

**RENEWAL**  
**CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE**  
**FOR**  
**THE TOWN OF UPTON,**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

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## **UPTON RENEWAL LICENSE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

WHEREAS, Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc., (hereinafter "Licensee"), is the duly authorized holder of a license to operate a cable television system in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts (hereinafter the "Town"), said license having commenced on December 11, 2004;

WHEREAS, Licensee filed a written request for a renewal of its license by letter dated February 20, 2012 in conformity with the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 ("Cable Act") and filed a renewal proposal dated August 11, 2014;

WHEREAS, there has been an opportunity for public comment, as required by Section 626(h) of the Cable Act;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority has determined that the financial, legal, and technical ability of Licensee is reasonably sufficient to provide services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, and desires to enter into this Renewal License with the Licensee for the construction and continued operation of a cable system on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Board of Selectmen, as the Issuing Authority, finds that Licensee has complied with the terms of its previous license.

NOW THEREFORE, after due and full consideration, the Issuing Authority and Licensee agree that this Renewal License is issued upon the following terms and conditions:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 1.1 - DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Renewal License, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521 et seq. (the "Cable Act"), and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166A (M.G.L.c.166A), as amended from time to time, unless otherwise defined herein.

(b) Basic Cable Service – any service tier that includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals.

(c) Cable Act - Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984), 47 U.S.C. 521 et. seq., amending the Communications Act of 1934, as further amended by the 1992 Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act, Public Law No. 102-385 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) and as may be further amended.

(d) Cable Television System or Cable System – the facility owned, constructed, installed, operated and maintained by Licensee in the Town of Upton, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designated to provide cable service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple subscribers within a community, 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; or (d) an open video system that complies with section 653 of this title, or (e) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

(d) Cable Division - The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166A (M.G.L. Chapter 166A).

(e) Cable Service – the one-way transmission to subscribers of (i) video programming, or (ii) other programming service, and subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.

(f) Drop - The coaxial cable that connects a home or building to the Subscriber Network.

(g) Effective Date – July 1, 2015.

(h) FCC - Federal Communications Commission or any successor governmental entity.

(i) Franchise Fee – The payments to be made by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority, the Town of Upton and or any other governmental subdivision, such as an Access Corporation, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act.

(j) Gross Annual Revenues - Revenue received by the Licensee from the operation of the Cable System in the Town of Upton to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAP”), including but not limited to monthly Basic Cable Service, premium and pay-per-view fees, installation fees, and equipment rental fees. Gross Annual Revenue shall not include advertising or home shopping revenue, leased access fees, refundable deposits, bad debt, late fees, investment income, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority and collected by the Licensee on behalf of such entity.

(k) Issuing Authority - The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Upton, Massachusetts, or the lawful designee thereof.

(l) Licensee - Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc., or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal License.

(m) License Fee - The payments to be made by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority, the Town of Upton and or any other governmental subdivision, which shall have the meaning as set forth in M.G.L.c. 166A, § 9.

(n) Multichannel Video Programming Distributor - A person such as, but not limited to, a cable operator, a multichannel multipoint distribution service, a direct broadcast satellite service, or a television receive-only satellite program distributor, who makes available for purchase, by subscribers or customers, multiple channels of video programming.

(o) Outlet - An interior receptacle that connects a television set to the Cable Television System.

(p) Person - An individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation or governmental entity.

(q) Public Way - The surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the Issuing Authority in the Town of Upton, which shall entitle the Licensee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. Public Way shall also mean any easement now or hereafter held by the Issuing Authority within the Town of Upton for the purpose of public travel, or for utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle the Licensee to the use thereof for the purposes of installing, operating, and maintaining the Licensee's Cable System over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the Cable System.

(r) Public Buildings - Those buildings owned or leased by the Issuing Authority for government administrative purposes, and shall not include buildings owned by Issuing Authority but leased to third parties or buildings such as storage facilities at which government employees are not regularly stationed.

(s) Renewal License or License - Means this Agreement and any amendments or modifications in accordance with the terms herein.

(t) Standard Installation - The standard one hundred twenty-five foot (125') Drop connection to the existing distribution system.

(u) Subscriber - A Person or user of the Cable System who lawfully receives Cable Service with the Licensee's express permission.

(v) Subscriber Network - The trunk and feeder signal distribution network over which video and audio signals are transmitted to Subscribers.

(w) Town - The Town of Upton, Massachusetts.

