

**CABLE TELEVISION
RENEWAL FRANCHISE**

GRANTED TO

**METROCAST CABLEVISION OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE, L.L.C.**

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF EPSOM,

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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AGREEMENT

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This Cable Television Renewal Franchise entered into this 4th of February 2005 by and between the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire, as Franchise Authority and MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, L.L.C., 9 Apple Road, Belmont, NH, for the renewal of cable television franchise pursuant to RSA 53-C.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Franchising Authority of the Town of Epsom has determined that a well managed and operated and technologically progressive cable system, that serves the residents and businesses of the Town in a manner reasonable to meet its future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests, is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Franchising Authority of the Town of Epsom has determined that the Franchisee has the financial, legal and technical ability that is reasonably sufficient to provide services, facilities, managerial expertise and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the Epsom community;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing recitals and the terms and conditions set forth herein, and it being the intention of the parties to be legally bound hereby, the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1—DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Renewal Franchise, the following words, terms, phrases and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context, the masculine pronoun includes the feminine pronoun, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word shall is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(1) **Access or Public Access:** The right or ability of any resident and/or any persons affiliated with a non-commercial institution to use designated facilities, equipment and/or channels of the Cable Television System, subject to the conditions and procedures established for such use by the Access Provider.

(2) **Access Channel:** A video channel that the Franchise shall make available to the Town of Epsom and/or the designated Access Provider, without charge, for the purpose of transmitting programming produced or provided by members of the public, Town departments and agencies, public schools, educational institutional and similar organizations.

(3) **Access Provider:** The regional entity to be designated by the Franchising Authority of the Town of Epsom for the purpose of operating and managing the use of public, educational, and governmental access channels on the Cable Television System.

(4) **Access programming:** (i) "Public" -- Non-commercial local programming produced by the Access Provider, and/or by Epsom individuals and/or organizations wishing to present programming and/or information to the public; (ii) "Educational" -- Non-commercial local origination programming produced by the Epsom Public schools, and/or other educational organizations wishing to present educational programming and/or information to the public; (iii) "Governmental" -- Non-commercial programming produced by Town agencies, departments and/or designees of the Franchising Authority wishing to present programming and/or information to the public.

(5) **Affiliate or Affiliated Person:** Any Person who or which directly or indirectly controls and owns an interest in the Franchisee; any Person that the Franchisee directly or indirectly controls and in which the Franchisee owns an

interest; and any Person directly or indirectly subject to control and owned in whole or in part by a Person who or which directly or indirectly controls and owns an interest in the Franchisee.

(6) Area Outage: Any event in which Cable System equipment is damaged, fails or otherwise malfunctions (collectively called "malfunctions") and eight (8) or more Subscribers receiving service from that section of cable or such equipment receive unsatisfactory service pursuant to applicable FCC standards), unusable or no service as a result of such malfunction.

(7) Basic Service: Any Service tier that includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals.

(8) Broadcast: Over-the-air transmission by a radio or television station.

(9) Cable Act: Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat, 2779 (1984) (the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984), as amended by Public Law No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992) (the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992), and as further amended by Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 110 (1996) (the Telecommunications Act of 1996).

(10) Cable Service: The one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or other Programming service, and Subscriber interaction, if any, that is required for the selection of such Video Programming or other programming service.

(11) Cable Television System or Cable System or System: A facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service that includes Video Programming and that is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Town.

(12) Channel: Bandwidth sufficient to carry Signals over the Cable System.

(13) Converter: An electronic device that converts Signals to a frequency within the television receiver of a Subscriber and any channel selector that

permits a Subscriber to view all Signals delivered at designated Converter dial locations at the television set or by remote control.

(14) Downstream Channel: A Channel over which Signals travel from the Headend to an authorized recipient of Programming.

(15) Drop: A connection from feeder cable to the Subscriber/User television set, radio or other terminal.

(16) Educational Access Channel: A Channel, or shared Channel, on the Cable System that is made available by the Franchisee for educational institutions and/or educators wishing to present non-commercial educational information to the public.

(17) Effective Date of Renewal Franchise:

_____ 2/4/02 _____

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_____ 2/4/02 _____

(19) FCC: The Federal Communications Commission, or any successor governmental entity thereto.

(20) Franchise: The non-exclusive, initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the Franchising Authority, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, or otherwise, that authorizes construction and operation of the Cable System for the purpose of offering Cable Service or other service to customers.

(21) Franchise Area: The entire corporate limits of the Town, including all territory thereafter annexed to the Town.

(22) Franchisee: MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, L.L.C., or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal Franchise.

(23) Franchising Authority: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Epsom, or its lawful successor thereto.

(24) Franchise Fee: The payments to be made by the Franchisee to the Town, that shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act.

(25) Governmental Access Channel: A Channel, or shared Channel, on the Cable System that has been made available by the Franchisee for use by the Franchising Authority and/or its designee(s).

(26) Gross Annual Revenues: Consideration of any form or kind received by the Franchisee and/or its Affiliates from the carriage of Signals to provide Cable Services over the Cable Television System including, without limitation: the distribution of any Service over the System; the provision of any Service Related Activity in connection with the operation of the System; Basic Service monthly fees; Internet services, all other Service fees; Pay-Per-View revenues; installation, reconnection, downgrade, upgrade and any similar fees; fees paid for Channels designated for commercial use; Converter and remote control sales, rentals or leases; studio and other facility or equipment rentals; advertising revenues; and revenues derived for the sale of products in any way advertised or promoted on the System. Gross Annual Revenues shall also include the Gross Revenue of any other Person that is derived directly or indirectly from or in connection with the operation of the System to the extent that said revenue is derived, through a means that has the effect of evading payment of Franchise Fees to the Town that would otherwise be paid herein. Consideration that is not derived from the provision of Cable Services shall not be part of Gross Annual Revenues.

(27) Headend: The electronic center through which Broadcast and cablecast Signals are electronically received and processed for distribution over the Cable Television System.

(28) Highway Department: The Highway Department of the Town of Epsom.

(29) Hub or Hub Site: A sub-Headend, generally located within a cable television community, used for the purpose of (i) Signal processing or switching, and/or (ii) placement of a fiber node, microwave link or transportation super trunk.

(30) Installation: The connection of the Subscriber Network from feeder cable to Subscribers' terminals.

(31) Institutional Network ("I-Net"): The separate cable, consisting of upstream and downstream Channels, said Channels for the exclusive use of the Franchising Authority and/or its departments and designees.

(32) Leased Channel or Leased Access: A video Channel that the Franchisee shall make available pursuant to Section 612 of the Cable Act.

(33) Origination Capability: An activated connection to an Upstream Channel, allowing a User(s) to transmit a Signal(s) upstream to a designated location.

(34) Outlet: An interior receptacle(s) through which a Subscriber or User's television set can be connected to the System.

(35) Pay Cable or Pay Cable Services: Programming delivered for a fee or charge to Subscribers on a per-channel basis, in addition to the fee or charge to Subscribers for Basic Service.

(36) PEG: The acronym for "public, educational and governmental," used in conjunction with Access Channels, support and facilities.

(37) Person: Any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, association, trust, organization, other business entity, individual or group of individuals acting in concert.

(38) Prime Rate: The prime rate of interest at the Bank of Boston, or any successor bank.

(39) Public Way: The surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, courts, boulevard, sidewalk, parkway, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements (including those owned by the Town), dedicated utility strips or rights-of way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or thereafter held by the Franchising Authority, 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 Franchising Authority within the Service Area for the purpose of public travel, or for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of way and shall, within their proper use and meaning, entitle the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee to the use thereof for the purpose of the installing or transmitting Franchisee's Cable Services 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. For the purpose of public way, the applicant shall comply with all local zoning ordinances and shall obtain, where necessary, all necessary licenses and permits for the use of rights of way.

(40) Public Access Channel: A Channel on the Cable System that is made available by the Franchisee for individuals and organizations wishing to present non-commercial information.

(41) Renewal Franchise: The non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise granted to the Franchisee by this instrument.

(42) Scrambling/Encoding: The electronic processing or distortion of a Signal(s) in order to render it unintelligible or un without the use of a Converter or other decoding devise.

(43) Service: Any Basic Service, any Pay Cable Service, or any other Cable Service or Service Tier, whether or not originated by the Franchisee, that is offered to any Subscriber in conjunction with, or that is distributed over, the System.

(44) Service Related Activity: Any activity or function for which the Franchisee receives revenue from any other Person and that is directly associated with the operation of the System for the Provision of Cable Service or the production or distribution of any Service over the System by any Person other than the Franchisee, including, without limitation, operation of studio or any other facilities or equipment, billing, audience promotion, or installation or lease of equipment.

(45) Service Tier: A category of Cable Service or other Service(s) provided by Franchisee and for which a separate charge is made by Franchisee.

(46) Signal: Any transmission of electrical, electromagnetic or optical energy from one location to another.

(47) State: The State of New Hampshire.

(48) Subscriber: Any Person, firm, company, municipality, corporation or association lawfully receiving Service from the Franchisee.

(49) Subscriber Network: The bidirectional-capable cable network operated by the Franchisee, over which Signals can be transmitted to Subscribers.

(50) Town: The Town of Epsom, its municipal officers, agents and employees unless otherwise specifically designated; the area within the territorial Town limits, including all subsequent additions thereto.

(51) Town Counsel: The Town Counsel of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire.

(52) Transfer: The disposal by the Franchisee, directly or indirectly, by gift, assignment, sale, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of the ownership or control of the System or this Renewal Franchise, to a Person or a group of Persons acting in concert.

(53) Trap: A device attached to the Cable System or a Subscriber's residence to prevent selected Signals from entering a Subscriber's residence.

(54) Trunk and Distribution System: That portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Drops to Subscribers' residences.

(55) Upstream Channel: A Channel over which Signals travel from an authorized location to the Cable System Headend.

(56) User: A Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities, for purposes of production and/or transmission of electronic or other Signals as opposed to utilization solely as a Subscriber.

(57) Video Programming or Programming: Programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to Programming provided by, a television Broadcast station.

(58) VCR: The acronym for videocassette recorder.

ARTICLE 2

GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

SECTION 2.1 - GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

Pursuant to the authority of RSA Chapter 53-C, Section 626 of the Cable Act, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire, as the FRANCHISING AUTHORITY of the Town, hereby grants a non-exclusive cable television

renewal franchise to MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, L.L.C. (the "Franchisee") a New Hampshire limited liability company established for such purpose, authorizing and permitting the Franchisee to construct, upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the corporate limits of the Town of Epsom.

This Renewal Franchise is subject to the terms and conditions contained in Chapter 53-C of the Laws of New Hampshire, as amended; the regulations of the FCC; the Cable Act, and all Town, State and federal statutes and by-laws of general application.

Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Franchising Authority hereby grants to the Franchisee the license to construct, upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable Television System in, under, over, along, across or upon the streets, lanes, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, highways and other public places under the jurisdiction of the Town of Epsom within the municipal boundaries and subsequent additions thereto, including property over which the Town has an easement or right-of way, for the purpose of reception, transmission, collection, amplification, origination, distribution, and/or redistribution of Signals in accordance with the laws of the United States of America, the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Epsom. In exercising rights pursuant to this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall not endanger or interfere with the lives of Persons, interfere with any installations of the Town, any public utility serving the Town or any other Persons permitted to use Public Ways and places.

Grant of this Renewal Franchise does not establish priority for use over other present or future holders or the Town's own use of Public Ways and places. Any references herein to "Public Way" or "Street" shall not be construed to be a representation or guarantee by the Town that its property rights are sufficient to permit its use for any purpose, or that the Franchisee shall gain or be permitted to exercise any rights to use property in the Town greater than those already possessed by the Town

SECTION 2.2 – TERM OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

The term of this Renewal Franchise shall commence on the Effective Date and shall expire on the earlier of: (i) ten (10) years after the completion of the rebuild described in Section 5.1 hereof; or (ii) December 31, 2013, unless sooner terminated as provided herein or surrendered.

REBUILD COMPLETED OCTOBER 2001 (Alto M...)
3/12/2005
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SECTION 2.3 — POLICE AND REGULATORY POWERS

In executing this Franchise Agreement, Franchisee acknowledges that its rights are subject to the powers of the Town to adopt and enforce general by-laws and regulations necessary to the safety and welfare of the public. The Franchisee shall comply with all applicable laws, by-laws and regulations now in effect or that may be enacted by the Town pursuant to any such power. Any conflict between the terms of this Renewal Franchise and any present or future lawful exercise of such powers by the Town shall be resolved in favor of the latter.

SECTION 2.4 — NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

This Renewal Franchise shall not affect the right of the Franchising Authority to grant to any other Person a Franchise or right to occupy or use the streets, or portions thereof, for the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of a cable television system within the Town of Epsom, or the right of the Franchising Authority to permit the use of the Public Ways and places of the Town for any purpose whatsoever. The Franchisee hereby acknowledges the Franchising Authority's right to make such grants and permit such uses. In the event that the Franchising Authority grants any such franchise to any other person or entity, such franchise shall be granted on terms no more favorable or less burdensome than the terms of this Renewal Franchise. The only exception to this is where an exception existed at the time of license renewal.

SECTION 2.5 — REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

Upon termination of this Renewal Franchise by passage of time or otherwise, and unless (1) the Franchisee renews this Renewal Franchise for another term or (2) the Franchisee transfers the Cable Television System to a transferee approved by the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee shall remove all of its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems, and all other appurtenances from the Public Ways and places and shall restore all areas to their original condition. If such removal is not complete within six (6) months after such termination, the Franchising Authority may deem any property not removed as having been abandoned and may dispose of any such property in any way or manner it deems appropriate. The Franchisee bears the cost of any removal that is required by the Town if the Town must physically remove an abandoned line. This should be covered by the performance bond.

ARTICLE 3

TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

SECTION 3.1 — RESTRICTIONS AGAINST TRANSFERS

(a) Neither this Renewal Franchise, nor any rights or obligations of the Franchisee in or pursuant to this Renewal Franchise or the Cable System shall be transferred in part or as a whole, by assignment, trust, lease, sublease, pledge or other hypothecation, and is not to be sold, transferred, leased, assigned, or disposed of in part or as a whole, either by forced sale, merger, consolidations, or otherwise, nor shall title thereto, either legal or equitable, or any right or interest therein, pass to or vest in any Person, nor shall any change in control of the Franchisee or the Cable System occur, either by any act of the Franchisee or by a parent company of the Franchisee, by operation of law or otherwise, in each such case without the prior consent of the Franchising Authority, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and which shall be expressed in writing, under such conditions as may be therein reasonably prescribed by the Franchising Authority; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 3.1 would prohibit i) commercial transactions in the normal course of business or ii) the provision of security interests in assets for the purpose of securing financing.

(b) For purposes of this section, any sale, assignment or any other disposition of a majority ownership interest of the parent company of the Franchisee to any one person or group of Persons acting in concert, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, shall be deemed to be a change of control of the Franchisee. The word "control" as used in this section is not limited to major stockholders but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised and includes control of the parent company of the Franchisee.

(c) Neither the Franchisee nor its parent company, if any, shall enter into a Cable System management contract or any other arrangement for the management of the Cable System, however, structured without the prior written consent of the Franchising Authority, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 3.2 — BANKRUPTCY

Subject to applicable bankruptcy law(s), if there shall be filed against the Franchisee in any court, pursuant to any statute either of the United States or of

any state, a petition in bankruptcy or insolvency or for reorganization or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee of all or a portion of Franchisee's property, and if, within sixty (60) days thereof, the Franchisee fails to secure a discharge thereof, or if the Franchisee shall voluntarily file any such petition or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or petition for or enter into an arrangement, the Franchisee shall notify the Town of such fact within five (5) days of its occurrence, and any subsequent sale of the Cable Television System, or cable property or facilities, or this Renewal Franchise, shall be treated as a change in control of the Franchisee, and the provisions of this Section governing approval of the Town to change shall apply. The term "bankruptcy" as used herein shall include an assignment for the benefit of creditors and a petition for rearrangement or other similar procedure.

SECTION 3.3 — APPROVAL PROCEDURE

(a) The Franchisee shall promptly notify the Franchising Authority of any action or proposed action requiring the consent of the Franchising Authority pursuant to this Article 3.

(b) The Franchisee shall submit to the Franchising Authority an original (and two (2) copies), of its petition requesting such Transfer or assignment consent, which petition shall fully describe the action or proposed action and clearly state the basis on which the petition should be approved. The petition shall also contain all reasonably appropriate documentation and such additional information as the Franchising Authority may require. The petition shall be signed by the Franchisee and by the proposed transferee or by its representative, evidence of whose authority shall be submitted with such petition.

(c) The consent of the Franchising Authority shall be given only after a public hearing, if such a hearing is deemed necessary by either the Franchising Authority or the transferee, to consider the written petition for Transfer. The Franchising Authority shall complete review of the petition for Transfer and make a decision thereon no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of the request for transfer. If the Franchising Authority fails to render a final decision on such request within said 120 days, said request shall be deemed granted unless the requesting party and the Franchising Authority agree to an extension of time.

(d) For purposes of determining whether the Franchising Authority shall consent to any such change of control and ownership, the Franchising Authority shall inquire into the legal, financial, character and technical qualifications of the prospective controlling or owning Person, and including, but

not limited to, such Person's cable-related experience, if any, in other communities, information pertaining to the continued level of services, and any and all matters relative to whether such Person is likely to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of the Renewal Franchise.

(e) At any time during the Town's review process, the Franchising Authority reserves the right to require additional supporting documentation, reasonably related to the criteria set forth in paragraph (d) above, from the Franchisee or any other Person involved in the action or the proposed action. The Franchisee shall provide all requested assistance to the Franchising Authority in accordance with any such inquiry and, as appropriate, shall secure the cooperation and assistance of all other Persons involved in such action. Failure to provide all Transfer related information reasonably requested by the Franchising Authority as part of said review process may be grounds for denial of the proposed Transfer or change of control.

SECTION 3.4 — CONDITIONS RELATED TO TRANSFER

(a) As a condition to the granting of any consent required by this Article 3, the Town may require that each Person involved in any such action described in Section 3.1 herein shall execute an agreement specifying that said Person assumes and agrees to be bound by all applicable provisions of this Renewal Franchise.

(b) Any proposed controlling or owning Person or transferee approved by the Town shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in this Renewal Franchise; provided, however, that any such Person or transferee shall provide additional information, in order to reasonably assure the Town that such Person or transferee shall adhere to all of the terms and conditions contained in this Renewal Franchise.

(c) The consent of the Franchising Authority to a Transfer of this Renewal Franchise shall not be given if there is reasonable evidence from either the Transfer petition or subsequent investigation that the proposed transferee will not adhere to all of the terms and conditions of the Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 3.5 — EFFECT OF UNAUTHORIZED ACTION

(a) The Transfer of this Renewal Franchise without the prior written consent of the Franchising Authority shall be null and void, and shall:

(i) be deemed a material breach of this Renewal Franchise; and

(ii) among other remedies available to the Town, be subject to a liquidated damages assessment of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per day until the taking of an action described in Section 3.3 supra is approved, or if not approved, until prior ownership, control or other status quo ante is restored to a condition satisfactory to the Franchising Authority.

(b) If the Franchising Authority denies its consent to any such action and a Transfer has nevertheless been effected, the Franchising Authority may revoke and terminate this Renewal Franchise.

(c) The consent or approval of the Franchising Authority to any assignment, lease, Transfer, sublease or mortgage of the Renewal Franchise granted to the Franchisee shall not constitute a waiver or release of the rights of the Town in and to the streets and Public Ways or any other rights of the Town under this Renewal Franchise; nor shall such consent render unnecessary any subsequent consent(s). Any such Transfer shall, by its terms, be expressly subordinate to the terms and conditions of the Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 3.6 — RENEWAL FRANCHISE SIGNATORY

Any approval by the Franchising Authority of Transfer of ownership or control of the Cable System shall be contingent upon the prospective transferee and/or controlling Person or party becoming a signatory to the Renewal Franchise.

ARTICLE 4

EXTENSION POLICY

SECTION 4.1 — LINE EXTENSION

(a) Within one year of the execution of this Renewal Franchise, Franchisee shall complete construction of its Cable System to the areas indicated in the attached map (Exhibit 1 hereto).

(b) The Franchisee shall provide for construction of all necessary line extensions for Cable Service to new dwelling units when the number of new Subscribers reaches the density requirement of ten (10) full-time Subscribers per

mile of cable facilities, with a one-year service commitment. In the areas with less than ten (10) Subscribers per mile of plant, the Franchisee shall require the following:

(i) where there are nine (9) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay ninety (90) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay ten (10) percent;

(ii) where there are eight (8) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay eighty (80) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay twenty (20) percent;

(iii) where there are seven (7) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay seventy (70) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay thirty (30) percent;

(iv) where there are six (6) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay sixty (60) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay forty (40) percent;

(v) where there are five (5) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay fifty (50) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay fifty (50) percent;

(vi) where there are four (4) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay forty (40) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay sixty (60) percent;

(vii) where there are three (3) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay thirty (30) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay seventy (70) percent;

(viii) where there are two (2) Subscribers per mile, each of whom commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay twenty (20) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscribers shall pay eighty (80) percent; and

(ix) where there is one (1) Subscriber per mile, who commits to pay for one year of cable service, the Franchisee shall pay ten (10) percent of the cost of such line extension and the Subscriber shall pay ninety (90) percent.

