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Shonda Green, Secretary
Mass. Department of Telecommunications and Cable
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RE: City of Woburn Verizon Renewal License and Issuing Authority Filing

Dear Secretary Green:

The City of Woburn, by Mayor Michael Concannon, in his capacity as cable television license Issuing Authority, awarded a renewal license to Verizon New England. effective November 13, 2025, a copy of which is transmitted herewith. The City has requested, pursuant to 207 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 3.06, that I submit this letter on behalf of the City to file the license with the Department and as the Issuing Authority's written public statement reporting the license grant.

The Issuing Authority states as reasons for the grant that it found that the Licensee, among other things, substantially met the renewal criteria set forth in the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. §546 and 207 CMR 3.06. Further to the foregoing, the Issuing Authority found that the Licensee has the financial, legal and technical ability qualifying it to operate a cable system under a renewal license and Licensee's proposals were reasonable to meet the cable needs of the City and public. The Licensee's commitments to support the City's local channels and operations were, among other things, material reasons for the Issuing Authority's renewal grant.

Please enter this statement with the Woburn renewal license in the Department's files. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Enclosure

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Mayor Michael Concannon, City of Woburn Mark Salvati, City Solicitor, City of Woburn Theresa Borelli, Law Department, City of Woburn Peter Epstein, Esq., Epstein & August, LLP John Harrington, Kerbey Harrington Pinkard

## CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL LICENSE

## GRANTED TO VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.

THE MAYOR
of the
CITY OF WOBURN,
MASSACHUSETTS

**NOVEMBER 13, 2025** 

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## **EXHIBIT**

EXHIBIT A – PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED CABLE SERVICE SUBJECT TO SECTION 3.3

THIS CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL LICENSE AGREEMENT (this "License") is entered into by and between the Mayor of the City of Woburn, as Issuing Authority for the grant of cable television license(s) pursuant to the Massachusetts Cable Law and Verizon New England Inc., a corporation duly organized under the applicable laws of the State of New York (the "Licensee").

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority is a "franchising authority" in accordance with Title VI (as hereinafter defined) (see 47 U.S.C. § 522(10)) and is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive cable licenses pursuant to the Massachusetts Cable Law;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority granted to Licensee effective as of November 13, 2020, a nonexclusive renewal License to install, maintain, extend, and operate a Cable System in the City for a term of five (5) years (the "2020 Renewal License");

WHEREAS, the Licensee has operated a Cable System in accordance with the 2020 Renewal License as of the effective date on its existing Telecommunications Facilities consisting of a Fiber to the Premises Telecommunications Network ("FTTP Network") in the City which also transmits Non-Cable Services pursuant to authority granted by M.G.L. c. 166 and Title II, which Non-Cable Services are not subject to the Massachusetts Cable Law or Title VI;

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable federal and State law, the Issuing Authority undertook a process to determine whether it should renew the 2020 Renewal License and the terms for such a renewal;

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority has examined the past performance of Licensee and has determined that Licensee is and has been in material compliance with the 2020 Renewal License and applicable law;

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable federal and State law, the Licensee submitted to the Issuing Authority a proposal to renew the 2020 Renewal License to operate a Cable System in the City; and

WHEREAS, following good faith negotiations between the parties, the Issuing Authority and Licensee have agreed on the terms for a renewal License under which Licensee will continue to operate its Cable System in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Issuing Authority's grant of a renewal license to the Licensee, the Licensee's promise to continue providing Cable Service to residents of the City pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and the adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged,

THE SIGNATORIES HERETO DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and word usages set forth in the Communications Act are incorporated herein and shall apply in this License. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1.1. Access Channel: A video Channel which Licensee shall make available to the City and/or the PEG Access Designee without charge for non-commercial public, educational, or governmental use for the transmission of Video Programming as directed by the Issuing Authority and in accordance with the terms of this License.
- 1.2. Affiliate: Any Person who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, the Licensee.
- 1.3. Basic Service Tier: Any service tier which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals as well as the PEG Access Channels required by this License.
- 1.4. Cable Division: The Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("DTC") or successor governmental agency if any.
- 1.5. Cable Service or Cable Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(6) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).
- 1.6. Cable System or System: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(7) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(7), meaning Licensee's 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. The Cable System shall be limited to the optical spectrum wavelength(s), bandwidth or future technological capacity that is used for the transmission of Cable Services directly to Subscribers within the City and shall not include the tangible Telecommunications Facilities of Licensee subject in whole or in part to Title II or of an Information Services provider.
- 1.7. Channel: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(4) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).
  - 1.8. City: The City of Woburn.
  - 1.9. CMR: The Code of Massachusetts Regulations.
  - 1.10. Communications Act: The Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.11. Control: The ability to exercise de facto or de jure control over day-to-day policies and operations or the management of corporate affairs.
- 1.12. Educational Access Channel: An Access Channel available for the non-commercial use of local public schools in the City, as well as the PEG Access Designee, as determined by the Issuing Authority.

- 1.13. FCC: The United States Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.
- 1.14. Force Majeure: 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 subdivisions, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; civil disturbances; explosions; strikes, labor disturbances or lockouts; unavailability of essential equipment, services and/or materials beyond the control of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee and/or other matters beyond the control of the Issuing Authority, the City or the Licensee, and unreasonable work delays beyond the reasonable control of the parties.
- 1.15. FTTP Network: The network constructed and operated by the Licensee and having the meaning set forth in the recitals of this License.
- 1.16. Government Access Channel: An Access Channel made available by the Licensee for use of the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee as determined by the Issuing Authority to present non-commercial governmental and government-related programming as determined by the Issuing Authority.
- 1.17. Gross Revenue: All revenue, determined in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), which is derived by Licensee and/or its Affiliates from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the City, including, without limitation, the following items: fees, charges and payments collected from Subscribers, including commercial Subscribers, for Cable Service (including, but not limited to, basic and premium Cable Service, video-on-demand Cable Service and pay-per-view Cable Service; installation, reconnection, change-in-service (upgrades, downgrades, etc.) and similar charges; revenue received from rentals or sales to Subscribers of converters, remote controls and other Subscriber equipment used to provide Cable Service over the Cable System; additional outlet fees; fees from third parties for leased access programming; revenue that the Licensee receives from home shopping channels for the use of the Cable System to sell merchandise as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the City based on the number of Subscribers; advertising revenue as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the City based on the number of Subscribers; and all fees, charges and costs imposed on the Licensee by this License and applicable law that are passed through and paid by Subscribers (including the License Fee, the PEG Access Support, and the PEG Grant as long as the Issuing Authority provides evidence that the PEG Grant of the other cable provider(s) in the City is included in their respective gross revenue). Gross Revenue shall include revenue of an Affiliate only to the extent that such Affiliate revenue relates to the provision of Cable Services over the Cable System in the City, and not the revenue of any such Affiliate that are not related thereto. In no event shall revenue of an Affiliate be Gross Revenue to the Licensee if such revenue is otherwise subject to Franchise Fees and paid to the Issuing Authority.