(x) Video Programming - Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.



**ARTICLE 2**  
**GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE**

**SECTION 2.1 - GRANT OF RENEWAL LICENSE**

(a) Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 166A, and the Cable Act the Issuing Authority hereby grants a non-exclusive Renewal License to Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc., a Massachusetts Corporation, authorizing and permitting Licensee to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System in the Public Way within the municipal limits of the Town of Upton. Nothing in this License shall be construed to prohibit the Licensee from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by federal or state law.

(b) This Renewal License is granted under and in compliance with the Cable Act and M.G.L.c. 166A, and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the FCC and the Cable Division in force and effect during the period for which this Renewal License is granted.

(c) Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Issuing Authority hereby grants to the Licensee the right to construct, upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the Public Way.

**SECTION 2.2 - TERM: NON-EXCLUSIVITY [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §3(d) and 13]**

The term of this non-exclusive Renewal License shall be for a period of ten (10) years and shall commence on July 1, 2015 following the expiration of the current license, and shall terminate at midnight on June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 2.3 - POLE AND CONDUIT ATTACHMENT RIGHTS [SEE M.G.L.c. 166 §22-25] ]**

Pursuant to M.G.L.c. 166, §§22-25, permission is hereby granted to the Licensee to attach or otherwise affix including, but not limited to cables, wire, or optical fibers comprising the Cable Television System to the existing poles and conduits on and under public streets and ways,

provided the Licensee secures the permission and consent of the public utility companies to affix the cables and/or wires to their pole and conduit facilities. By virtue of this License the Issuing Authority grants Licensee equal standing with power and telephone utilities in the manner of placement of facilities on Public Ways.

#### **SECTION 2.4 - RENEWAL [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §13]**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of federal law, M.G.L.c. 166A, § 13 and applicable regulations, this Renewal License shall be subject to additional renewals for the periods not to exceed ten (10) years or such other periods as allowed by law.

(b) In accordance with applicable law, any such renewal or renewals shall be upon mutual written agreement by the Licensee and the Issuing Authority and shall contain such modified or additional terms as the Licensee and the Issuing Authority may then agree.

#### **SECTION 2.5 - RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY**

Nothing in this Renewal License shall (A) abrogate the right of the Issuing Authority to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or bylaws of general applicability and not specific to the Cable Television System, the Licensee, or this License, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the Issuing Authority in and to the Public Ways. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal License and any present or future exercise of the municipality's police and regulatory powers shall be resolved by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

#### **SECTION 2.6 - NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF LICENSE**

(a) The Licensee acknowledges and agrees that the Issuing Authority reserves the right to grant one or more additional licenses to provide Cable Service within the Town; provided, however, that no such license agreement shall contain terms or conditions more favorable or less

burdensome to the competitive entity than the material terms and conditions herein, including, but not limited to: franchise fees; insurance; system build-out requirements; performance bonds or similar instruments; public, education and government access channels and support; customer service standards; required reports and related record keeping; and notice and opportunity to cure breaches. If any such additional or competitive franchise is granted by the Issuing Authority which, in the reasonable opinion of the Licensee, contains more favorable or less burdensome terms or conditions than this License Agreement, the Issuing Authority agrees that it shall amend this Franchise Agreement to include any more favorable or less burdensome terms or conditions.

(b) In the event an application for a new cable television franchise is filed with the Issuing Authority proposing to serve the Town, in whole or in part, the Issuing Authority shall serve or require to be served a copy of such application upon any existing Licensee or incumbent cable operator by registered or certified mail or via nationally recognized overnight courier service.

(c) To the extent allowed by applicable law(s), the grant of any additional cable television license(s) shall be on substantially equivalent terms and conditions as those contained in this Renewal License.

(d) The issuance of additional license(s) shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, including M.G.L.c. 166A and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

(e) In the event that a Multichannel Video Programming Distributor, which is not in any way an affiliate of the Licensee, hereafter provides Video Programming to residents of the Town, and is not required by applicable law to be licensed by the Issuing Authority, and to the extent that the Licensee reports to the Issuing Authority, in writing, that the providing of such Video Programming if such Multichannel Video Programming Distributor is having a substantial negative financial impact upon the Licensee's Cable System in the Town, the Licensee may request, in writing, that the Issuing Authority convene a public hearing on that issue. The Issuing Authority shall convene said hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of a hearing request from the Licensee.