(c) Installation charge shall be established by the Franchisee that shall apply to any drop of not more than two hundred feet (200'). If a drop of more than 200 feet is required, there shall be an additional charge based on the actual cost for the extra footage above 200'. Any underground installation shall be provided at the Franchisee's actual cost, and the work thereon shall be performed only after the Franchisee has provided the affected party with a cost estimate of any such costs and has obtained the party's acceptance thereof.

ARTICLE 5

CABLE SYSTEM DESIGN

SECTION 5.1—SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

The Franchisee commits to constructing, within twenty-four (24) months of the execution date of this Renewal Franchise, a 2-way residential cable system to the existing and agreed to line extension areas utilizing addressable technology, and cable and electronics capable of transmitting a bandwidth of 860 MHz, providing a minimum of 75 channels in the downstream direction and 4 channels in the upstream direction. The Cable System shall have 2-way interactivity within two years of the execution date of this Renewal Agreement.

SECTION 5.2—INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK

Within six (6) months of the Effective Date of a request by the Town, the Franchisee shall construct, install, activate, operate and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, a fiber-optic Institutional Network ("I-Net") backbone to be utilized by the Town. The I-Net shall connect the Town buildings and other institutions specified in Exhibit 2, attached hereto, ("I-Net Buildings"). The Franchisee's obligations in this Section 5.3 shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

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EXHIBIT 2
SECTION 5.2

"I-NET BUILDINGS"
HOUSING OFFICES LISTED BELOW

SELECTMEN
TAX COLLECTOR
TOWN CLERK
POLICE
FIRE
AMBULANCE
HIGHWAY
PLANNING/ZONING
SCHOOL
LIBRARY
WATER PRECINCT
"OLD/FORMER" TOWN HALL

SECTION 5.3—INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK INTERCONNECTION

The Franchisee shall cooperate with the Town and/or any State or federal agency that may be hereafter established for the purpose of regulating, financing or otherwise providing for the interconnection of Institutional Networks and/or cable systems beyond the corporate limits of the Town of Epsom.

SECTION 5.4—PARENTAL CONTROL CAPABILITY

The Franchisee shall provide, upon request, Subscribers with the capability to control the reception of Channels carrying obscene or indecent Programming. Said capability shall be provided at a rate consistent with applicable federal law.

SECTION 5.5—SUBSCRIBER ANTENNAE

The Cable System shall be so designed so that the provision of Cable Service shall not require, or result in, the physical removal of Subscriber's existing antennae and/or downleads to receivers, in order that Subscribers may utilize such antennae and downleads in place of Cable System reception. The Franchisee shall furnish to each requesting Subscriber, at a rate consistent with applicable federal law, a switch permitting the Subscriber to change from Cable System reception to home antennae reception, and back, at the option of the Subscriber.

SECTION 5.6—EMERGENCY POWER

The Cable Television System shall incorporate equipment designed to be capable of providing standby powering of the Headend for a minimum of four (4) hours upon failure of the power furnished by the utility company.

SECTION 5.7—DROPS

(a) In areas of the Town where the Cable System is required to be located underground, Drops to the Subscriber's structure shall be underground. In other areas of the Town, Drops shall be aerial unless the Subscriber requests underground Installation and elects to pay the cost(s) thereof.

(b) The Franchisee shall adhere to the Subscriber's preference regarding point of entry of the Drop into the structure. In the event that such preference results in a non-standard Installation, any incremental costs thereof shall be paid by said Subscriber.

(c) Within the Subscriber's structure, Drop and/or cable runs shall be installed in a professional manner.

SECTION 5.8—SIGNAL DELIVERY

(a) The Franchisee shall comply with the following:

(i) Throughout the entire term of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall maintain a tier(s) of Programming Service that contains, at a minimum, i) a substantially similar number of unduplicated Channels and ii) a substantially similar mix, level and quality of Signals that are currently contained on the Satellite Tier (hereinafter referred to as the "Satellite Tier") as of the Execution Date of this Renewal Franchise, and as further described in Exhibit 3, attached hereto.

(ii) Continue the current system of Signal delivery, whereby all Basic Tier and Satellite Tier Signals are delivered to Subscribers "in the clear", and the Franchisee continues its use of Trap technology, for said tiers; or

(iii) Construct, operate and make available to all Satellite Tier Subscribers an interdiction-based security system; or

(iv) Construct, operate and make available to all Satellite Tier Subscribers an industry-proven technology other than the one in use as of the Effective Date of this Renewal Franchise that shall allow all of the Satellite Tier Channels to enter all Satellite Tier Subscribers' homes "in the clear".

(b) In the future, in the event that fifteen (15%) of all Traps in the Belmont Headend-based System are malfunctioning and/or have been tampered with, the Franchisee may encrypt Signals, based on the following:

(i) The Franchisee may perform at least one annual audit of its Traps, testing a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of all Traps in the Belmont System;

(ii) In the event that 15% of the Traps tested pursuant to paragraph (i) above are either malfunctioning and/or have been tampered with,

the Franchisee shall do a subsequent test of a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of all Traps in the Belmont System.

(iii) For the Franchisee to be allowed to encrypt Satellite Tier (or its equivalent) Signals, two (2) audits must verify that fifteen (15%) of all Traps in the Belmont Headend-based System are either malfunctioning and/or have been tampered with.

(iv) The Franchisee will consult with the Town on mutually-convenient times to conduct said audits and give the Town, reasonable notice of the time and location of said audits in order for Town representatives to be present; and

(v) The Franchisee shall maintain its Traps in good working order and make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of its Trap records.

SECTION 5.9—TECHNICAL PLAN

(a) The Franchisee shall provide at least 30 days notice to the Town of proposed technical improvements projected to be made within the following twelve-month period and shall discuss such proposed improvements with the Town upon request of the Town.

(b) The Franchisee agrees to negotiate in good faith with the Town regarding possible incorporation into the Cable System of any new and useful design, equipment and capacity features desired by the Town.

SECTION 5.10—FCC TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 for informational purposes only are the FCC's technical specifications, at 47 C.F.R. 76.605.

ARTICLE 6

CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

SECTION 6.1—CONDITIONS OF STREET OCCUPANCY

All transmission and distribution structures, poles, other lines, and equipment installed or erected by the Franchisee pursuant to the terms hereof shall be so located so as to cause a minimum of interference with the proper use of Public Ways and with the rights and reasonable convenience of Persons who own property that abuts any of said Public Ways.

SECTION 6.2—UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

In the areas of the Town having telephone lines and electric utility lines underground, whether required by law or not, all of the Franchisee's lines, cables and wires shall be underground. At such time as these facilities are placed underground by the telephone and electric utility companies or are required to be placed underground by the Town, the Franchisee shall likewise place its facilities underground at no direct cost to Subscribers unless otherwise permitted by applicable law, other than an extension from the existing Trunk and Distribution System that exceeds two hundred fifty feet (250'). Underground cable lines shall be placed beneath the pavement subgrade. It is the policy of the Town that existing poles for electric and communication purposes be utilized wherever possible and that underground installation is preferable to the placement of additional poles.

SECTION 6.3—RESTORATION OF PUBLIC WAYS

If the Franchisee causes any disturbance or alteration of any Public Way, the Franchisee shall, at its own cost and expense and in a manner approved in advance in writing by the Franchising Authority, replace and restore such Public Way to a condition reasonably comparable to the condition before such disturbance or alteration occurred.

SECTION 6.4—CABLE SYSTEM MONITORING

The Franchisee shall continue to monitor the Cable System on a frequent basis and the Headend on a weekly basis. Problems detected through such monitoring shall be addressed promptly.

SECTION 6.5—SAFETY STANDARDS

The Franchisee shall construct, upgrade, install, operate, maintain and remove the Cable Television System in conformance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the National Electric Code, the National Electric Safety Code, Bell Telephone Systems Code of Pole Line Construction (when applicable), the rules and regulations of the Town and the FCC, all building and zoning codes, and all land use restrictions as the same exist or may be amended hereafter. Enforcement and compliance with the foregoing codes, rules and regulations shall be the responsibility of the appropriate code and/or regulatory enforcement authority. The Franchisee shall agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town for any damages alleged to have arisen from violations of Codes, State or Federal laws or regulations.

SECTION 6.6—PRIVATE PROPERTY

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

SECTION 6.7—RIGHT TO INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION

Upon reasonable notice, the Franchising Authority or its designee shall have the right to inspect all construction, installation and/or upgrade work performed subject to the provisions of this Renewal Franchise and to make such tests as it shall deem necessary to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal Franchise and all other applicable law. Any such inspection shall not interfere with the Franchisee's operations.

SECTION 6.8—EQUIPMENT

The Franchisee shall install equipment that shall enable it to operate the Cable System in full compliance with applicable FCC Technical Standards.

SECTION 6.9—SERVICE INTERRUPTION

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

SECTION 6.10—TEMPORARY RELOCATION

The Franchisee shall temporarily raise or lower its wires or other equipment upon the reasonable request of any Person holding a building moving permit issued by the Town. The expense of such raising or lowering shall be paid by the party requesting such a move. The Franchisee shall be given reasonable notice necessary to maintain continuity of service.

SECTION 6.11—DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION

The Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street, or other Public Way or place, or remove from any street or any other Public Ways and places, any of its property as required by the Franchising 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.

SECTION 6.12—CONSTRUCTION MAPS

At the request of the Franchising Authority, upon System Completion, the Franchisee shall make available at a convenient time and location to the Franchising Authority or its designee accurate maps of all existing and newly constructed plant on a confidential basis (pursuant to RSA 9.A).

SECTION 6.13—PEDESTALS

In any cases in which pedestals housing electronic devices are to be utilized, in Town Public Ways or within the Town public lay-out, such equipment must be installed in accordance with applicable regulations of the Highway Department; provided, however, that the Franchisee may place active devices (amplifiers, line extenders, power supplies, etc.) in a low-profile electronic control box, at Town approved locations to be specified by the Franchisee when the Franchisee applies for an underground permit, which shall not be unreasonably denied. All such equipment shall be shown on the construction maps, submitted to the Town in accordance with Section 6.12 supra.

SECTION 6.14—TREE TRIMMING

In the installation of amplifiers, poles, other appliances or equipment and in stringing of cables and/or wires as authorized herein, the Franchisee shall avoid all unnecessary damage and/or injury to any and all shade trees in and along the streets, alleys, Public Ways and places, and private property in the Town. All tree and/or root trimming and/or pruning provided for herewith shall be done pursuant to appropriate regulations of the Town.