Provided, however, that Gross Revenue shall not include:

- 1.17.1. Revenue received by any Affiliate or other Person in exchange for supplying goods or services used by Licensee to provide Cable Service over the Cable System, except to the extent that such revenue are derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the City;
- 1.17.2. Bad debts written off by Licensee in the normal course of its business, provided, however, that bad debt recoveries shall be included in Gross Revenue during the period collected;
  - 1.17.3. Refunds, rebates or discounts made to Subscribers;
- 1.17.4. Any revenue classified as Non-Cable Services revenue under federal or State law including, without limitation, revenue received from Telecommunications Services; or revenue received from Information Services, including, without limitation, internet access service, electronic mail service, electronic bulletin board service, or similar online computer services; charges made to the public for commercial or cable television that is used for two-way communication; and any other revenue attributed by Licensee to Non-Cable Services in accordance with FCC or state public utility regulatory commission rules, regulations, standards or orders;
- 1.17.5. Any revenue of Licensee or any other Person which is received directly from the sale of merchandise through any Cable Service distributed over the Cable System, notwithstanding that portion of such revenue which represents or can be attributed to a Subscriber fee or a third-party payment for the use of the Cable System for the sale of such merchandise, which portion shall be included in Gross Revenue. (For clarification, as set forth in the inclusions in Section 1.17, Gross Revenues shall include revenues that the Licensee receives from home shopping channels as prorated to include such revenue attributable to the Cable System in the City based on the number of Subscribers,);
- 1.17.6. The sale of Cable Services on the Cable System for resale in which the purchaser is required to collect cable license fees from purchaser's customer;
- 1.17.7. The sale of Cable Services to customers which are exempt, as required or allowed by the City including, without limitation, the provision of Cable Services to public institutions as required or permitted herein;
- 1.17.8. Any tax of general applicability imposed upon Licensee or upon Subscribers by a city, state, federal or any other governmental entity and required to be collected by Licensee and remitted to the taxing entity (including, but not limited to, sales/use tax, gross receipts tax, excise tax, utility users tax, public service tax, communication taxes and non-cable license fees);
- 1.17.9. Any foregone revenue which Licensee chooses not to receive in exchange for its provision of free or reduced cost cable or other communications services to any Person, including without limitation, employees of Licensee and public institutions or other institutions designated in this License; provided, however, that such foregone revenue which Licensee chooses not to receive in exchange for trades, barters, services or other items of value shall be included in Gross Revenue:

- 1.17.10. Revenue from the sales of capital assets or sales of surplus equipment provided that this exclusion shall not include sales to Subscribers of converters, remote controls and other Subscriber equipment for the provision of Cable Service over the Cable System;
- 1.17.11. Reimbursement by programmers to Licensee of marketing costs incurred by Franchisee for the introduction of new programming; and
- 1.17.12. Directory or Internet advertising revenue including, but not limited to, yellow page, white page, banner advertisement and electronic publishing.
- 1.18. High-Definition (HD) PEG Access Channel: A PEG Access Channel in the high-definition display format for digital television transmissions with video transmitted in a 16:9 aspect ratio with a resolution of 720p or 1080i.
- 1.19. Information Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(24).
  - 1.20. Issuing Authority: The Mayor of the City of Woburn, Massachusetts.
- 1.21. License Fee or Franchise Fee: The payments to be made by the Licensee to the City, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(g), including payments made by the Licensee to the City pursuant to Section 9 of the Massachusetts Cable Law (M.G.L. Chapter 166A).
- 1.22. Licensee: Verizon New England Inc., and its lawful and permitted successors, assigns and transferees.
- 1.23. Massachusetts Cable Law: Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 1.24. *Non-Cable Services*: Any service that does not constitute the provision of Cable Services, including, but not limited to, Information Services and Telecommunications Services.
  - 1.25. *PEG*: Public, educational, and governmental.
- 1.26. PEG Access Channel: An Access Channel made available to the City and/or the PEG Access Designee for PEG Access Programming pursuant to the terms of this License, and managed by the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee as determined by the Issuing Authority.
- 1.27. PEG Access Designee: Any non-commercial entity or entities designated by the Issuing Authority for the purpose of owning and/or operating the equipment and facilities used in the production and/or broadcast of PEG Access Channel programming for the Issuing Authority, including, but not limited to the City itself, the Woburn Public Schools and/or any non-profit Access Corporation.

- 1.28. PEG Access Programming: Non-commercial Video Programming transmitted on the PEG Access Channel(s) pursuant to the terms of this License and applicable laws.
- 1.29. *Person*: An individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.
- 1.30. Public Access Channel: An Access Channel made available by the Licensee for the non-commercial use by the residents in the City and/or the PEG Access Designee as determined by the Issuing Authority.
- 1.31. Public Rights-of-Way: The surface and the area across, in, over, along, upon and below the surface of the public streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, lanes, courts, ways, alleys, and boulevards, including public utility easements, and public lands used as Public Rights-of-Way, as the same now or may thereafter exist, which are under the jurisdiction or control of the City. Public Rights-of-Way do not include the airwaves above a right-of-way with regard to cellular or other non-wire communications or broadcast services. Reference herein to a "Public Rights-of-Way" 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.
  - 1.32. Service Area: The entire existing territorial limits of the City.
- 1.33. Standard-Definition ("SD") 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 of 480i.
  - 1.34. State: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 1.35. Subscriber: Any Person who lawfully receives Cable Service distributed over the Cable System with Licensee's express permission.
- 1.36. Telecommunications Facilities: Licensee's existing Telecommunications Services and Information Services facilities, including the FTTP Network.
- 1.37. Telecommunication Services: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(53).
- 1.38. *Title II*: Title II of the Communications Act, Common Carriers, as amended, under which Licensee has upgraded its network with the FTTP Network.
- 1.39. Title VI: Title VI of the Communications Act, Cable Communications, as amended, which governs only the provision of Cable Services by Licensee.
- 1.40. Transfer of the License: Any transaction in which: an ownership or other interest in Licensee is transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly, from one Person or group of Persons to another Person or group of Persons, so that Control of Licensee is transferred; or the rights held by Licensee under this License are transferred or assigned to another Person or group

of Persons. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, a *Transfer of the License* shall not include transfer of an ownership or other interest in Licensee to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; transfer of an interest in this License or the rights held by the Licensee under the License to the parent of Licensee or to another Affiliate of Licensee; any action which is the result of a merger of the parent of the Licensee; or any action which is the result of a merger of another Affiliate of the Licensee.

- 1.41. Video Programming or Programming: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602(20) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(20).
- 1.42. Video Service Provider or VSP: Any entity using any portion of the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Video Programming services to multiple subscribers within the territorial boundaries of the City, for purchase, barter, or free of charge, regardless of the transmission method, facilities or technologies used. A VSP shall include, but is not limited to, any entity using any portion of the Public Rights-of-Way that provides Cable Services, multichannel multipoint distribution services, broadcast satellite services, satellite delivered services, wireless services, and internet-protocol based services within the territorial boundaries of the City.

## 2. GRANT OF AUTHORITY; LIMITS AND RESERVATIONS

- 2.1. Grant of Authority: Subject to the terms and conditions of this License and the Massachusetts Cable Law, the Issuing Authority hereby grants the Licensee the right to own, operate and maintain a Cable System along the Public Rights-of-Way within the City, in order to provide Cable Service. No privilege or power of eminent domain is bestowed by this grant; nor is such a privilege or power bestowed by this License.
- 2.2. Issuing Authority Does Not Regulate Telecommunications: The Issuing Authority's regulatory authority under Title VI does not extend to the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the FTTP Network to the extent the FTTP Network is constructed, installed, maintained and operated for the purpose of upgrading and/or extending Verizon's existing Telecommunications Facilities for the provision of Non-Cable Services.
- 2.3. Term: The term of this License shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on November 13, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), and shall expire at midnight on November 12, 2030, unless sooner revoked or terminated as provided herein.
- 2.4. Termination Generally: Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, Licensee may terminate this License upon one hundred and eighty (180) days' written notice to the Issuing Authority. Licensee shall not provide the notice of termination sooner than the beginning of the 31st month following the Effective Date.