- (i) Along with said written request, the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with a written basis and written reasons for its determination of such substantial negative impact. At the public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall afford the Licensee an opportunity to present the basis and the reasons for its determination. The Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with such financial and other relevant information as is reasonably requested.
- (ii) Should the Licensee demonstrate that the Video Programming of such Multichannel Video Programming Distributor is having a substantial negative financial impact upon the Licensee's Cable System in the Town, the Issuing Authority shall make equitable amendments to this Renewal License.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION**

**SECTION 3.1 - AREA TO BE SERVED** [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §3(a)]

(a) The area to be served by the Licensee shall be limited to Crockett Road in the Town of Upton as described in Exhibit \_\_\_\_ attached hereto. Licensee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously un-served homes on Crockett Road located within one hundred twenty-five feet (125') of the Licensee's Distribution Cable. For non-Standard Installations the Licensee shall offer said service within ninety (90) days of a Subscriber requesting such for aerial installations and one hundred and eighty (180) days, weather permitting, of a Subscriber requesting such for underground installations. The Licensee shall have no obligation and this License shall not authorize the Licensee to provide Cable Service in any other areas of the Town.

(b) Installation costs shall conform to the Cable Act. Any dwelling unit within one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.) aerial or one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.) underground of the Distribution Cable shall be entitled to a Standard Installation rate, unless the sub-surface is a hard surface or requires boring through rock or a similar hard surface (i.e. concrete, asphalt, etc.). Installations of more than one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.) or which involve a hard surface or which require boring shall be provided at a rate established by the Licensee in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. For installations more than one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.), not involving a hard surface, the first one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.) shall be at the Standard Installation rate.

(c) Provided Licensee has at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice concerning the opening of residential subdivision trenching, or of the installation of conduit for the location of utilities, it shall install its cable in such trenching or conduits or may seek permission to utilize alternative trenching or conduits within a comparable time frame. If a substantial quantity of cable is required for a large subdivision and said quantity is not in stock, the Licensee shall be allowed

additional time for said installation. The Issuing Authority, or its designee, shall exercise reasonable efforts to have the Planning Board and developers give timely written notice of trenching and underground construction to the Licensee. Developer shall be responsible for the digging and back filling of all trenches.

(d) If all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all of the respective public or municipal utilities, if any, in Town are underground, the Licensee shall place its Cable Systems' transmission and distribution facilities underground; provided that (1) such underground locations are actually capable of accommodating the Licensee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality, and (2) the Licensee is reimbursed for its costs associated with such underground placement if reimbursement is made to any of the other respective utility companies in Town. Such reimbursement shall be through payment from the Town. In any area of Town where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public or municipal utilities are both aerial and underground, the Licensee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities, or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Licensee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

### **SECTION 3.2 - SUBSCRIBER NETWORK**

The Licensee shall maintain a Cable Television System, fully capable of carrying a minimum of seventy-seven (77) channels of Video Programming to Upton subscribers. Nothing in this Renewal License shall obligate the Licensee to locate its headend in the Town of Upton.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**TECHNOLOGICAL AND SAFETY STANDARDS**

**SECTION 4.1 - SYSTEM MAINTENANCE [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5]**

(a) In installing, operating and maintaining equipment, cable and wires, the Licensee shall avoid damage and injury to trees, structures and improvements in and along the routes authorized by the Issuing Authority, except as may be approved by the Issuing Authority if required for the proper installation, operation and maintenance of such equipment, cable and wires.

(b) The construction, maintenance and operation of the Cable Television System for which this Renewal License is granted shall be done in conformance with all applicable laws, bylaws of general applicability, codes and regulations, including but not limited to OSHA, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the FCC as the same exist or as same may be hereafter changed or amended.

(c) Operating and maintenance personnel shall be trained in the use of all safety equipment and the safe operation of vehicles and equipment. The Licensee shall install and maintain its equipment, cable and wires in such a manner as shall not interfere with any installations of the Town or any public utility serving the Town.

(d) All structures and all equipment, cable and wires in, over, under, and upon streets, sidewalks, alleys, and public rights of ways of the Town, wherever situated or located shall at all times be kept and maintained in a safe and suitable condition and in good order and repair.

(e) The signal of any Broadcast station carried on the Cable Television System shall be carried without material degradation in quality at all subscribing locations within the limits imposed by the technical specifications of the Cable System and as set forth by the FCC. The Cable System shall be operated and maintained so as to comply with the technical standards set forth in the FCC's rules and regulations as they apply to cable television systems.