SECTION 6.15—EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT

If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the Town, it shall become necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Franchising Authority or any designee, to cut or move any of the wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances or appurtenances of the Cable Television System, the Town shall have the right to do so at the sole cost and expense of the Franchisee. If practical, the Town shall notify the Franchisee and require it to cut or move any such wires, cables, amplifiers, appliances or appurtenances of the Cable Television System.

SECTION 6.16—REMOVAL AND RELOCATION

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

SECTION 6.17—COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

The Franchisee shall be required to make Cable Service(s) available to any commercial establishments in the Town, upon the parties being able to reach a reasonable agreement regarding the terms and costs of initial installation and service. The Franchisee has informed the Franchising Authority that certain Cable Services may not be available to commercial establishments pursuant to the Franchisee's contractual obligations with program suppliers.

The Franchisee shall hold a performance evaluation every year upon request of the Franchising Authority to review with the Franchising Authority regarding the demand of commercial establishments for cable-based Internet services. The Franchisee shall roll out such Internet services within six months after the completion of make ready, provided (i) the Franchising authority requests in writing that the Franchisee offer such services as in the best interests of Subscribers, (ii) the change is technically feasible and economically advantageous to the Franchisee and its Subscribers, and (iii) the term of this Renewal Franchise is extended to ensure a minimum of ten (10) years remain on the contract. If these conditions are met, the Franchisee shall complete any such changes in a timely and reasonable manner. For purposes of determining whether the provision of such Internet services is economically advantageous to the Franchisee and its Subscribers, the Franchisee shall consider all relevant facts, including (i) the probable demand for the service and (ii) the remaining life of the renewal term over which the cost of any such improvements would be amortized and passed through to subscribers.

ARTICLE 7

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

SECTION 7.1—BASIC SERVICE

To the extent required by applicable law, the Franchisee shall provide a Basic Service that shall include at least 1) all Broadcast television Signals in the Lakes Region, New Hampshire area that are required to be carried by a cable television system serving the Town pursuant to statute or regulation; 2) the Downstream Access Channels pursuant to Section 8.1 infra, for public, educational and governmental use, to be administered by the Access Provider;

and 3) in the Franchisee's editorial discretion, such additional Programming as the Franchisee may choose to include in its Basic Service offered to Subscribers.

SECTION 7.2—PROGRAMMING

The Franchisee shall use its best efforts to provide diverse Programming, including Programming in the broad categories of sports Programming, public affairs Programming, news Programming, children's Programming and optional premium movie Programming.

SECTION 7.3—TWO-WAY CAPABILITY

The Franchisee shall construct and maintain a System capable of being adapted for two-way use, available to all Subscribers.

SECTION 7.4—LEASED ACCESS CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Pursuant to Section 612(h)(l)(B) of the Cable Act, the Franchisee shall make available Channel capacity for commercial use by Persons unaffiliated with the Franchisee.

SECTION 7.5—VCR/CABLE COMPATIBILITY

(a) The Franchisee shall provide to any Subscriber, upon request, an A/B switch that will allow VCR owners to tape and view any Channel capable of being tuned by such owner's television set and/or VCR, except in instances involving two (2) scrambled Signals.

(b) Attached hereto, as Exhibit 5, are the different options available to VCR owners for installing VCRs to be compatible with the Cable System. The Franchisee shall make these options available to all Subscribers in writing with the applicable charges, if any.

(c) The Franchisee shall not Scramble or otherwise encode, in any manner or form, for the entire term of this Renewal Franchise, any Signals carried on its Basic Service.

SECTION 7.6—CONTINUITY OF SERVICE

The Franchisee shall provide all Subscribers with continuous, uninterrupted Service, except for necessary Service interruptions, subject to Force Majeure. When necessary Service interruptions can be anticipated, the Franchisee shall notify Subscribers in advance, pursuant to Section 6.9 supra.

SECTION 7.7—SERVICE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(a) The Franchisee shall connect, without charge to the Franchising Authority, Basic Service and Satellite Tier (unless prohibited otherwise by the Franchisee's contractual obligations) to the Town's office buildings, fire station, police station, and public school buildings, that are passed by its Cable System, and listed in Exhibit 6, attached hereto.

(b) The Franchisee shall provide said Drops, Basic and Extended Basic Service within six months (6) months of the Effective Date of this Renewal Franchise. Upon written request of the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee shall provide additional Drops and Basic and Extended Basic Service to those public institutions located along its cable routes, but not listed in Exhibit 6. The Franchisee shall discuss the location of each Drop with the proper officials at each of the institutions entitled to such Drop and Basic and Extended Basic Service, prior to the installation of said Drop. The Franchisee shall provide a high-speed cable modem to each of the public buildings listed in Exhibit 6 hereto within ninety (90) days of making such service available to its Subscribers on a commercial basis.

ARTICLE 8

PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

SECTION 8.1—PEG ACCESS CHANNELS

(a) Franchisee shall provide two Access Channels and a third Access Channel at such time as the Town is programming the first and second Access Channels for at least eighteen hours per day, with seventy-five percent of non-duplicated video programming over an eight-week period.

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EXHIBIT 6
SECTION 7.7

BASIC SERVICE & SATELITE TIER
HOUSING OFFICES LISTED BELOW

SELECTMEN
TAX COLLECTOR
TOWN CLERK
POLICE
FIRE
AMBULANCE
HIGHWAY
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(b) Franchising Authority shall establish rules for the use of the Access Channel consistent with the provisions of the Cable Act.

(c) Franchisee shall maintain the location of the Access Channel, as of the date of execution of this Renewal Franchise. If an Access Channel location change is necessary, the franchisee shall: (i) notify the franchising authority in writing of such change 90 days in advance; and (ii) assist the Franchising Authority in advertising and promoting any such channel changes.

(d) Franchisee agrees to pay Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purchase of PEG access equipment and/or facilities upon request by the Town. Such one-time grant shall be provided at no cost to the Town and without pass through.

(e) Franchisee shall train Town officials, designees or school staff in the production of a community bulletin board, at the Franchisee's cost, as often as is reasonably necessary, such training to allow the Town to have complete responsibility for the production and broadcast of the community bulletin board. All such training and use shall be as provided in the rules that shall be established by the Town and Franchisee. Franchisee shall also provide personnel with technical qualifications to be available, upon request by the Town, to cure technical problems with the cable plant arising from the operation of the Town's local access channel.

(f) Franchisee shall not engage in any program censorship or any other control of the content of the PEG Access Programming on the Cable System, except as permitted by federal law with respect to programming that is not protected by the First Amendment of the United States.

SECTION 8.2—ACCESS CHANNELS MAINTENANCE

The Franchisee shall monitor the PEG Access Channels for technical quality and shall ensure that they are maintained at standards commensurate with those that apply to the Cable System's commercial Channels; provided, however, that the Franchisee is not responsible for the technical quality of PEG Access Programming. Upon request, the Franchisee shall make available a copy of its most recent annual performance tests.

SECTION 8.3—ACCESS CABLE CASTING

(a) In order that PEG Access Users can cablecast PEG Access Programming over the two (2) Downstream PEG Access Channels, all PEG Programming shall be modulated, then transmitted from the Access Provider studio to the Cable System Headend. At the Headend, said Access Programming shall be retransmitted on one of the two Downstream PEG Access Channels.

(b) It shall be the Franchisee's sole responsibility to ensure that said PEG Access Programming is properly switched, either manually or electronically, to the appropriate Downstream Channel, in an efficient and timely manner. The Franchisee shall not charge the Franchising Authority and/or any PEG Access User(s) for such switching responsibility. The Franchisee and the Franchising Authority shall negotiate in good faith any difficulties that arise regarding cablecasting of PEG Access Programming.

(c) The Franchisee shall install equipment in order to receive and process upstream Programming from the I-Net and routing such Programming through the Headend for distribution to the Subscriber Network and/or the I-Net.

SECTION 8.4—BULLETIN BOARD

Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall provide a character generator for the use of programming a community bulletin-board on one of the PEG Access Channels, up to a cost of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00). The Franchisee shall consult with the Town of Epsom on the technical specifications of such character generator prior to its purchase.

SECTION 8.5—CENSORSHIP

Neither the Franchisee, the Town nor the Access Provider shall engage in any program censorship or other editorial control of the content of PEG Access Programming on the Cable System, except as otherwise required or permitted by applicable law.

SECTION 8.6—PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING

(a) Public Access Users shall sign a user form in which she or he agrees:

- (i) to comply with all applicable laws regarding obscenity;
- (ii) to be solely responsible for any liability resulting from his or her Public Access Programming including, but not limited to, defamation, slander, libel, obscenity or copyright infringement; and
- (iii) to indemnify the Franchising Authority, the Town, the Access Provider and the Franchisee from any liability arising from said Public Access Programming.

(b) In accordance with Section 611(e) of the Cable Act, the Franchisee shall not exercise any editorial control over any public, educational or governmental use of PEG Access Channels, except as may be required by applicable federal law.

(c) At all times during the term of this Renewal Franchise, the Access Provider shall obtain, pay premiums for, and file copies with the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee, on an annual basis, of a Certificate of Insurance, or other evidence of coverage, for a Media Perils Liability Policy, with the Access Provider, the Town and the Franchisee as named insureds, that shall indemnify the Access Provider, the Town of Epsom and the Franchisee against any liability from Public Access Programming, in a form similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

SECTION 8.7.—ANNUAL REPORTS

The Access Provider shall issue a report regarding use of PEG Access equipment and provide the Franchisee with a copy of such a report.

ARTICLE 9

FRANCHISE FEES

SECTION 9.1—FRANCHISE FEE ENTITLEMENT

(a) The Franchisee shall pay to the Town, throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise, a Franchise Fee equal to five percent (5%) of the Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenues derived during each year of this Renewal Franchise; provided, however, that the Franchise Fee shall be equal to three percent (3%) of the Franchisee's Gross Annual revenues until the Franchising Authority notifies the Franchisee, in writing, to increase the Franchise Fee to five percent (5%) of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenues. The Franchisee shall not be liable for a total financial commitment in excess of five percent (5%) of its Gross Annual Revenues; provided, however, that said five percent (5%) cap shall not include (i) the equipment/facilities grant (Section 8.2), (ii) any damages (Section 13.2), and/or (iii) any interest from late payments.

(b) Pursuant to Section 622(f) of the Cable Act, the Franchisee shall designate that portion of a Subscriber's bill attributable to the Franchise Fee as a separate item on the bill.

SECTION 9.2—PAYMENT

(a) The Town shall be furnished, on an annual basis, with a statement by a Certified Public Accountant that verifies, in reasonable detail, the total Gross Annual Revenues for the payment period. The Franchise Fee shall be due and payable on or before February 28th of each calendar year of this Renewal Franchise.