## 2.5. Modification/Termination Based on VSP Requirements:

2.5.1. If the Issuing Authority enters into any cable franchise, cable license or similar agreement with a VSP to provide Video Programming services to residential subscribers in the City with terms or conditions materially less burdensome than those imposed by this License, Licensee and the Issuing Authority shall, within sixty (60) days of the Issuing Authority's receipt of Licensee's written notice thereof, commence negotiations to modify this License to

provide that this License is not on terms or conditions materially more burdensome than the terms in any such cable franchise, cable license or similar agreement. Any modification of this License pursuant to the terms of this Section shall not trigger the requirements of 207 CMR § 3.07. The PEG Grant and PEG Access Support, as respectively provided in Sections 6.3 and 6.4, will not be subject to modification under this Section 2.5.1, 2.5.2 or 2.5.3.

- 2.5.2. Licensee's notice pursuant to Section 2.5.1 shall specify the cable franchise, cable license or similar agreement and the materially less burdensome terms or conditions as set out in Section 2.5.1 above. Licensee shall respond to reasonable information requests from the City, as may be necessary to review the same.
- 2.5.3. In the event the parties do not, subject to the procedure and criteria above, reach mutually acceptable agreement on a modification as set out above, Licensee shall in its sole discretion, have the option of exercising any of the following actions:
- (a) Commencing License renewal proceedings in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 546 with the License term being accelerated, thus being deemed to expire thirty-six (36) months from the date of Licensee's written notice to seek relief hereunder;
- (b) Terminating the License in no less than thirty-six (36) months from written notice to the Issuing Authority;
- (c) If agreed by both parties, submitting the matter to commercial arbitration by a mutually-selected arbitrator in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association; or
- (d) If agreed by both parties, submitting the matter to mediation by a mutually acceptable mediator.
- 2.5.4. Modification of the PEG Grant and PEG Access Support under this License shall, as applicable, be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 5.3 and 5.4 hereunder. As stated above, PEG Grant and PEG Access Support are not subject to modification under Sections 2.5.1, 2.5.2 or 2.5.3.
- 2.6. Grant Not Exclusive: This License and the rights granted herein to use and occupy the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Cable Services shall not be exclusive, and the Issuing Authority reserves the right to grant other licenses for similar uses or for other uses of the Public Rights-of-Way, or any portions thereof, to any Person, or to make any such use themselves, at any time during the term of this License. Any such rights which are granted shall not adversely impact the authority as granted under this License and shall not interfere with the Cable System or the FTTP Network.
- 2.7. License Subject to Federal Law: Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, this License is subject to and shall be governed by all applicable provisions of federal law as it may be amended, including but not limited to the Communications Act.

#### 2.8. No Waiver:

- 2.8.1. The failure of the City on one or more occasions to exercise a right or to require compliance or performance under this License, the Massachusetts Cable Law or any other applicable law shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of compliance or performance by the City, nor to excuse Licensee from complying or performing, unless such right or such compliance or performance has been specifically waived in writing.
- 2.8.2. The failure of the Licensee on one or more occasions to exercise a right under this License or applicable law, or to require performance under this License, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or of performance of this License, nor shall it excuse the City from performance, unless such right or performance has been specifically waived in writing.

#### 2.9. Construction of License:

- 2.9.1. The provisions of this License shall be liberally construed to effectuate their objectives.
- 2.9.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the scope or applicability of Section 625 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 545.
- 2.9.3. Should any change to state law have the lawful effect of materially altering the terms and conditions of this License, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate the negative effects on the Licensee of the material alteration. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced modification to this License, then Licensee may terminate this License without further obligation to the City or, at Licensee's option, the parties agree to submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association.
- 2.10. Police Powers: Nothing in this License shall be construed to prohibit the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the City's police powers. However, if the reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of the City's police power results in any material alteration of the terms and conditions of this License, then the parties shall modify this License to the mutual satisfaction of both parties to ameliorate the negative effects on the Licensee of the material alteration. If the parties cannot reach agreement on the above-referenced modification to this License, then Licensee may terminate this License without further obligation to the City or, at Licensee's option, the parties agree to submit the matter to binding arbitration in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association.
- 2.11. Compliance with Federal and State Privacy Laws: Licensee shall comply with the privacy provisions of Section 631 of the Communications Act and all other applicable federal and State privacy laws and regulations. The parties agree that, during the term hereof, Licensee shall not be subject to any local laws or bylaws which conflict with such applicable federal and/or State privacy laws, or which would impose additional or distinct requirements upon Licensee with respect to Subscriber privacy other than those which are expressly set forth in applicable federal and/or State privacy laws.

## 3. PROVISION OF CABLE SERVICE

#### 3.1. Service Area:

3.1.1. Subject to the issuance of all necessary permits by the City, the Licensee shall continue to offer Cable Service to all residential households in the City, except: (A) for periods of Force Majeure; (B) for periods of delay caused by the City; (C) for periods of delay resulting from Licensee's inability to obtain authority from the City to access Public Rights-of-Way in the City; (D) in areas where developments or buildings are subject to claimed exclusive arrangements with other providers; (E) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units that the Licensee cannot obtain permission to access under reasonable terms and conditions after good faith negotiations, as reasonably determined by the Licensee; (F) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units where Licensee is unable to provide Cable Service for technical reasons or which require non-standard facilities which are not available on a commercially reasonable basis, including, but not limited to, circumstances where Licensee cannot access the area, development, buildings or other residential dwelling units; (G) in areas where the occupied residential household density does not meet the density requirement set forth in Section 3.1.2; and (H) in areas, developments, buildings or other residential dwelling units that are not habitable or where the Licensee determines, in good faith, that providing such service is not commercially reasonable; and (H) to Subscribers who fail to abide by Licensee's terms and conditions of service.

3.1.1. Density Requirement: Subject to Section 3.1.1, the Licensee shall make Cable Services available to residential dwelling units in all areas of the City where the average density as of the Effective Date is equal to or greater than thirty (30) occupied residential dwelling units per mile as measured in strand footage from the nearest technically feasible point on the active FTTP Network trunk or feeder line.

3.2. Availability of Cable Service: Licensee shall make Cable Service available to all residential dwelling units, and may make Cable Service available to businesses, within the City in conformance with Section 3.1 and Licensee shall not discriminate between or among any individuals in the availability of Cable Service. In the areas in which Licensee provides Cable Service, Licensee shall be required to connect, at Licensee's expense, all residential dwelling units that are within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of trunk or feeder lines not otherwise already served by Licensee's FTTP Network. Licensee shall be allowed to recover, from a Subscriber that requests such connection, actual costs incurred for residential dwelling unit connections that exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) feet and actual costs incurred to connect any non-residential dwelling unit Subscriber subject to Licensee not undertaking any such connection until the Subscriber consents to reimburse the Licensee for the cost, the cost of which shall, if requested by the Subscriber, be disclosed to the Subscriber in advance of Licensee's work on such a connection.