(f) Upon written notice from the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall remedy a general deficiency with respect to the technical standards described herein within three (3) months of receipt of notice and a safety deficiency within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of notice and shall notify the Issuing Authority when the deficiency has been corrected.

#### **SECTION 4.2 - REPAIRS AND RESTORATION [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(g)]**

Whenever the Licensee takes up or disturbs any pavement, sidewalk or other improvement of any public right of way or public place, 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 the performance thereof. Upon failure of the Licensee to comply within the time specified, the Issuing Authority may cause proper restoration and repairs to be made and the expense of such work shall be paid by the Licensee upon written demand by the Issuing Authority.

#### **SECTION 4.3 - TREE TRIMMING [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(a)]**

The Licensee shall have authority to trim trees upon and overhanging public streets, alleys, sidewalks and ways and places of the Town so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires, cables and equipment of the Licensee, in accordance with applicable state law and any Town bylaws/ordinances and regulations.

#### **SECTION 4.4 - STRAND MAPS**

The Licensee shall maintain a complete set of strand maps of the Town, which will show those areas in which its facilities exist, the location of all streets and the location of all residences.



The strand maps will be retained at Licensee's primary place of business and will be available to the Issuing Authority for inspection by the Issuing Authority upon written request.

**SECTION 4.5 - BUILDING MOVES** [SEE M.G.L.c. 166 §39]

(a) In accordance with applicable laws, the Licensee shall, at its sole expense, upon the written request of any person holding a building moving permit issued by the Town, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of the building(s). The Licensee shall be given not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

(b) In either case, the Licensee shall have the right to seek reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement.

**SECTION 4.6 - DIG SAFE** [SEE M.G.L.c. 82 §40]

The Licensee shall comply with all applicable "dig safe" provisions pursuant to M.G.L.c. 82, § 40.

**SECTION 4.7 - DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION** [SEE M.G.L.c. 166 §39]

(a) The Licensee shall, at no cost to the Town, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street, or other Public Right of Ways, or remove from any street or any other Public Ways and places, any of its property as required by the Issuing Authority or its designee 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 Town department acting in a governmental capacity.

(b) In requiring the Licensee to protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate or remove any portion of its property, the Issuing Authority shall treat Licensee the same as, and require no more of Licensee, than any other similarly situated utility.

(c) In either case, the Licensee shall have the right to seek reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement.

#### **SECTION 4.8 - EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT**

(a) If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the Town, it shall be necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Issuing Authority to cut or move any of the wires, cable or equipment of the Cable Television System, the Town shall have the right to do so without cost or liability, provided however that, wherever possible, the Issuing Authority gives Licensee written notice and the ability to relocate wires, cable or other equipment.

(b) In either case, the Licensee shall have the right to seek reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **PROGRAMMING**

#### **SECTION 5.1 - BASIC CABLE SERVICE**

The Licensee shall make available a Basic Cable Service tier to all subscribers in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 534. In accordance with federal law, Licensee shall not scramble or otherwise encode, for the entire term of this License any of the Basic Cable Services.

#### **SECTION 5.2 - PROGRAMMING**

(a) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 544, the Licensee shall maintain the mix, quality and broad categories of Video Programming as set forth in **Exhibit A**. Pursuant to federal law, all Video Programming decisions, excluding PEG Access Programming, are at the sole discretion of the Licensee.

(b) Licensee shall comply with 76.309(c) (3) (i) (b) of the FCC Rules and Regulations as well as 207 CMR 10.02 of the Massachusetts Cable Television Division Rules and Regulations regarding notice of programming changes.

#### **SECTION 5.3 - CONVERTER BOX, REMOTE CONTROLS**

The Licensee shall allow Subscribers to purchase remote control devices, which are compatible with the converter installed by the Licensee, if any, and allow the use of remotes. The Licensee takes no responsibility for changes in its equipment or services that might render inoperable the remote control devices acquired by Subscribers.

#### **SECTION 5.4 - STEREO TV TRANSMISSIONS**

All Broadcast Signals that are transmitted to the Licensee's headend in stereo shall be transmitted in stereo to Subscribers.