(b) The Town may designate a representative to consult with the Franchisee's Certified Public Accountant to examine such Gross Annual Revenue and Subscriber records of the Franchisee that are necessary to determine the accuracy of the statement submitted by Franchisee's Certified Public Accountant.

SECTION 9.3—LATE PAYMENT

In the event the Franchise Fees herein required are not tendered within seven (7) business days of the dates fixed in Sections 9.1 and 9.2 above, interest due on such Franchise Fee(s) shall accrue from the date due at the rate of one (1%) percent above the Prime Rate. The Town and Franchisee agree that this interest charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the damages that the Town might suffer from such failure and further agree that the actual damages that the Town might suffer in such event are incapable of ascertainment or reliable estimate. Any interest because of late payments to the Town pursuant to this Section 9.3 shall not be deemed to be part of the Franchise Fees to be paid to the Town pursuant to Section 9.1 hereof and shall be within the exclusion to the term "franchise fee" for requirements incidental to enforcing the Franchise pursuant to Section 622(g)(2)(D) of the Cable Act.

SECTION 9.4—RECOMPUTATION

Tender or acceptance of any payment 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 Town may have for additional sums including interest payable under this Section 9.4. All amounts shall be subject to audit and recomputation by the Town, which shall be based on a calendar year and shall occur in no event later than one (1) year after the Franchise Fees are tendered with respect to such calendar year. If, after audit and recomputation, an additional payment is owed to the Town, such payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days after such audit and recomputation. The interest on such additional payment shall be charged from the due date at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum during the period that such additional amount is owed; provided however, that there shall be no interest or late charge on any portion of disputed fees where there is a bona fide dispute as to the obligation to pay said fees, during the pendency of any such bona fide dispute.

SECTION 9.5—OTHER PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

(a) The Franchise Fee payments shall be in addition to and shall not constitute an offset or credit against any and all taxes or other fees or charges of general applicability that the Franchisee or any Affiliated Person shall be required to pay to the Town, or to any State or federal agency or authority, as required herein or by law; the payment of said taxes, fees or charges shall not constitute a credit or offset against the Franchise Fee payments all of which shall be separate and distinct obligations of the Franchisee and each Affiliated Person.

The Franchisee herein agrees that no such taxes, fees or charges shall be used as offsets or credits against the Franchise Fee payments.

(b) Consistent with Section 622(h) of the Cable Act, any Person, including a Leased Access User, that distributes any Service over the Cable System for which charges are assessed to Subscribers but not received by the Franchisee shall pay the Town a fee equal to five percent (5%) of such Person's Gross Annual Revenues. If the Franchisee collects revenues for said Person, then the Franchisee shall collect said five percent (5%) fee on the Gross Annual Revenues of said Person and shall pay said amounts to the Town along with the Franchisee's Franchise Fee payments pursuant to Section 9.1 herein. If the Franchisee does not collect the revenues for a Person that distributes any Service over the System, then the Franchisee shall notify said Person of this five percent (5%) fee requirement and shall notify the Franchising Authority of such use of the Cable System by any such Person(s) and the Franchisee shall then have no further responsibility to the Town, with respect to any such fee for such Person(s).

(c) Unless otherwise specified by applicable federal law, all contributions, services, equipment, Channel capacity, facilities, support, such as the PEG Access equipment payments in Section 8.2(a) supra, free connections and service to public buildings, pursuant to Section 7.7 supra, to be provided by the Franchisee pursuant to this Renewal Franchise are not within the meaning of the term "franchise fee" as defined in Section 622(g)(l) of the Cable Act and fall within one or more exclusions to the term "franchise fee" as defined in Sections 622(g)(2)(A) through (D) of the Cable Act.

SECTION 9.6—AFFILIATES USE OF SYSTEM

The Franchisee shall not permit the use or operation of the Cable System by Affiliates in connection with the operation of other cable television systems on terms that result in a diversion of revenues from operation of the Cable System to the detriment of the Town and/or the Access Provider under this Renewal Franchise. If requested by the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee shall be required to demonstrate that use or operation of the Cable System by the Franchisee and/or an Affiliate is fair and competitive compared to such use by other third parties. Should the Franchising Authority subsequently determine otherwise, the Franchisee shall negotiate to resolve any dispute(s) regarding such gross revenue discrepancies on account of such a relationship.

SECTION 9.7—ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN; NO RELEASE

No acceptance of any payment by the Town shall be construed as a release or as an accord and satisfaction of any claim the Town may have for further or additional sums payable as a Franchise Fee pursuant to this Article 9 or for the performance of any other obligation of the Franchisee.

ARTICLE 10

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 10.1—REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Franchising Authority and/or its designee(s) shall be responsible for the day-to-day regulation of the Cable Television System. The Franchising Authority and/or its designee(s) shall monitor and enforce the Licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Renewal Franchise. The Issuing Authority shall notify the Licensee in writing of any instance of non-compliance pursuant to Section 13.1 infra.

SECTION 10.2—JURISDICTION

Unless otherwise required by applicable law, jurisdiction and venue over any dispute, action or suit shall be in any court of appropriate venue and subject matter jurisdiction located in the State of New Hampshire and the parties by this instrument subject themselves to the personal jurisdiction of said court for the entry of judgment and the resolution of any dispute, action or suit.

ARTICLE 11

RATES AND CHARGES

SECTION 11.1—RATE REGULATION

The Town reserves the right to regulate the Franchisee's rates and charges to the extent allowable under applicable federal law and regulation, including but not limited to, the Cable Act.

SECTION 11.2—NOTIFICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

The Franchisee shall file with the Town schedules that shall describe all Services offered by the Franchisee, all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms and conditions relating thereto. No rates or charges shall be effective except as they appear on a schedule so filed. Any changes in rates and charges by Franchisee shall be preceded by a thirty (30) day notice of the proposed change to the Franchising Authority and all Subscribers and such other notice as may be permitted under applicable law or regulation. The requirements of this section shall apply to all rates and charges in Epsom, including those charges authorized in Section 11.3.

SECTION 11.3—RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS; SPECIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

The Franchisee shall not deny Service, access or otherwise discriminate against Subscribers, Channel Users or general citizens on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, physical handicap or country of natural origin. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Franchisee from offering reduced rates for senior citizens, handicapped Persons and/or charitable institutions.

SECTION 11.4—BILLING PRACTICES

The Franchisee shall set forth in writing its billing practices and policies, including the conditions under which an account will be considered overdue and subject to disconnection, and shall furnish a copy thereof to each new Subscriber and to the Franchising Authority and thereafter to any Subscribers upon request, and to the Town and all Subscribers at such time as there is a change in such policies.

SECTION 11.5—TERMINATION OF PRO-RATED SERVICE

In the event Subscriber's Service is terminated, monthly charges for such Service shall be pro-rated on a daily basis and, where advance payment has been made by a Subscriber, the appropriate refund shall be made by the Franchisee to said Subscriber within thirty (30) days of such termination or the next billing cycle, whichever is later, after the Subscriber has returned any of the Franchisee's equipment.

SECTION 11.6—SUBSCRIBERS' RIGHTS UPON FAILURE OF SERVICE

(a) In the event that Service to any Subscriber is interrupted for twenty-four (24) or more consecutive hours, the Franchisee shall automatically provide a pro-rata credit or rebate, on a daily basis, of that portion of the Service during the next consecutive billing period, as set forth in RSA 53-C;3-c.

(b) For purposes of computing the time of such interrupted Service, said time shall begin when a complaint for interrupted Service is received and logged by the Franchisee, or when the Franchisee has actual or constructive notice of the interruption, and shall last until Service is restored.

(c) In the event that cable service to any subscriber is interrupted during short-term pay-per-view ordered by a subscriber, subscriber shall receive a credit or rebate for that event provided complaint for interrupted Service is received and logged by the Franchisee, or when the Franchisee has actual or constructive notice of the interruption.

SECTION 11.7—DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT

(a) In no event shall the Franchisee disconnect a Subscriber's Cable Service for nonpayment unless (i) the Subscriber's payment is past due; (ii) the Franchisee has given said Subscriber written notice of such past due amount, included in a subsequent bill or separate mailing prior to the proposed disconnection; and (iii) said Subscriber has not paid a past due amount after forty-five (45) days from its due date.

ARTICLE 12

INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION, BONDS, & OTHER SURETY

SECTION 12.1—INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

At all times during the term of the Renewal License, including the time for removal of facilities provided for herein, the Franchisee shall obtain, pay all premiums for, and file with the Franchising Authority, on an annual basis, copies of the certificates of insurance for the following policies:

(1) A general commercial liability policy naming the Town, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, committees and/or employees as additional insureds on all claims on account of injury to or death of a Person or Persons occasioned by the construction, Installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable System or alleged to have been so occasioned, with a minimum liability of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for injury or death to any one Person in any one occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for injury or death to two (2) or more Persons in any one occurrence.

(2) A property damage insurance policy naming the Town, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, committees and/or employees as additional insureds and save them harmless from any and all claims of property damage, real or personal, occasioned or alleged to have been so occasioned by the construction, Installation, maintenance or operation of the Cable Television System, with a minimum liability of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for damage to the property of any one Person in any one occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for damage to the property of two (2) or more Persons in any one occurrence.

(3) Automobile liability insurance for owned automobiles, non-owned automobiles and/or rented automobiles in the amount of:

(a) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and consequent death per occurrence;

(b) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and consequent death to any one Person; and

(c) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for property damage per occurrence.

(4) Worker's Compensation in the minimum amount of the statutory limit, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for Employer's Liability.

(5) The following conditions shall apply to the insurance policies required herein:

(a) Such insurance shall commence no later than the Effective Date of this Renewal License.

(b) Such insurance shall be primary with respect to any insurance maintained by the Town and shall not call on the Town's insurance for contributions.

(c) Such insurance shall be obtained from brokers or carriers authorized to transact insurance business in New Hampshire.

(d) The Franchisee's failure to obtain to procure or maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Renewal License.

SECTION 12.2—PERFORMANCE BOND

(a) The Franchisee shall maintain at its sole cost and expense throughout the term of the Renewal License a faithful performance bond running to the Town, with good and sufficient surety licensed to do business in the State in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance and discharge of all of the obligations imposed by this Renewal Franchise.