3.3. Cable Service to Public Buildings: In accordance with applicable provisions of the FCC's 2019 Third Report and Order In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621 of the Cable Act (the "621 Order") and the decision on appeal by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, within a reasonable period of time following the Effective Date, the Licensee may provide written notice to the Issuing Authority regarding the manner and process by which the

Licensee shall implement the 621 Order's requirements regarding the provision of free or discounted Cable Service to public buildings under the franchise agreement. Subject to Section 3.1, if requested in writing by the LFA and within sixty (60) days following such request, Licensee shall provide a cable drop, an outlet and monthly Basic Service to public buildings in the City. Without limiting the foregoing, Licensee shall comply with Section 5(e) of the Massachusetts Cable Law. The current list of public buildings is set forth in Exhibit A. The parties hereto agree that the exercise of any conditional obligations set forth in this Section 3.2 shall not constitute a modification or amendment of the License within the meaning of 207 CMR 3.07. For clarification, until such time as Licensee shall give the Issuing Authority notice of the manner and process by which the 621 Order shall be implemented and implements same as provided for above, the buildings as listed in **Exhibit A** shall receive such service as is the subject of this Section 3.3 as provided by Licensee as of the Effective Date and shall be governed by M.G.L. c. 166A § 5 with respect to additional municipal and public school buildings along the cable routes until such time as said notice is implemented by Licensee.

## 4. <u>SYSTEM OPERATION</u>

The parties recognize that the FTTP Network is constructed, operated and maintained as an upgrade to and/or an extension of Licensee's existing Telecommunications Facilities under Title II and M.G.L. c. 166. The jurisdiction of the City over such Telecommunications Facilities is restricted by federal and state law, and the City does not and will not assert jurisdiction over Licensee's FTTP Network in contravention of those limitations.

## 5. **SYSTEM FACILITIES**

- 5.1. System Characteristics: Licensee's Cable System shall meet or exceed the following requirements:
- 5.1.1. The Cable System shall be operated with an initial digital passband of 50-860 MHz.
- 5.1.2. The Cable System shall be operated to be an active two-way plant for subscriber interaction, if any, required for the selection or use of Cable Service.
- 5.1.3. The Cable System shall comply with applicable FCC technical standards, as such standards may be amended from time to time.
- 5.1.4 The Cable System shall conform in all material respects to the following standards to the extent applicable: Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the Massachusetts Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the Cable Division and the FCC.
- 5.2. *Interconnection:* The Licensee shall operate its Cable System so that it may be interconnected with other cable systems in the City. Interconnection of systems may be made by direct cable connection, microwave link, satellite, or other appropriate methods.

5.3. Emergency Alert System: Licensee shall comply with the Emergency Alert System ("EAS") requirements of the FCC and applicable State and local EAS plans in order that emergency messages may be distributed over the Cable System.

#### 6. PEG ACCESS SERVICES AND SUPPORT

#### 6.1. PEG Access Channels:

- 6.1.1. The Licensee shall continue to make available to the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee, as designated in writing by the Issuing Authority, capacity for three (3) SD PEG Access Channels on its Basic Service Tier. In accordance with Section 6.1.2 below, the Issuing Authority may also request one (1) HD PEG Access Channel for a total of four (4) PEG Access Channels.
- 6.1.2. In addition to the three (3) SD PEG Access Channels referenced above, the Licensee shall make one (1) HD PEG Access Channel available to the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee, as designated in writing by the Issuing Authority, as follows: Starting on the Effective Date of this License, the Issuing Authority may make a written request for such an HD PEG Access Channel to the Licensee. Upon receipt of the Issuing Authority's written request, the Licensee shall make such an HD PEG Access Channel available to the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee within two hundred seventy (270) days of the Licensee's receipt of such written notice. The Issuing Authority shall include in the written notice a statement of whether the programming on such HD PEG Access Channel shall either be a simulcast of existing SD PEG Access Channel programming or distinct programming. The Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee, as determined by the Issuing Authority, may subsequently change the programming on the HD PEG Access Channel from an SD PEG Access Channel simulcast in HD to distinct programming, or from distinct programming to an HD simulcast of an existing SD PEG Access Channel, upon one hundred eighty (180) days prior written notice from the Issuing Authority to the Licensee which change shall not occur more than once during the License term. To the extent permitted by law, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from Subscribers applicable costs incurred to transmit HD PEG Access Channel programming of any type.
- 6.1.3. All programming content for the HD PEG Access Channel shall be transmitted to Licensee in HD-SDI format with a resolution of 720p or 1080i. The Issuing Authority expressly acknowledges that an HD PEG Access Channel may not be available at all times during the term of this License on Licensee's Basic Service Tier and that in order to view the HD PEG Access Channel, a Subscriber may be required to upgrade equipment at an additional charge.
- 6.1.4. The Licensee may carry PEG Access Programming within and outside the City's jurisdictional boundaries, provided that PEG Access Programming from outside the City which is carried in the City shall not be cablecast on the PEG Access Channels made available to the Issuing Authority and/or the PEG Access Designee. The Licensee reserves the right to make or change PEG Access Channel assignments in its sole discretion. If a PEG Access Channel provided under this Article is not being utilized by the City and/or the PEG Access Designee, the Licensee may utilize such PEG Access Channel by providing at least sixty (60) days advance written notice to the Issuing Authority. In the event that the Issuing Authority and/or the

PEG Access Designee determines to use such PEG Access capacity for PEG Access purposes, the Issuing Authority shall have the right to utilize such PEG Access Channel by providing at least sixty (60) days advance written notice to the Licensee.

6.1.5. The Licensee shall monitor the PEG Access Channels for technical quality consistent with applicable FCC technical standards, as such standards may be amended from time to time, and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards the same as those which apply to the Cable System's commercial channels of similar format and resolution; provided that the Licensee is not responsible for the production quality of PEG Access Programming productions, nor for any deficiencies in the signal that it receives from the City and/or the PEG Access Designee. Upon the written request of the Issuing Authority, the Licensee shall make available to the City a copy of the Licensee's most recent annual performance tests, if there are any to provide.

#### 6.2. PEG Interconnection and Cablecasting:

6.2.1. The Licensee shall continue to connect its Cable System to equipment owned by the City and/or the PEG Access Designee at the Woburn High School, 88 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801 (the "PEG Interconnection Site"). The Issuing Authority or, if designated by the Issuing Authority in writing to Licensee, the PEG Access Designee, shall be required to pay Licensee for all costs associated with: (i) any equipment upgrade where the need for the upgrade is initiated by the Issuing Authority or PEG Access Designee; (ii) relocating any connection where the need for relocation is initiated by the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee; (iii) re-installing and/or replacing any connection at an existing location where the need for such re-installation and/or replacement is caused by the City and initiated by the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee; or (iv) installing any new connection if initiated by the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee; provided, however, that Issuing Authority and/or PEG Access Designee responsibility for the foregoing costs is subject to the Issuing Authority's express written consent, and subject further to Licensee's prior disclosure of such costs and prior consent to same by the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee. Any upgrade or change referenced in subsections (i) through (iv) above required in order for PEG Access Channel cablecasting or PEG Access Channel programming as provided to Subscribers to meet a requirement of applicable law or regulation, or in order to remedy a defect in equipment or facilities Licensee is responsible for pursuant to this License, including with respect to video or audio quality, shall not be deemed to be "initiated" by the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee.