**SECTION 5.5 – CABLE CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE**

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 532, the Licensee shall make available channel capacity for commercial use by persons unaffiliated with the Licensee. Rates for use of commercial access channels shall be negotiated between the Licensee and the commercial user in accordance with federal law.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S) AND SUPPORT**

**SECTION 6.1 – PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S)**

(a) Except as provided otherwise in Section 6.1(b) below, Licensee shall provide Milford PEG Access Programming as such is provided on the day before the Effective Date, from its Milford, Massachusetts cable television system to Subscribers within the service area as defined under Section 3.2 *infra*.

(b) In accordance with Section 6.4 *supra*, Licensee shall provide Upton PEG access programming as such is provided over other Upton, Massachusetts cable television system(s) to Subscribers within the service area defined by Section 3.2 above.

**SECTION 6.2 – PEG ACCESS PROVIDER**

Beginning on the Effective Date, the Issuing Authority and/or its designated PEG Access Corporation shall provide services to PEG Access Users and the Town as follows:

- (1) Schedule, operate and program the PEG Access channels provided in accordance with Section 6.1 above;
- (2) manage the annual funding, pursuant to Section 6.3 below;
- (3) Purchase, maintain and/or lease equipment, with the funds allocated for such purposes in Section 6.3 below;
- (4) Conduct training programs in the skills necessary to produce PEG Access Programming;
- (5) Provide technical assistance and production services to PEG Access users;
- (6) Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for use of the PEG Access Channels;

- (7) Provide publicity, fundraising, outreach, referral and other support services to PEG Access users;
- (8) Assist users in the production of Video Programming of interest to Subscribers and issues, events and activities;
- (9) Accomplish such other tasks relating to the operation, scheduling and/or management of the PEG Access Channels, facilities and equipment as appropriate and necessary; and
- (10) Establish procedures to require all local producers and Users of any of the PEG facilities or PEG channels to agree in writing to hold harmless the Licensee and the Issuing Authority from any and all liability or other injury, including reasonable costs of defending claims or litigation, arising from or in connection with claims for failure to comply with applicable federal laws, rules, regulations or other requirements of local, state or federal authorities; for claims of libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or the infringement of common law or statutory copyright; for unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark; for breach of contractual or other obligations owing to third parties by the producer or User; and for any other injury or damage in law or equity, which result from the use of a PEG Access facility or channel.

### **SECTION 6.3 – PEG ACCESS SUPPORT**

(a) Upon sixty (60) days written notice by the Issuing Authority and within six months of providing PEG Access Programming consistent with Section 6.1(b) above, Licensee shall provide annual payments equal to one percent (1%) of Licensee's Gross Annual Revenues for PEG Access Programming purposes. Said annual 1% payments shall be made payable to the Town of Upton and/or the Issuing Authority's designated PEG Access Corporation on a bi-annual basis.

(b) The first payment pursuant to Section 6.3(a) shall be made on or before sixty (60) days after the first six months that Licensee provides Upton PEG Access Programming to its Subscribers in its service area. Annually thereafter, Licensee shall provide each 1% bi-annual

payment sixty (60) days after the close of the subsequent six (6) month period that Licensee provides Upton PEG Access Programming. The final 1% bi-annual payment shall be made on or before sixty (60) days following the expiration date of this License. Said final payment shall be based on the actual days following the preceding six (6) month period that Licensee provides Upton PEG Access Programming.

#### **SECTION 6.4 – PEG ACCESS PROGRAMMING/CHANNEL INTERCONNECTION**

In the event that the Issuing Authority requires another cable television licensee to serve the entire Town of Upton and said licensee interconnects its cable television system with Licensee's Cable System's hub site or headend for the purpose of providing PEG Access programming to Licensee's Subscribers, the entire cost of said interconnection shall be the responsibility of the Town and/or the other cable television licensee(s). Upon receiving the written request of the Issuing Authority to interconnect a PEG Access channel(s), the Licensee shall, within a reasonable period of time, initiate negotiations with the other cable television licensee(s) operating in the Town in order that said interconnection related issues may be discussed. The Licensee may be granted reasonable extension of time to negotiate said interconnection upon the petition of the Licensee to the Issuing Authority. The Issuing Authority shall withdraw its request for interconnection if Licensee has negotiated in good faith and has failed to reach agreement with the other cable television licensee(s) for said interconnection of systems to provide carriage of Upton PEG Access Programming channel(s), or if the cost of the proposed interconnection would cause an unreasonable increase in subscriber rates or if the system architectures involved are incompatible for any reason. If the Issuing Authority fails to approve or disapprove said request within thirty (30) days, said request shall be deemed to have been granted.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

#### **SECTION 7.1 - CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Licensee shall comply with all customer service regulations of the FCC (47 CFR §76.309) as they exist or as they may be amended from time to time. Likewise, the Licensee shall comply with the customer service regulations promulgated by the Cable Division as they exist or as they may be amended from time to time.