(b) The performance bond shall be effective throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise and until a new Franchise agreement has been negotiated or, in the case of abandonment, until the system has been removed from the Town including the time for removal of all of the facilities provided for herein, and shall be conditioned that in the event that the Franchisee shall fail to comply with any one or more provisions of this Renewal Franchise, or to comply with any order, permit or direction of any department, agency, commission, board, division or office of the Town having jurisdiction over its costs, or to pay any claims, liens or taxes due the Town that arise by reason of the upgrade, maintenance, operation and/or removal of the Cable System, the Town shall recover from the surety of such bond all damages suffered by the Town as a result thereof, pursuant to Sections 13.1 and 13.2 infra.

(c) Said bond shall be a continuing obligation of this Renewal Franchise, and thereafter until the Franchisee has satisfied all of its obligations to the Town that may have arisen from the grant of the Renewal Franchise or from the exercise of any privilege herein granted. In the event that the Town recovers from said surety, the Franchisee shall take immediate steps to reinstate the performance bond to the amount required herein. Neither this section, any bond accepted pursuant thereto, or any damages recovered thereunder shall limit the liability of the Franchisee under this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 12.3—REPORTING

On an annual basis, the Franchisee shall submit to the Franchising Authority, or its designee, upon request, copies of all current certificates regarding a) all insurance policies as required herein, and b) the performance bond as required herein.

SECTION 12.4—INDEMNIFICATION

(a) The Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its officials, boards, commissions, committees, agents and/or employees against all claims for damage due to the actions of the Franchisee, its employees, officers or agents arising out of the construction, Installation, maintenance, operation and/or removal of the Cable Television System under this Renewal Franchise, including without limitation, damage to Persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, Installation, operation, maintenance and/or removal of any structure, equipment, wire or cable installed. Indemnified expenses shall include, without limitation, all out-of-pocket expenses, such as attorneys' fees.

(b) The Franchisee's obligation to indemnify the Town as aforesaid, the Town agrees that it will, on request, surrender to the Franchisee, the defense of any claim for damages for which the Town claims a right to indemnification hereunder. The Franchisee shall then have the duty to defend such claim and may employ attorneys of its own selection, at its own expense, to investigate, negotiate, settle or litigate any such claim or suit and shall bear the entire cost of such settlement or judgment.

SECTION 12.5—NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR REDUCTION OF COVERAGE

The insurance policies and performance bond required herein shall each contain an explicit endorsement stating that such insurance policies and performance bond are intended to cover the liability assumed by the Franchisee under the terms of the Renewal Franchise and shall contain the following endorsement:

It is hereby understood and agreed that this policy (or bond) shall not be cancelled, materially changed or the amount of coverage thereof reduced until forty-five (45) days after receipt by the Issuing Authority by certified mail of one

(1) copy of a written notice of such intent to cancel, materially change or reduce the coverage required herein.

ARTICLE 13

DETERMINATION OF BREACH LIQUIDATED DAMAGE-FRANCHISE REVOCATION

SECTION 13.1—DETERMINATION OF BREACH

(a) It is the intent of the parties hereto to attempt to resolve disputes arising under this Renewal Franchise informally. In the event that such efforts are not successful, the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee shall follow the procedures set forth in this Article 13.

(b) In the event that the Franchising Authority has reason to believe that the Franchisee has defaulted in the performance of any or several provisions of this Renewal Franchise, except as excused by Force Majeure, the Franchising Authority shall notify the Franchisee in writing, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions that the Franchising Authority believes may have been in default and the details relating thereto and Franchisee agrees to make available its employees to respond in person upon reasonable notice and to make available documents relevant to the alleged default. The Franchisee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

(i) respond to the Franchising Authority in writing, contesting the Franchising authority's assertion of default and providing such information or documentation as may be necessary to support the Franchisee's position; or

(ii) 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 Franchisee shall report to the Franchising Authority, in writing, by certified mail, at fourteen (14) day intervals as to Franchisee's efforts, indicating the steps taken by the Franchisee to cure said default and reporting the Franchisee's progress until such default is cured.

(iii) In the event that (i) the Franchisee fails to respond to such notice of default; (ii) the Franchisee fails to cure the default or to take

reasonable steps to cure the default within the required thirty (30) day period; or (iii) the Franchising Authority is not satisfied with (1) the Franchisee's response (pursuant to paragraph {a} above) or (2) the Franchisee's efforts to cure (pursuant to paragraph {b} above), the Franchising Authority shall promptly schedule a public hearing no sooner than fourteen (14) days after written notice, by certified mail, to the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall be provided a full and fair opportunity to offer evidence, question any Person(s) offering testimony and be heard at such public hearing.

(iv) Within thirty (30) days after said public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall determine whether or not the Franchisee is in default of any provision of the Renewal Franchise. In the event that the Franchising Authority, after such hearings, determines that the Franchisee is in such default, the Franchising Authority (i) shall issue a written decision containing its findings and (ii) may determine to pursue any of the following remedies:

(A) assess liquidated damages in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 13.2 below;

(B) seek specific performance of any provision of the Renewal Franchise that reasonably lends itself to such remedy as an alternative to damages;

(I) commence an action at law for monetary damages;

(II) foreclose on all or any appropriate part of the security provided pursuant to Section 12.2 herein;

(III) declare the Renewal Franchise to be revoked subject to Section 13.3 and applicable law;

(IV) invoke any other lawful remedy available to the Town.

SECTION 13.2—LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

(a) For the violation of any of the following provisions of this Renewal Franchise, liquidated damages shall be paid by the Franchisee to the Franchising Authority, subject to Section 13.1 above. Any such liquidated damages shall be assessed as of the date that the Franchisee receives written

notice, by certified mail, of the provision or provisions that the Franchising Authority believes are in default.

(1) For failure to fully upgrade, extend, install, operate and maintain the Cable Television System, in accordance with Section 5.1 herein, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per day, for each day that such upgrade, installation, operation and maintenance has not occurred.

(2) For failure to construct, install, fully activate and maintain the Institutional Network in accordance with Section 5.3 herein, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day, for each day that such non-compliance continues.

(3) For failure to obtain the advance, written approval of the Franchising Authority for any transfer of the Renewal Franchise in accordance with Article 3 herein, four hundred (\$400.00) per day, for each day that such non-compliance continues.

(4) For failure to comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations in accordance with Section 14.2 herein, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, for each day that such non-compliance continues.

(5) For failure to comply with any of the obligations in accordance with Article 14 herein, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, for each day that such non-compliance continues.

(6) For failure to submit (i) reports, pursuant to Article 15 herein, and/or (ii) schedules and notices pursuant to Section 11.2 herein fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day that said reports and/or schedules and notices are not submitted as required.

(b) Such liquidated damages shall be in addition to, and not a limitation upon, any other provision of this Renewal Franchise and applicable law, including penalties or revocation, or any other provisions of this Renewal Franchise and applicable law, including penalties or revocation or any other statutorily or judicially imposed penalties or remedies.

SECTION 13.3—REVOCATION OF THE RENEWAL FRANCHISE

In the event that the Franchisee fails to comply with any material provision of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchising Authority may revoke the Renewal Franchise granted herein, subject to the procedures of Section 13.1 above.

SECTION 13.4—TERMINATION

The termination of this Renewal Franchise and the Franchisee's rights herein shall become effective upon the earliest to occur of; {i} the revocation of the Renewal Franchise by action of the Franchising Authority, pursuant to Section 13.1 and 13.3 above; {ii} the abandonment of the Cable System, in whole or material part, by the Franchisee without the express, prior approval of the Franchising Authority; or {iii} the expiration of the term of this Renewal Franchise. In the event of any termination, the Town shall have all of the rights provided in this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 13.5—NOTICE TO OTHER PARTY OF LEGAL ACTION

Except for (i) enforcing any damages pursuant to Section 13.2 herein and/or (ii) in any case where the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee and/or the Town may lose any right(s) that such party may otherwise have, including, but not limited to, injunctive relief; in the event that such party to this Renewal Franchise intends to take legal action against the other for any reason, such moving party shall first (i) give the other party reasonable notice that an action may be filed, (ii) meet with the other party, if practical, before it files any such action, and (iii) negotiate the issue that is the subject of any proposed legal action in good faith with the other party. Nothing in this Article 13 shall be deemed to limit the Franchising Authority's, the Franchisee's or the Town's right to seek appropriate relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 13.6—NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDY

No decision by the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee and/or the Town to invoke any remedy under the Renewal Franchise or under any statute, law or ordinance shall preclude the availability of any other such remedy.

ARTICLE 14

SUBSCRIBER RIGHTS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SECTION 14.1—BUSINESS-CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE/ TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

(a) The Franchisee shall continue to maintain and operate a business-customer service office in the Town of Belmont or, if not in Belmont, in a location reasonably proximate to the Town of Epsom for the purpose of receiving and resolving all complaints, including without limitation, those regarding billing, Service, Installation and equipment malfunctions, accepting the return of Converters anchor other Subscriber equipment, and answering general inquiries.

(b) The Franchisee shall continue to maintain sufficient customer service representatives at said business-customer service office to handle all Epsom Subscriber calls, during the following current hours: 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday; provided, however, that the Franchisee may change said hours upon the advance written notice to the Franchising Authority; provided, further, that the Franchisee must maintain a minimum of fifty (50) hours per week, including at least one (1) evening per week and at least four (4) hours each Saturday (holidays excluded).

(c) At all other times than those hours established in Section 14.1(c) above, and throughout the entire term of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall maintain a telephone answering service to handle Subscriber inquiries, complaints and emergencies, and provide proper referral regarding billing and other subscriber information. All such after-hours calls shall be logged by the Franchisee or its agents. Said answering service shall forward all inquiries anchor complaints to the Franchisee the morning of the next business day. The Franchisee shall promptly contact each individual Subscriber to follow-up on their individual problem anchor inquiry, as necessary.

(d) All after-hours telephone calls of an emergency nature shall be acted upon immediately.

SECTION 14.2—FCC CUSTOMER SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

The Franchisee shall comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations, codified at 47 C.F.R. Section 76.309, as may be amended, and attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

SECTION 14.3—TELEPHONE ACCESS

(a) The Franchisee's business office shall have a publicly listed local telephone number. The Franchisee shall maintain an adequate number of telephone lines for answering Subscriber calls.

(b) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §76.30(c)(l)(B), the Franchisee shall connect a telephone caller to a live customer representative, including wait time, within thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If such a call needs to be transferred, the Transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. These standards shall be met no less than ninety percent (90%) of the time during the Franchisee's regular business hours, pursuant to Section 14.1(c) above, i) under normal operating conditions, as defined in said 47 C.F.R. §76.309, and ii) as measured on a quarterly basis.

(c) Under normal operating conditions, as defined in said 47 C.F.R. §76.309, a telephone caller to the Franchisee shall receive a busy signal less than three percent (3%) of the time.