6.2.2. The demarcation point between the Licensee's signal processing equipment (which the Licensee shall own, install and maintain) and the City's and/or the PEG Access Designee's PEG equipment shall be at the output of the City's and/or the PEG Access Designee's signal processing equipment at the PEG Interconnection Site. The City and/or the PEG Access Designee shall be solely responsible for operating its switching equipment and the picture and audio quality of all PEG Access Programming up to the demarcation point and for ensuring all PEG Access Programming is inserted on the appropriate upstream PEG Access Channel. All PEG Access Programming shall be transmitted to the Licensee in baseband, SD-SDI or HD-SDI format with either mono or stereo audio signals, and with signals received by Licensee in stereo cablecast by Licensee in stereo. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensee shall not be obligated

to provide the City or PEG Access Designee with either cablecast equipment and facilities or the personnel responsible for maintaining and operating equipment and facilities on the City's or PEG Access Designee's side of the demarcation point and used to generate or administer any PEG access signals, except as necessary to implement the Licensee's responsibilities specified herein. The Issuing Authority and the Licensee shall work together in good faith to resolve any connection issues. If the Issuing Authority issues a license to, or renews a license with, a competing VSP, the competing VSP may not connect its system to Licensee's System for the purposes of obtaining PEG Access Programming from the PEG Access Channels transmitted on Licensee's System without Licensee's prior written consent.

6.2.3. The Licensee shall monitor the PEG Access Channels for technical quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards the same or better than those which apply to the Cable System's commercial channels of similar format and resolution, provided, however, that the Licensee is not responsible for the production quality of PEG Access programming productions, nor for any deficiencies in the source signal it receives from any party over which the Licensee has no control.

#### 6.3. PEG Grant:

6.3.1. Licensee shall pay to the Issuing Authority a grant to be used for PEG Access Channel capital funding purposes (the "PEG Grant"), as follows: Licensee shall pay to the Issuing Authority the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$45,333.00) within forty-five (45) days of the Effective Date. Two (2) additional payments in the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$45,333.00) each shall be paid by the Licensee to the Issuing Authority on the first (1st) and third (3rd) anniversaries of the Effective Date, respectively. The Issuing Authority and/or PEG Access Designee, as determined by the Issuing Authority, shall own all facilities and equipment purchased with the PEG Grant, and Licensee shall have no obligation to maintain, repair, replace or insure any equipment or facilities purchased with the PEG Grant. The PEG Grant shall not be counted against either the PEG Access Support payment required by Section 6.4, or any License Fee required by Section 7.1.

6.3.2 If the Issuing Authority enters into any new or renewed cable license agreement with any other VSP which contains obligations associated with a PEG Grant or other comparable program that are lesser than the obligations set forth above, the Licensee's obligations under this Section shall be reduced, on an annual basis and upon the effective date of said agreement, to an amount equal on a per subscriber basis to the lowest total payment required to be made by any such VSP to the City. The relief available in the event of the foregoing is equitable relief going forward, and the Licensee shall not recover amounts already paid to the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time during the term of this License, any other such VSP ceases to provide cash grants to the City in support of the production of local PEG programming in accordance with the terms of its respective cable license agreement, then Licensee's PEG Grant obligation shall also cease for so long as such other VSP's cash payments have ceased. The Issuing Authority shall provide notification to Licensee within thirty (30) days of such other VSP's failure to provide a cash grant in accordance with the schedule set forth in such VSP's license agreement with the Issuing Authority. Equipment, services and other in-kind, non-monetary contributions to the City by such VSP shall not count towards the cash grants referenced in this paragraph.

#### 6.4. PEG Access Support:

- 6.4.1. The Licensee shall provide annual funding to the Issuing Authority, for PEG Access Channel operating support or other PEG Access Channel costs and expenses ("PEG Access Support") in the total amount equal to five percent (5.0%) of annual Gross Revenue as defined above, provided however, that if the City issues or renews any cable licenses after the Effective Date that provide for a lower percentage of PEG Access Support, then the percentage of the Licensee's PEG Access Support payments shall be reduced to match such lower percentage over that same time period. The Issuing Authority shall place Licensee's PEG Access Support payments in a restricted account for cable related purposes in the nature of a grant account and not into the general fund, which account will be under the Issuing Authority's control.
- 6.4.2. The PEG Access Support payments shall be made no later than forty-five (45) days following the end of each calendar quarter. Each such payment shall be accompanied by a Gross Revenue report documenting, in reasonable detail, the Gross Revenue as defined above. The Licensee shall be allowed to provide an extra payment if needed to correct any payments that were incorrectly omitted, and shall have the right to offset against future payments any payments that were incorrectly submitted, in connection with the quarterly remittances, within ninety (90) days following the close of the calendar year for which such payments were applicable. For purposes of the PEG Access Support payment, the period for determining Gross Revenue shall be the preceding calendar quarter.
- 6.5. Indemnification for PEG Programming: The Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee shall require all local producers and users of any of the PEG facilities or Channels to agree in writing to authorize Licensee to transmit programming consistent with this License and to hold harmless and defend Licensee and the City from and against any and all liability or other injury including the reasonable cost 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 facility or Channel. Pursuant to Section 611 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. § 531), the PEG Access Designee shall establish rules and procedures regarding the use of the PEG Channel capacity subject to the Issuing Authority reserving ultimate control of Governmental and Educational Access rules and procedures.
- 6.6. Recovery of Costs. To the extent permitted by applicable federal law, the Licensee shall be allowed to recover from Subscribers the costs of the PEG Grant, the PEG Access Support and any other costs, including interconnection costs (in accordance with applicable laws and/or regulations), arising from the provision of PEG Access services and to include such costs as a separately billed line item on each Subscriber's bill.
- 6.7. Listing of PEG Access Channels On Licensee's Electronic Program Guide: If the Licensee lists PEG Access Channel program content titles on its electronic program guide in any other municipality in the State (other than on a test or trial basis), then it shall, upon written request of the Issuing Authority, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority or the PEG

Access Designee, the technical feasibility and commercial reasonability of listing the City's PEG Access Channel program content titles on the Licensee's electronic program guide; however, the Licensee shall not be required to list the City's PEG Access Channel program content titles on its electronic program guide.

- 6.8. PEG Access Channel Video-On-Demand: If the Licensee provides any other municipality in the State with PEG Access Channel programming "video-on-demand" (VOD) (other than on a test or trial basis), then it shall, upon written request of the Issuing Authority, discuss in good faith with the Issuing Authority, the technical feasibility and commercial reasonability of providing PEG Access Channel programming VOD in the City; however, the Licensee shall not be required to provide PEG Access Channel programming VOD in the City.
- 6.9. Non-Commercial Programming: The Issuing Authority and PEG Access Designee shall not use the PEG Access Channels to provide for-profit commercial programming. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Issuing Authority or the PEG Access Designee from having memberships, sponsorships, underwriting or acknowledgements (such as underwriting and acknowledgements accepted by PBS), to the extent not otherwise prohibited by applicable law and regulation.
- 6.10. Third-Party Financial Disclosure Forms: If requested by the Licensee, the Issuing Authority shall provide copies of financial disclosure forms required by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Public Charities Division of any entity designated by the Issuing Authority to receive payment pursuant to Sections 6.3.1 and 6.4.1.
- 6.11. No PEG Access Designee Rights: The Issuing Authority and the Licensee herein acknowledge and agree that any PEG Access Designee is not a party to this License and that any provisions herein that may affect a PEG Access Designee are not intended to create any rights on behalf of any PEG Access Designee. In particular, the Issuing Authority's written designation of the PEG Access Designee as the entity to receive payments under Sections 5.3 and 5.4 does not vest in the PEG Access Designee any right, title or privilege to receive payments under the License. The Licensee may in its sole discretion upon seventy-five (75) days written notice to the Issuing Authority cease making such payments to the PEG Access Designee and instead make payments directly to the Issuing Authority if the Issuing Authority is in non-compliance with Section 6.9 of this License.