#### **SECTION 7.2 - CONSUMER COMPLAINT PROCEDURES [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §10]**

Complaints by any Person as to the operation of the Cable System may be filed in writing with the Cable Division or with the Issuing Authority, each of which shall within ten (10) days forward copies of such complaints to the other. The Issuing Authority and the Cable Division shall be notified by the Licensee on forms to be prescribed by the Cable Division not less than annually, of the complaints of subscribers received during the reporting period and the manner in which they have been met, including the time required to make any necessary repairs or adjustments.

#### **SECTION 7.3 - SUBSCRIBERS' ANTENNAS - SWITCHING DEVICES [SEE M.G.L.c. 166 §5(h)]**

The Licensee shall not remove any television antenna of any Subscriber but shall, at the Licensee's actual cost, plus reasonable rate of return offer an adequate switching device to allow the Subscriber to choose between cable television and non-cable reception.

#### **SECTION 7.4 - SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(1)]**



In the event that the Licensee's service to any Subscriber is completely interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, the Licensee will grant such Subscriber a pro rata credit or rebate upon request, on a daily basis, of that portion of the service charge during the next consecutive billing cycle, or at its option, apply such credit to any outstanding balance then currently due. In the instance of other individual Subscriber service interruptions, credits shall be applied as described above after due notice to the Licensee from the Subscriber.

**SECTION 7.5 - SUBSCRIBER TELEVISION SETS [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(d)]**

The Licensee shall not engage directly or indirectly in the business of selling or repairing television sets; provided however that the Licensee may make adjustments to television sets in the course of normal maintenance.

**SECTION 7.6 - PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY**

The Licensee shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations, including 47 U.S.C. 551 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

**SECTION 7.7 – MONITORING [SEE 47 USC 551]**

Licensee shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations , including U.S.C. 551 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto pertaining to monitoring of any signal on the cable system.

**SECTION 7.8 – POLLING [SEE 47 USC 551]**

Licensee shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations , including U.S.C. 551 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto pertaining to polling of a Subscriber or user on the cable system

## **SECTION 7.9 – PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this License, the Licensee shall not be required to disclose information, which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The Issuing Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Licensee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the Issuing Authority that have a need to know in order to enforce this License and who shall agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. The Licensee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of 47 U.S.C. 551 or any other applicable federal or state privacy law. For purposes of this Section, the terms “proprietary or confidential” include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of franchise fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by the Licensee to be competitively sensitive.

## **SECTION 7.10 - EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

All of the Licensee's employees, including repair and sales personnel, entering private property shall be required to carry an employee photo identification card issued by the Licensee.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**REGULATORY OVERSIGHT**

**SECTION 8.1 - INDEMNIFICATION** [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(b)]

The Licensee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Issuing Authority, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death) that arise out of the Licensee's construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, provided that 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. If the Issuing Authority determines that it is necessary for it to employ separate counsel, the costs for such separate counsel shall be the responsibility of the Issuing Authority.

**SECTION 8.2 - INSURANCE** [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(c)]

(a) The Licensee shall carry insurance throughout the term of this Renewal License and any removal period pursuant to M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(f) with an insurance company authorized to conduct business in Massachusetts satisfactory to the Issuing Authority protecting, as required in this Renewal License, the Licensee and listing the Town as an additional insured, against any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance or removal of its Cable System. The amount of such insurance against liability for damage to property shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) 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). The amount of such insurance for excess liability shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in umbrella form. Policy

will contain a provision that the Issuing Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.

(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). Policy will contain a provision that the Issuing Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.

(c) All insurance coverage, including Workers' Compensation, shall be maintained throughout the period of this Renewal License. All expenses incurred for said insurance shall be at the sole expense of the Licensee. Policy will contain a provision that the Issuing Authority will receive thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation.

(d) The Licensee shall provide Issuing Authority with certificate(s) of insurance for all policies required herein upon expiration of policies.