(d) If the Franchisee reasonably believes that the Franchisee is not in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §76.309(B), the Franchising Authority shall notify the Franchisee of its belief, and shall notify the Franchisee of all of the facts upon which its bases such belief. After such notification, the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee shall confer regarding said issue, and if the Franchising Authority is not satisfied concerning the Franchisee's compliance in this matter, the Franchisee, upon request, shall conduct a busy study.

SECTION 14.4—INITIAL INSTALLATION IN WIRED AREAS

(a) The Franchisee shall provide Cable Service(s) in all areas of the Town to those residents whose homes are passed by the Cable System and who have requested Service, within fourteen (14) days of said request. In arranging appointments for said cable Installation work, the Franchisee shall make its best efforts to specify to the resident, in advance, whether said Installation will occur in the morning or afternoon hours. The Franchisee shall

make reasonable efforts to install at time convenient to residents, including times other than 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.

Failure to install within said fourteen (14) day period, without just cause (Force Majeure) or resident fault, shall require the Franchisee to automatically offer a priority cable Installation to the affected resident at a time mutually agreeable to the Franchisee and the affected resident, but in no case later than three (3) working days following the initial Installation date, unless mutually agreed to otherwise by the parties.

(b) There shall be no additional charge in addition to standard aerial installation charges to residents for Installation, provided said residence is within two hundred feet (200') from existing or proposed feeder line. Installations requiring materials or procedures that exceed these specified lengths or that involves extraordinary conditions will be subject to additional charges, as determined by the Franchisee; provided, however, that such charges shall be fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

SECTION 14.5—SERVICE CALLS

(a) In arranging appointments for Service calls, the Franchisee shall comply with the FCC's Customer Service Obligations, as may be amended.

(b) The Franchisee shall remove all Subscriber Drops, within seven (7) days of receiving a written request from a Subscriber to do so.

SECTION 14.6—SUBSCRIBER SOLICITATION PROCEDURES

(a) The Franchisee shall provide all prospective Subscribers with complete, clear and concise written information concerning all Services and rates by the Franchisee upon solicitation of Service or prior to, or at the time of, installation of cable service. Such information shall include but not be limited to the following:

(i) All levels of Services and rates, deposits if applicable, installation costs, additional television set charges, service upgrade and/or downgrade charges and relocation of cable Outlet charges.

(ii) Detailed written information concerning billing and collection procedures, procedures for ordering changes in or termination of services, and all refund policies.

(iii) Notice of the availability of complete written information concerning the utilization of VCRs with Cable Service(s), including the cost for hooking up such VCRs.

(iv) Notice of availability of detailed information on parental lockout devices.

(v) Detailed written information concerning the Franchisee's privacy policies, pursuant to State and federal law.

(b) In soliciting prospective customers for telemarketing, the Franchisee shall provide the following:

(i) A description of each level of Service in detail;

(ii) A description of the lowest cost Service in an objective manner; and

(iii) A price quotation summary for the prospective customer what the total bill could be expected to be for requested service.

SECTION 14.7—NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS REGARDING QUALITY OF SERVICE

(a) As set forth in RSA 53-C: 3-d, annually, the Franchisee shall mail to each of its Subscribers a notice that:

(i) Informs Subscribers how to communicate their views to the Franchisee and to the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau;

(ii) States the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau to receive and act on consumer complaints; and

(iii) Such notice shall be in non-technical language, understandable by the general public, and in a convenient format. On or before January 30 of each year, the Franchisee shall certify to the Franchising Authority

and to the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau, that it has distributed the notice as provided herein during the previous calendar year as required.

SECTION 14.8—BILLING PRACTICES INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

(a) The Franchisee shall inform all prospective Subscribers of complete information respecting billing and collection procedures, procedures for ordering changes in a termination of Services, and refund policies, upon solicitation of Service and prior to the consummation of any agreement for Installation of Service. Such information shall be provided to Subscribers in easy-to-understand language.

(b) Billing procedures shall be as follows:

(i) The Franchisee shall bill all Subscribers to its Cable Television System in a uniform, non-discriminatory manner, regardless of a Subscriber's level of service(s). The bill shall have an explicit due date.

(ii) Upon initiation of Service and prior to the due date of each bill, the Franchisee shall provide all Subscribers with an itemized bill that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

(A) a list of each Service or package received for that particular billing period;

(B) the rate or charge for each Service or package received;

(C) the period of time over which said Services are billed; and

(D) the total charges due for the monthly period, separate for any previous balance due;

(iii) Subscribers shall have thirty (30) days from the due date of a bill in which to register a complaint or dispute concerning said bill.

(iv) In the event that bona fide billing dispute arises, the Franchisee shall make a good faith effort to resolve each dispute within fourteen (14) working days of receiving written notification of said dispute from the

Subscriber, or any written communication from the Franchising Authority regarding a Subscriber complaint. If said dispute is not settled within the fourteen (14) working day period and/or the Subscriber notifies the Franchisee that its proposed resolution is unacceptable, the Franchisee shall notify, and deliver to, the affected Subscriber its proposed resolution of the dispute within two (2) business days of the expiration of said fourteen (14) day period.

(v) Said Subscriber shall be responsible for paying only that portion of the bill that is not in dispute. In no event shall the Franchisee, prior to the resolution of a billing dispute, disconnect, assess a late payment charge or require payment of a late payment charge from the Subscriber for failure to pay the disputed portion of bona fide disputed bills, or portions thereof, provided the Subscriber notifies the Franchisee of said dispute within thirty (30) days following the beginning of the billing period for which Service was rendered under the disputed bill.

(vi) Late charges, if applied, shall in no case exceed one and a half percent (1.5%) per month of the balance due, and shall not be imposed on the disputed portion of a Subscriber's bill should a bona fide dispute arise concerning a Subscriber's bill.

SECTION 14.9—COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

(a) The Franchisee shall establish a procedure for resolution of billing and privacy dispute and complaints by Subscribers. The Franchisee shall provide, on an annual basis, a written description of said procedures to all Subscribers, as well as the Franchising Authority, with an initial copy to the Franchising Authority within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of the Renewal Franchise.

(b) The Franchisee shall promptly respond to all Subscriber complaints requiring a response, but in any event within three (3) business days of receipt of any such complaints. In the event that the Subscriber notifies the Franchisee that he or she is not satisfied with the Franchisee's response, or the Franchisee does not respond within said three (3) business days, such Subscriber may contact the Better Business Bureau of the Granite State ("BBBGS") that shall attempt to informally mediate the dispute. If such informal mediation fails, the Subscriber shall have the right to seek arbitration of the dispute, in addition to any other remedy available to, and desired by, such Subscriber(s). If such arbitration occurs, the Franchisee and such said Subscriber shall sign an agreement, that describes the issue(s) in dispute. Both

the Franchisee and Subscriber shall agree to accept said arbitrator's decision in the matter.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing and based upon multiple complaints or disputes brought by Subscribers, if the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) determines it to be in the public interest, the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) may investigate any such multiple complaints or disputes brought by subscribers arising from the operations of the Franchisee, provided said Subscribers make a good faith effort to comply with the Franchisee's procedures specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above for the resolution of complaints.

(d) In the event that the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) finds a pattern of multiple unresolved subscriber complaints, the Franchising Authority or its designee(s) shall meet with the Franchisee to discuss the possible need for appropriate amendments to the Franchisee's procedures for the resolution of complaints.

SECTION 14.10—CHANGE OF SERVICE

Upon notification by a Subscriber to disconnect or downgrade a basic or premium service, The Franchisee shall cease and/or adjust said Subscriber's monthly service charges immediately or as of the Subscriber's specified disconnect or downgrade date. In no case shall said Subscriber be charged for service(s) requested to be changed after the Franchisee is notified of said change(s). In the event that Subscribers request disconnection or downgrade of service(s) as a result of a rate increase, the Franchisee's charges, if any, shall be consistent with applicable law(s) and regulation(s).

SECTION 14.11—LOSS OF SERVICE-SIGNAL QUALITY

Upon a showing of a number of complaints from Subscribers that indicates a general or area-wide Signal quality problem concerning consistently poor or substandard Signal quality in the System, the Franchisee shall comply with Section 15.8.

SECTION 14.12—EMPLOYEE AND AGENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All of the Franchisee's employees and agents entering upon private property, in connection with the construction, Installation, maintenance and operation of the Cable System, including repair and sales personnel, shall be required to carry an employee identification card issued by the Franchisee, worn visibly by said employees and agents.

SECTION 14.13—PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

(a) The Franchisee shall respect the rights of privacy of every Subscriber and/or User of the Cable Television System and shall not violate such rights through the use of any device or Signal associated with the Cable Television System, and as hereafter provided.

(b) The Franchisee shall comply with all privacy provisions contained in this Article 14 and all other applicable federal and state laws including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 631 of the Cable Act.

(c) The Franchisee shall be responsible for carrying out and enforcing the Cable System's privacy policy, and shall at all times maintain adequate physical, technical and administrative security safeguards to ensure that personal subscriber information is handled and protected strictly in accordance with this policy.

(d) Any poll or upstream response of a Subscriber or User shall only be conducted or obtained pursuant to applicable State and/or federal law, including Section 631 of the Cable Act.

(e) The Franchisee and/or its agents or employees shall not make available to any third party, including the Town, information concerning the viewing habits or subscription package decisions of any individual Subscriber.

(f) At the time of entering into an agreement to provide Cable Service to a Subscriber and at least once a year thereafter, the Franchisee shall provide all Subscribers with the written notice required in Section 631(a)(l) of the Cable Act.

SECTION 14.14—DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION

The Franchisee and its agents or employee shall not, without the prior written authorization of the affected Subscriber or User, provide to any third party, including the Town, data identifying or designating any Subscriber either by name or address. Said authorization may be withdrawn at any time by the Subscriber or User by providing written notice to the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall provide annual notice to each Subscriber or User who has given the aforesaid authorization of each Subscriber's or User's right to withdraw the authorization. In no event shall such authorization be obtained as a condition of Service or continuation thereof, except as necessary to adequately provide particular services. Nothing herein shall preclude the use of such identifying information by the Franchisee, its agents and employees in the ordinary course of business, provided that such use is in accordance with applicable State and/or federal law(s).

SECTION 14.15—MONITORING

Neither the Franchisee or its agents nor the Town or its agent shall tap, monitor, arrange for the tapping or monitoring, or permit any other Person to tap or monitor, any cable, line, Signal, input device, internet access or usage (to the extent permitted by law), or Subscriber Outlet or receiver for any purpose, without the prior written authorization of the affected Subscriber or User; provided, however, that the Franchisee may conduct system-wide or individually addressed "sweeps" solely for the purpose of verifying System integrity, checking for illegal taps, controlling return-path transmission, or billing for Pay Services and may take any actions permitted by law, without such authorization. The Franchisee shall report to the affected parties and the Franchising Authority any instances of monitoring or tapping of the Cable Television System, or any part thereof, of which it has knowledge, whether or not such activity has been authorized by the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall not record or retain any information transmitted between a Subscriber or User and any third party, except as required for lawful business purposes. The Franchisee shall destroy all subscriber information of a personal nature after a reasonable period of time except as authorized not to do so by the affected Subscriber.