## 7. FRANCHISE AND LICENSE FEES

- 7.1. License Fee: Pursuant to Massachusetts Cable Law, (M.G.L. c. 166A, Section 9), the Licensee shall pay to the City, throughout the term of this License, a license fee equal to fifty cents (\$.50) per Subscriber per year (the "License Fee"), or such other amount as may in the future be designated by applicable State law.
- 7.2. Maximum Franchise Fee Obligation: The Licensee shall not be liable for a total Franchise Fee, pursuant to this License and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenue and in accordance with the definition of the term Franchise Fee and the five

percent (5%) cap on Franchise Fee(s) as set forth in Section 622 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 542 and FCC regulations and orders pursuant thereto.

- 7.3. Payment Information: In determining the License Fee, the number of Subscribers shall be measured as of December 31st of the preceding calendar year. The License Fee shall be paid no later than March 15th of each year during the term of this License.
- 7.4. Limitation on Actions: The period of limitation for City making a request or claim for recovery of any payment obligation under this License shall be three (3) years from the date on which payment by Licensee is due.

#### 7.5. Re-computation and Audit:

- 7.5.1. Tender or acceptance of any payment made pursuant to Article 6 or 7 shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid is correct, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim that the Issuing Authority may have for additional sums.
- 7.5.2. If the Issuing Authority has reason to believe that any such payment is incorrect, it shall notify the Licensee thereof in writing within ninety (90) business days after receiving such payment. The Licensee shall then have ninety (90) business days after receipt of such notice to provide the City with additional information documenting the accuracy of such payment. In the event that the Issuing Authority does not reasonably believe that such documentation supports the accuracy of such payment, then the Issuing Authority may conduct an audit of such payment, provided that the Issuing Authority shall be limited to one audit every three years during the term of this License. Any audit shall be initiated through written notice to the Licensee by the Issuing Authority, and the Issuing Authority or auditor employed by the Issuing Authority shall submit its complete request for records within one (1) month of the Issuing Authority providing written notice of the audit. Subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 9.1, and execution of a non-disclosure agreement with an auditor directly employed by the Issuing Authority, all records necessary for an audit shall be made available by Licensee to the Issuing Authority or its auditor for inspection at an office of Licensee. If, after such audit and recomputation, the Issuing Authority determines that an additional fee is owed to the City, then the Licensee shall be provided with a reasonable opportunity to review the results of such audit and to dispute any audit results, and shall pay any such undisputed amounts within sixty (60) business days after completion of such review. If the results of an audit indicate an overpayment by Licensee of any payment, the Issuing Authority shall return to Licensee the amount of such overpayment within thirty (30) days of completion of the audit. All audits must be conducted by an independent third party that is a Certified Public Accountant and who shall not be permitted to be compensated on a success-based formula (e.g., payment based on an underpayment of fees, if any).

## 8. <u>CUSTOMER SERVICE</u>

8.1. Standards: The Licensee shall comply with the FCC's cable television customer service and notice regulations codified at 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c), 47 C.F.R. § 76.1602, and 47 C.F.R. § 76.1603, as amended, and the billing and termination of service provisions contained in 207 CMR § 10.00, as amended. Measurement of the telephone availability standards

- in 47 C.F.R. § 76.309(c)(1)(ii) shall include all calls received by the Licensee at all call centers receiving calls from Subscribers, whether they are answered by a live representative, by an automated attendant, or abandoned after 30 seconds of call waiting.
- 8.2. Outage Credits: In the event that all Cable Service is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more hours, Licensee will grant affected Subscribers a pro rata credit or rebate.
- 8.3. Termination of Service: In accordance with applicable laws and regulations, nothing in these standards shall limit the right of the Licensee to deny Cable Service for non-payment of previously provided Cable Services, refusal to pay any required deposit, theft of Cable Service, damage to the Licensee's equipment, abusive and/or threatening behavior toward the Licensee's employees or representatives, refusal to provide credit history information, refusal to allow the Licensee to validate the identity, credit history and credit worthiness via an external credit agency, or failure to abide by Licensee's terms and conditions of service.

## 9. REPORTS AND RECORDS

Open Books and Records: Upon reasonable written notice to the Licensee 9.1. and with no less than thirty (30) business days written notice to the Licensee, the Issuing Authority shall have the right to inspect Licensee's books and records pertaining to Licensee's provision of Cable Service in the City during Licensee's regular business hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this License. Such notice shall specifically reference the section or subsection of this License which is under review, so that Licensee may organize the necessary books and records for appropriate access by the Issuing Authority. Licensee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for License compliance purposes longer than three (3) years subject to maintaining records that are the subject of a pending inquiry, if any, by the Issuing Authority, for so long as the parties are addressing such inquiry. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Licensee shall not be required to disclose information that it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose any of its or an Affiliate's books and records not relating to the provision of Cable Service in the City. The Issuing Authority shall treat any information disclosed by Licensee as confidential and shall only disclose it to employees, representatives, and agents thereof that have a need to know, or in order to enforce the provisions hereof. Licensee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of Section 631 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 551.

#### 9.2. Records Required: Licensee shall at all times maintain:

- 9.2.1. Records of all written complaints for a period of three (3) years after receipt by Licensee. The term "complaint" as used herein refers to complaints about any aspect of the Cable System or Licensee's cable operations, including, without limitation, complaints about employee courtesy. Complaints recorded will not be limited to complaints requiring an employee service call;
- 9.2.2. Records of outages for a period of three (3) years after occurrence, indicating date, duration, area, and the number of Subscribers affected, type of outage, and cause;
- 9.2.3. Records of service calls for repair and maintenance for a period of three (3) years after resolution by Licensee, indicating the date and time service was required, the

date of acknowledgment and date and time service was scheduled (if it was scheduled), and the date and time service was provided, and (if different) the date and time the problem was resolved;

- 9.2.4. Records of installation/reconnection and requests for service extension for a period of three (3) years after the request was fulfilled by Licensee, indicating the date of request, date of acknowledgment, and the date and time service was extended; and
- 9.2.5. A map showing the area of coverage for the provisioning of Cable Services.