### **SECTION 8.3 - PERFORMANCE BOND [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(k)]**

(a) The Licensee has submitted and shall maintain throughout the duration of this Renewal License and any removal period pursuant to M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(f) a performance bond in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) running to the Town with a surety company satisfactory to the Issuing Authority to guarantee the following terms:

- (1) The satisfactory completion of the installation and operation of the Cable System in the time schedule provided herein and otherwise of M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5 (a), (m) and (n);
  - (2) The satisfactory restoration of pavements, sidewalks and other improvements in accordance with M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(g);
  - (3) The indemnity of the Town in accordance with M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(b);
- and

(4) The satisfactory removal or other disposition of the Cable System in accordance with M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(f).

(b) The Licensee shall not reduce the amount or cancel said bond, or materially change the terms of said bond from the provisions of Section 9.3(a) herein without the Issuing Authority's prior written consent. The Issuing Authority shall not unreasonably withhold its consent.

**SECTION 8.4 – FRANCHISE AND LICENSE FEES [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §9]**

(a) To the extent required by M.G.L.c. 166A, Section 9, during the term of the Renewal License the annual License Fee payable to the Issuing Authority shall be the maximum allowable by law, per Subscriber served as of the last day of the preceding calendar year, payable on or before March 15th of the said year. Pursuant to M.G.L.c. 166A, § 9, this fee is currently fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber, but not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) annually.

(b) In accordance with Section 622(b) of the Cable Act, 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. Gross Annual Revenues shall not include the following: (i) interest due herein to the Issuing Authority because of late payments; and (ii) any other exclusion to the term "Franchise Fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(2) of the Cable Act.

(c) All payments by the Licensee to the Town pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Town and deposited with the Town Treasurer unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

**SECTION 8.5 - REPORTS [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §8 and §10]**

(a) The Licensee shall file annually with the Cable Division on forms prescribed by the Cable Division, a sworn statement of its revenues and expenses for official use only. In addition, the Licensee shall also file with the Cable Division, a financial balance sheet and statement of

ownership which shall be supplied upon written request of the Issuing Authority. These requirements shall be subject to the regulations of the Cable Division.

(b) In addition, the Licensee shall maintain for public inspection all records required by the FCC and as specified in 47 CFR §76.305 in the manner prescribed therein.

#### **SECTION 8.6 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **SECTION 8.7 - REVOCATION OF LICENSE [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §11]**

The License issued hereunder may, after due written notice and hearing, be revoked by the Issuing Authority or the Cable Division for any of the following reasons:

- (a) For false or misleading statements in, or material omissions from, the application submitted under M.G.L.c. 166A, § 4;
- (b) For failure to file and maintain the performance bond as described in Section 9.3 (Performance Bond) or to maintain insurance as described in Section 9.2 (Insurance);
- (c) For repeated violations, as determined by the Cable Division, of commitments of the license as set forth in M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5(j);
- (d) For repeated failure, as determined by the Cable Division, to maintain signal quality pursuant to the standards provided for by the FCC and/or Cable Division;
- (e) For any transfer or assignment of the Renewal License or control thereof without consent of the Issuing Authority in violation of Section 9.9 herein;
- (f) For repeated failure to comply with the material terms and conditions herein requires by this M.G.L.c. 166A, § 5; and
- (g) For failure to complete construction in accordance with the provisions of the Renewal License.

## **SECTION 8.8 - NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

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 this 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; or

(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 forty-five (45) 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 (i) the Licensee fails to respond to such notice of default; and/or (ii) the Licensee fails to cure the default or to take reasonable steps to cure the default within the required forty-five (45) 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, question witnesses, if any, and be heard at such public hearing.

(d) Within thirty (30) days after said public hearing, the Issuing Authority shall issue a written determination of its findings. In the event that the Issuing Authority determines that the Licensee is in such default, the Issuing Authority may determine to pursue any lawful remedy available to it.

(e) In the event that (i) the Issuing Authority fails to issue a written reply within 30 days accepting or rejecting Licensees' response pursuant to 9.8(a) above; (ii) the Issuing Authority fails to issue a written acknowledgement after Licensee's notice that it cured said default pursuant to 9.8(b) above; and/or (iii) the Issuing Authority fails to schedule a public hearing no later than thirty (30) days of having sent a written notice consistent with Section 9.8(c) above and/or (iv) the Issuing authority fails to issue a written determination with thirty (30) days after the public hearing pursuant to Section 9.8(d) above, then the issue of said default against the Licensee by the Issuing Authority shall be considered null and void.

