City of Springfield

Domenic J. Sarno

Mayor

Date: February 10, 2022

Approved as to Form:

Kathleen T. Breck
Deputy City Solicitor

Date: February ///, 2022

Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc.

-- DocuSigned by:

Cavolyne Hannan

Carelyne Haman Senior Vice President

Western New England Region

Date: February 10, 2022