## 10. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

#### 10.1. Insurance:

- 10.1.1. The Licensee shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the term of this License, the following insurance coverage:
- 10.1.1.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence for property damage and bodily injury and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) general aggregate. Such insurance shall cover the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, and the conduct of the Licensee's Cable Service business in the City.
- 10.1.1.2. Automobile Liability Insurance in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) combined single limit each accident for bodily injury and property damage coverage.
- 10.1.1.3. Workers' Compensation Insurance meeting all legal requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (A) Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000; and (B) Bodily Injury by Disease: \$100,000 employee limit; \$500,000 disease-policy limit.
- 10.1.2. The City shall be included as an additional insured as their interests may appear under this License on the Commercial General Liability Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance required herein.
- 10.1.3. Upon receipt of notice from its insurer(s) the Licensee shall provide the Issuing Authority with thirty (30) days' prior written notice of cancellation of any required coverage.
- 10.1.4. Each of the required insurance policies shall be with insurers qualified to do business in the State of Massachusetts, with an A.M. Best Financial Strength rating of A- or better.
- 10.1.5. Upon written request, the Licensee shall deliver to the Issuing Authority Certificates of Insurance showing evidence of the required coverage.

#### 10.2. Indemnification:

- 10.2.1. Licensee shall indemnify and hold the City, its officials, boards, commissions, committees, agents and/or employees harmless at all times during the term of this License from any and all claims for injury and damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the actions of Licensee, its employees, officers or agents arising out of the installation, operation, or maintenance of any structure, equipment, wire or cable authorized to be installed pursuant to this License, provided that the City shall give Licensee timely written notice of its request for indemnification provided that in any event the City shall provide the Licensee with such written notice within a period of time that allows the Licensee to take action to avoid entry of a default judgment and does not prejudice the Licensee's ability to defend the claim or action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Licensee shall not indemnify the City for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the City, its officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties or for any activity or function conducted by any Person other than Licensee and/or Licensee's contractors and agents in connection with PEG Access, use of the City's Institutional Network or the EAS, or the distribution of any Cable Service over the Cable System.
- 10.2.2. With respect to Licensee's indemnity obligations set forth in Section 10.2.1, Licensee shall, at its own expense, provide the defense of any claims brought against the City by selecting counsel of Licensee's choice to defend the claim, subject to the consent of the City, which shall not unreasonably be withheld. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the City from cooperating with the Licensee and participating in the defense of any litigation by its own counsel at its own cost and expense, provided however, that after consultation with the City, Licensee shall have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claim or action arising hereunder, and Licensee shall have the authority to decide the appropriateness and the amount of any such settlement. In the event that the terms of any such settlement do not include the release of the City and the City does not consent to the terms of any such settlement or compromise, Licensee shall not settle the claim or action but its obligation to indemnify the City shall in no event exceed the amount of such settlement.
- 10.2.3. The City shall hold harmless and defend Licensee from and against, and shall be responsible for, damages, liability or claims resulting from or arising out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the City.
- 10.2.4. The City shall be responsible for its own acts of willful misconduct or negligence, or breach of obligation, subject to any and all defenses and limitations of liability provided by law. The Licensee shall not be required to indemnify the City for acts of the City which constitute willful misconduct or negligence, on the part of the City, its officers, employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties.
- 10.3. Performance Bond: Licensee shall provide to the City security for the performance of Licensee's obligations under this License in the amount of \$100,000. The form of this security may, at Licensee's option, be a performance bond, letter of credit, cash deposit, cashier's check or other security reasonably acceptable to the Issuing Authority. In the event that a performance bond provided pursuant to this Licensee is not renewed or is cancelled, Licensee shall provide new security pursuant to this Article within thirty (30) days of such failure to renew

or cancellation. Neither cancellation, nor termination nor refusal by the surety to extend the bond, nor the inability of Licensee to file a replacement bond or replacement security for its obligations under this License, shall constitute a loss to the City recoverable under the bond.

## 11. TRANSFER OF LICENSE

Subject to Section 617 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 537, no Transfer of this License shall occur without the prior consent of the Issuing Authority, provided that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. No such consent shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Licensee in this License or the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or for transactions otherwise excluded under Section 1.41 above.

#### 12. RENEWAL OF LICENSE

- 12.1. Governing Law: The City and Licensee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the City that relate to the renewal of this License shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 546, the Massachusetts Cable Law and Section 14.13 below.
- 12.2. Needs Assessments: In addition to the procedures set forth in Section 626 of the Communications Act, the City shall notify Licensee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of Licensee under the terms of this License. Such assessments shall be provided to Licensee by the City promptly so that Licensee has adequate time to submit a proposal under Section 626 of the Communications Act and complete renewal of this License prior to expiration of its term.
- 12.3. Informal Negotiations: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Licensee and the City agree that at any time during the term of the then current License, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment, the City and Licensee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current License and the Issuing Authority may grant a renewal thereof.
- 12.4. Consistent Terms: Licensee and the City consider the terms set forth in this Article 12 to be consistent with the express provisions of Section 626 of the Communications Act.

#### 13. ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF LICENSE

- 13.1. Notice of Violation: If at any time the Issuing Authority believes that Licensee has not complied with the terms of this License, the Issuing Authority shall informally discuss the matter with Licensee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem in a reasonable time, the Issuing Authority shall then notify Licensee in writing of the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance (for purposes of this Article, the "Noncompliance Notice").
- 13.2. Licensee's Right to Cure or Respond: The Licensee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Noncompliance Notice to: (i) respond to the Issuing Authority, if Licensee contests (in whole or in part) the assertion of noncompliance; (ii) cure such noncompliance; or (iii) in the event that, by its nature, such noncompliance cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day

period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such noncompliance as soon as reasonably possible and notify the Issuing Authority of the steps being taken and the date by which they are projected to be completed, all of which shall be to the reasonable satisfaction of the Issuing Authority. If the Licensee believes it has cured the subject non-compliance, it shall provide written notice of such to the Issuing Authority. The Issuing Authority shall provide the Licensee with a written response as to whether such cure has been affected.

- 13.3. Public Hearing: In the event that Licensee fails to respond to the Noncompliance Notice pursuant to the procedures required by this Article, or in the event that the alleged noncompliance is not remedied within thirty (30) days or the date projected pursuant to Section 13.2(iii) above, and if the City seeks to continue its investigation into the alleged noncompliance, then the Issuing Authority shall schedule a public hearing. The Issuing Authority shall provide Licensee at least thirty (30) business days prior written notice of such public hearing, which will specify the time, place and purpose of such public hearing, and provide Licensee the opportunity to be heard.
- 13.4. *Enforcement:* Subject to applicable federal and State law, in the event the Issuing Authority, after the public hearing set forth in Section 13.3, determines that Licensee is in default of any provision of this License, the Issuing Authority may:
- 13.4.1. Seek specific performance of any provision, which reasonably lends itself to such remedy, as an alternative to damages;
- 13.4.2. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief;
- 13.4.3. Submit a claim against an appropriate part of the performance bond pursuant to Section 10.3 above; or
- 13.4.4. In the case of a substantial noncompliance of a material provision of this License, seek to revoke this License in accordance with Section 13.5.
- 13.5. Revocation: Should the Issuing Authority seek to revoke this License after following the procedures set forth in this Article, including the public hearing described in Section 13.3, the Issuing Authority shall give written notice to Licensee of such intent. The notice shall set forth the specific nature of the noncompliance. The Licensee shall have ninety (90) days from receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Issuing Authority has not received a satisfactory response from Licensee, it may then seek termination of this License at a second public hearing. The Issuing Authority shall cause to be served upon the Licensee, at least thirty (30) business days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke this License.
- 13.5.1. At the designated public hearing, Licensee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the rights to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the Issuing Authority, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question and/or cross examine witnesses. A complete record shall be made of such hearing and said obligation to make a complete record

of such hearing may be satisfied by the Issuing Authority making and providing to Licensee upon Licensee request a video recording of such hearing (with audio) and Licensee and/or the Issuing Authority may in their discretion make a complete verbatim record and transcript of such hearing.