#### **SECTION 8.9 - TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §7]**

This Renewal License or control hereof shall not be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of the Issuing Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld. The consent of the Issuing Authority shall be given only after a hearing upon written application therefore on forms prescribed by the Cable Division. The application for consent to an assignment or transfer shall be signed by the Licensee and by the proposed assignee or transferee or by their representatives, evidence of whose authority shall be submitted with the application. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for consent, the Issuing Authority shall, in accordance with State and FCC rules and regulations, notify the Licensee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial, technical and managerial qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the Issuing Authority has not taken action on the Licensee's request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed given.

#### **SECTION 8.10 - REMOVAL OF SYSTEM [SEE M.G.L.c. 166A §5(f)]**

Upon termination of this Renewal License or of any renewal hereof by passage of time or otherwise, the Licensee shall remove its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution



systems and other appurtenances from the streets, ways, lanes, alleys, parkways, bridges, highways, and other public and private places in, over, under, or along which they are installed and shall restore the areas to their original condition. If such removal is not completed within six (6) months of such termination, the Issuing Authority or property owner may deem any property not removed as having been abandoned.

#### **SECTION 8.11 - INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

(a) All presently and hereafter applicable conditions and requirements of federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to M.G.L.c. 166A, and the rules and regulations of the FCC and the Cable Division, as they may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent not enumerated herein. All such general laws, rules, and regulations, as amended, shall control the interpretation and performance of this Renewal License to the extent that any provision of this Renewal License conflicts with or is inconsistent with such laws, rules or regulations.

(b) Should the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the federal government or the FCC require the Licensee to perform or refrain from performing any act the performance or non-performance of which is inconsistent with any provisions herein, the Issuing Authority and the Licensee will thereupon, if they determine that a material provision herein is affected, modify any of the provisions herein to reflect such government action.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 9.1 - SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Renewal License is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9.2 - FORCE MAJEURE**

If for any reason of force majeure the Licensee is unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations hereunder, said Licensee shall not be deemed in violation or default during the continuance of such inability. Unless further limited elsewhere in this License, the term "force majeure" as used herein shall have the following meaning: strikes; acts of god; acts of public enemies, orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivisions, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots, epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; tornados; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts, arrests; civil disturbances; explosions; partial or entire failure of utilities; unavailability of materials and/or essential equipment, environmental restrictions or any other cause or event not reasonably within the Licensee's control.

### **SECTION 9.3 - NOTICES**

(a) Every notice to be served upon the Issuing Authority shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the following address or such other address as the Issuing Authority may specify in writing to the Licensee.

Town of Upton  
Attn: Board of Selectmen  
One Main Street  
Upton, MA 01568

(b) Every notice served upon the Licensee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the following address or such other address as the Licensee may specify in writing to the Issuing Authority.

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: Director of Government & Community Relations  
55 Concord St  
North Reading, MA 01864

With copies to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: Vice President, Government Affairs  
676 Island Pond Road  
Manchester, NH 03109

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: Government Affairs  
1500 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

(c) Delivery of such notices shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt.

### **SECTION 9.4 - 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 without written amendment.

## **SECTION 9.5 - 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 sections shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Renewal License.

## **SECTION 9.6 - WARRANTIES**

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

- (a) The Licensee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State;
- (b) 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 date of execution 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;
- (c) This Renewal License is enforceable against the Licensee in accordance with the provisions herein; and
- (d) There is no action or proceedings pending or threatened against the Licensee, which would interfere with performance of this Renewal License.

## **SECTION 9.7 - APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL LICENSE**

All of the provisions in this Renewal License shall apply to the Town, the Licensee, and their respective successors and assigns

**SECTION 9.12 - NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**


Nothing in this Renewal License is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Renewal License.


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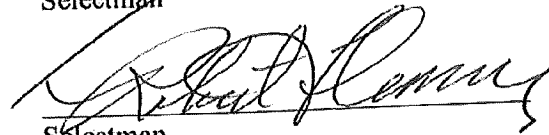
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**COMCAST OF MASSACHUSETTS I, INC.**

By:

  
Tracy Pitcher  
Senior Vice President  
Greater Boston Region

**EXHIBIT A**

**PROGRAMMING**

Licensee shall provide the following broad categories of Video Programming:

- News Programming;
- Sports Programming;
- Public Affairs Programming;
- Children's Programming;
- Entertainment Programming; and
- Local Programming (consistent with MOU dated 7-17-06)