SECTION 14.16—SUBSCRIBERS RIGHT TO INSPECT AND VERIFY INFORMATION

(a) The Franchisee shall make available for inspection by a Subscriber at a reasonable time and place all personal subscriber information that the Franchisee maintains regarding said Subscriber.

(b) A Subscriber may obtain from the Franchisee a copy of any or all of the personal subscriber information regarding him or her maintained by the Franchisee.

(c) A Subscriber or User may challenge the accuracy, completeness, retention, actual or alleged use or dissemination of any item of personal subscriber information. Such challenges and elated inquiries about the handling of subscriber information, shall be directed to the Franchisee's Executive Vice-President.

SECTION 14.17—PRIVACY STANDARDS REVIEW

The Franchising Authority and the Franchisee shall periodically review this Article 14 to determine that it effectively addresses appropriate concerns about privacy. This Article may be amended periodically by agreement of the Franchising Authority and Franchisee.

ARTICLE 15

REPORTS, AUDITS AND PERFORMANCE TESTS

SECTION 15.1—GENERAL

(a) In any instance where the Franchising Authority reasonably believes that the Franchisee may not be in compliance with its obligations under this Renewal Franchise, upon request of the Franchising Authority, the Franchisee shall promptly submit to the Town any relevant information regarding the Franchisee, its business and operations, or any Affiliated Person, with respect to the Cable System, any Service or any Service Related Activity, in such form and containing such detail as may be specified by the Franchising Authority pertaining to the subject matter of this Renewal Franchise that may be reasonably required to establish the Franchisee's compliance with its obligations pursuant to this Renewal Franchise.

(b) If the Franchisee believes that the documentation requested by the Franchising Authority involves proprietary information or private personal information, then the Franchisee shall submit the information to its counsel, who shall confer with the Town Counsel for a determination of the validity of the Franchisee's claim of a proprietary interest. If the Town Counsel agrees that the material is of a proprietary nature or involves private personal information, the information furnished shall not be a public record, but the Franchisee shall make it available, on its premises, to the Franchising Authority, at times convenient for both parties. If the Town Counsel does not agree that the material is of a proprietary nature or involves private personal information, the Franchising Authority may proceed according to the procedures in Section 13.1 supra.

SECTION 15.2—FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Franchisee shall make available to the Franchising Authority and/or its designee(s), no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of the Franchisee's Fiscal Year, the following financial information, at the Epsom Town Hall, with a copy sent to the Town's Counsel, accountant and/or other agents:

(a) Statement of Revenues, including:

(i) All Subscriber revenues, including but not limited to, regular Basic Service charges, all other Service tier charges, pay programming charges, Pay-Per-View revenues, Installation revenues (including reconnection, second set, etc.), advertising revenues, Leased Access revenue, home shopping services revenues, internet access revenues and any other revenues. To the extent allowed by applicable law, said information shall not be made public.

(b) A list of officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Franchisee and its parent, if any.

SECTION 15.3—IN-HOUSE TELEPHONE REPORTS

If requested, the Franchisee shall provide copies of all in-house telephone reports, if any, that track the activity and effectiveness of the Franchisee's telephone system.

SECTION 15.4—COMPLAINT LOG

The Franchisee shall keep a record or log of all written complaints received regarding quality of Service, equipment malfunctions, billing procedure, employee relations with subscribers and similar matters. Such records shall be maintained by the Franchisee for a period of two (2) years.

Such record(s) shall contain the following information for each complaint received:

- (a) Date, time and nature of the complaint;
- (b) Investigation of the complaint; and
- (c) Manner and time of resolution of the complaint.

(d) If the complaint regards equipment malfunction or quality of reception, the Franchisee shall file a report indicating the corrective steps it has taken, with the nature of the problem stated. The Franchisee shall make its logs or records, or both, of such complaints available to any authorized agent of the Franchising Authority upon request during normal business hours for on-sight review.

SECTION 15.5—INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT REPORTS

To the extent that the release of such information is permitted by applicable law, the Franchisee shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving a request from the Town, send a written report to the Franchising Authority with respect to any complaint. Such report shall provide a full explanation of the investigation, findings(s) and corrective steps taken, as allowed by applicable law.

SECTION 15.6—OUTAGE LOG

The Franchisee shall maintain an outage log showing the date, approximate time, duration, type and probable cause of all Headend, Trunk, or Distribution Service outages, known to affect eight (8) or more Subscribers, due to causes other than routine testing or maintenance at reasonable times. Said logs shall be made available to the Franchising Authority, or its designee, for

inspection, at a convenient location, and maintained by the Franchisee for a period of not less than four (4) years.

SECTION 15.7—ANNUAL PERFORMANCE TESTS

The Franchisee shall provide copies of performance tests to the Franchising Authority in accordance with FCC regulations, and as set out in 47 CFR §76.601 et. seq.

SECTION 15.8—QUALITY OF SERVICE

Where there exists evidence that, in the reasonable judgment of the Franchising Authority, casts doubt upon the reliability or technical quality of Cable Service(s), the Franchising Authority shall cite specific facts that casts such doubts in a notice to the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall submit a written report to the Franchising Authority, within thirty (30) days of a request thereof, setting forth in detail its explanation of the problems and proposing measures for resolution of such problems.

SECTION 15.9—DUAL FILINGS

(a) If requested, the Franchisee shall make available to the Town and copying at the Franchisee's expense, copies of any petitions or communications with any State or federal agency or commission pertaining to any material aspect of the Cable System operation hereunder.

(b) In the event that either the Franchising Authority or the Franchisee requests from any State or federal agency or commission a waiver or advisory opinion relating to the Cable System, it shall immediately notify the other party in writing of said request, petition or waiver.

SECTION 15.10—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Franchisee and any Affiliated Person(s) shall cooperate fully and faithfully with any lawful investigation, audit, or inquiry conducted by a Town governmental agency.

ARTICLE 16

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 16.1—ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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

SECTION 16.2—CAPTIONS

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

SECTION 16.3—SEPARABILITY

If any section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision of this Renewal Franchise is determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state or federal regulatory agency having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect for the term of this Renewal Franchise. In the event of such a determination, Franchisee and Franchising Authority agree to negotiate in good faith to amend the Franchise Agreement to conform to the determination while capturing (to the extent possible) the intent of the provision that was deemed to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 16.4—ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF AFFILIATES

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

SECTION 16.5—RENEWAL FRANCHISE EXHIBITS

The Exhibits to this Renewal Franchise, attached hereto, and all portions thereof, are incorporated herein by this reference and expressly made a part of this Renewal Franchise, except for those Exhibits that are attached for reference only, as indicated elsewhere in this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 16.6—CABLE ACT CHANGES

Except for Sections 5.9 and 5.10 supra, this Renewal Franchise is subject to the terms and conditions contained in Chapter 53-C of the Laws of New Hampshire; the regulations of the FCC; the Cable Act, and all Town, State and federal statutes and by-laws of general application, as all may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 16.7—WARRANTIES

(a) The Franchisee warrants, represents and acknowledges, and agrees that at on or before the Effective Date of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall submit to the Franchising Authority, in a form reasonable acceptable to the Town's Counsel, and appropriate document evidencing its warranties, that, as of the Execution Date of this Renewal Franchise:

(i) The Franchisee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire;

(ii) The Franchisee 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 that are required to be obtained as of the Execution Date of this Renewal Franchise, to enter into and legally bind the Franchisee to this Renewal Franchise and to take all actions necessary to perform all of its obligations pursuant to this Renewal Franchise;

(iii) To the best of the Franchisee's knowledge, there is no action or proceedings pending or threatened against the Franchisee that would interfere with performance of this Renewal Franchise.

(iv) The Franchising Authority warrants, represents and acknowledges that, as of the Effective Date of this Renewal License:

(v) The Franchising Authority is the duly authorized Franchising Authority pursuant to RSA 53-C: 1(W); and

(vi) The Franchising Authority has duly voted to grant this Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 16.8—FORCE MAJEURE

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

SECTION 16.9—STATEMENT OF THE FRANCHISEE

At or before the execution of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall submit to the Franchising Authority, or its designee, in a form acceptable to the Town's Counsel, a statement from the Franchisee's Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent), stating that, as of the Execution Date of this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee's performance of all terms and conditions in this Renewal Franchise is commercially practicable.

SECTION 16.10—APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE

All of the provisions in this Renewal Franchise shall apply to, and are enforceable against, the Town, the Franchisee, and their respective successors and assignees.

SECTION 16.11—NOTICES

(a) Every notice to be served upon the Franchising Authority shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 10, Epsom, New Hampshire 03234, or such other address as the Franchising Authority may specify in writing to the Franchisee. Every notice served upon the Franchisee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) to MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, LLC, 9 Apple Road, Belmont, NH, or such other address as the Franchisee may specify in writing to the Franchising Authority. The delivery shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt of such notice(s).

(b) Whenever notice of any public meeting relating to the Cable System is required by law, regulation or this Renewal Franchise, upon notice by the Town, the Town shall publish or cause to be published notice of same, sufficient to identify its time, place and purpose, in a newspaper of general circulation distributed in the town of Epsom once in each of two (2) successive weeks, the first publication being not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of any such hearing. The Franchisee shall promptly reimburse the Town for the costs of such notice(s).

(c) Subject to subsection (b) above, all required notices shall be in writing.

SECTION 16.12—NO RECOURSE AGAINST THE FRANCHISING AUTHORITY

In any court proceeding involving any claim against the Franchising Authority, or any official, member, employee, or agent of the Franchising Authority, arising from the regulation of cable service or from a decision of approval or disapproval with respect to a grant, renewal, transfer, or amendment of a franchise, any relief, to the extent such relief is required by any other provision of federal, State, or local law, shall be limited to injunctive relief and declaratory relief.

SECTION 16.13—NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Franchisee shall not discriminate against any Person in its solicitation or Service on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, geographical location within the Town, sex, affectional preference, disability, age,

marital status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Franchisee shall be subject to all other requirements of federal and State laws or regulations, relating to nondiscrimination through the term of the Renewal Franchise.

SECTION 16.14—TERM

All obligations of the Franchisee and the Franchising Authority set forth in the Renewal Franchise, except as set forth herein differently, shall commence upon the execution of this Renewal Franchise and shall continue for the term of the Renewal Franchise except as expressly provided for herein.

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