13.5.2. Following the second public hearing, Licensee shall be provided up to thirty (30) days to submit its proposed findings and conclusions to the Issuing Authority in writing and thereafter the Issuing Authority shall determine (i) whether an event of default has occurred under this License; (ii) whether such event of default is excusable; and (iii) whether such event of default has been cured or will be cured by the Licensee. The Issuing Authority shall also determine whether it will revoke this License based on the information presented, or, where applicable, grant additional time to the Licensee to effect any cure. If the Issuing Authority determines that it will revoke this License, the Issuing Authority shall promptly provide Licensee with a written determination setting forth the Issuing Authority's reasoning for such revocation. In accordance with applicable law, Licensee may appeal such written determination of the Issuing Authority to the Cable Division or to an appropriate court, which shall have the power to review the decision of the Issuing Authority de novo if permitted by applicable law. Licensee shall be entitled to such relief as the Cable Division or court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within sixty (60) days of Licensee's receipt of the written determination of the Issuing Authority.

13.5.3. The Issuing Authority may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action that it deems appropriate to enforce the Issuing Authority's rights under law, equity and this License in lieu of revocation of this License.

## 14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 14.1. Actions of Parties: In any action by the City or Licensee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required by either party under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
- 14.2. Binding Acceptance: This License shall bind and benefit the parties hereto and their respective receivers, trustees, successors and assigns.
- 14.3. Preemption: In the event that federal or State law, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this License, such provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required by law. In the event such federal or State law, rule or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the Issuing Authority.
- 14.4. Force Majeure: Licensee and City shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of this License, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by a Force Majeure. Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the City's intention

to subject Licensee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of this License for violations of this License where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on Subscribers, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship being placed upon Licensee that outweigh the benefit to be derived by the City and/or Subscribers.

- 14.5. Performance Evaluations. If, during the term of this License, the City conducts an evaluation of Licensee's performance under this License or otherwise related to Licensee's provision of Cable Service in the City, then the City shall provide Licensee with a written report with respect to Licensee's compliance within ten (10) days after the conclusion of such evaluation.
- 14.6. Delivery of Payments: Licensee may use electronic funds transfer to make any payments to the City or Issuing Authority required under this License. Said electronic transfer must be in the form, including necessary explanatory information and documentation, and to the account, all as reasonably required by the City or Issuing Authority.
- 14.7. Notices: Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, notices required under this License shall be mailed first class, postage prepaid, to the addressees below. Each party may change its designee by providing written notice to the other party.

#### Notices to Licensee shall be mailed to:

Verizon New England Inc.

111 Main Street
6th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
Attention: Pamela Goldstein, Associate General Counsel

#### with a copy to:

Verizon
1300 I St. NW
Suite 500 East
Washington, DC 20005
Attention: Tonya Rutherford, VP and Deputy General Counsel

## Notices to the Issuing Authority shall be mailed to:

City of Woburn
Woburn City Hall
10 Common Street
Woburn, MA 01801
Attention: Office of the Mayor

City Attorney/Law Department c/o Woburn City Hall 10 Common Street Woburn, MA 01801 Attention: Office of the City Attorney

- 14.8. Entire Agreement: This License and the Exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between Licensee and the City, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous agreements, representations or understandings (written or oral) of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. In the event of a conflict between any local ordinance, in whole or in part, and this License, this License shall prevail.
- 14.9. Amendments or Modifications: Except as otherwise provided herein, this License shall not be amended or modified except by written instrument executed by both parties.
- 14.10. Captions: The captions and headings of articles and sections throughout this License are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of this License. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this License.
- 14.11. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term, or provision hereof is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any State or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of this License.
- 14.12. Recitals: The recitals set forth in this License are incorporated into the body of this License as if they had been originally set forth herein.
- 14.13. FTTP Network Transfer Prohibition: Under no circumstance including, without limitation, upon expiration, revocation, termination, denial of renewal of this License or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services, shall Licensee or its assignees be required to sell any right, title, interest, use or control of any portion of Licensee's FTTP Network including, without limitation, the Cable System and any capacity used for Cable Service or otherwise, to the City or any third party. Licensee shall not be required to remove the FTTP Network or to relocate the FTTP Network or any portion thereof as a result of revocation, expiration, termination, denial of renewal or any other action to forbid or disallow Licensee from providing Cable Services. This provision is not intended to contravene leased access requirements under Title VI or the PEG requirements set out in this License.
- 14.14. Interpretation: The Issuing Authority and Licensee each acknowledge that it has received independent legal advice in entering into this License. In the event that a dispute arises over the meaning or application of any term(s) of this License, such term(s) shall not be construed by the reference to any doctrine calling for ambiguities to be construed against the drafter of the License.

- 14.15. No Third-Party Beneficiaries: The provisions of this License are for the benefit of the Licensee and the Issuing Authority and the City and nothing in this License shall be construed to create or confer any legal, equitable or other rights of any nature to any third party and no third party shall have recourse to legal, equitable or other claims of any nature arising from this License. Only the Licensee and Town shall have rights hereunder.
- 14.16. Counterparts: This License may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Further, this License may be executed by facsimile, email, electronic signature or other electronic means, and so executed shall have the full force and legal effect as an executed original of this License.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

AGREED TO AS OF THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

City of Woburn

Mayor Mike Concannon, as Issuing Authority

Approved as to form:

William August, Esq., City Caple Counsel Epstein & August, LLD

Verizon New England Inc.

Nicole D'Amour

Vice President -Northeast Field Operations

Approved as to form:

#### **EXHIBIT A**

# PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED CABLE SERVICE SUBJECT TO SECTION 3.3

Woburn City Hall, Common Street
Public Works Facility, North Warren Street
Water Treatment Plant, Cove Street
Senior Housing, Warren Avenue
Senior Housing, Library Place
Senior Housing, Campbell Street

Senior Housing, Nichols Street Extension

Woburn Boys and Girls Club, Charles Gardiner Lane

Saint Charles School, Main Street

North Suburban YMCA, Lexington Street

Thompson Memorial Library, Elm Street

Woburn Public Library, Pleasant Street

Veterans' Senior Center, School Street

Woburn Police Department, Harrison Avenue

Woodbrook Cemetery Office, Salem Street

Woburn Fire Department, Station 1, Main Street

Woburn Fire Department, Station 2, Main Street

Woburn Fire Department, Station 3, Main Street

Woburn Fire Department, Station 4, Central Street

Woburn Fire Department, Station 5, Lexington Street

Altavesta Elementary School, Main Street

Goodyear Elementary School, Orange Street

Hurld-Wyman Elementary School, Bedford Road

Joyce Middle School, Locust Street

Kennedy Middle School, Middle Street

Linscott Elementary School, Elm Street

Reeves Elementary School, Lexington Street

Shamrock Elementary School, Green Street

White Elementary School, Bow Street

Wyman Elementary School, Main Street

Woburn High School, Montvale Avenue

City Hall Engineers Conference Room