

**ORDINANCE NO. 1385**

**AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF ARKANSAS/LOUISIANA/MINNESOTA/MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE, LLC TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CITY REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CABLE SYSTEM; TERMINATING PRIOR FRANCHISE**

The City Council of the City of Fridley does ordain, after review, examination and staff recommendation that Chapter 405A, Cable Television Franchise, of the Fridley City Code be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

That Chapter 405A of the Fridley City Code entitled "Cable Television Franchise" be hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the language in Section two of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.**

That Chapter 405B of the Fridley City Code entitled "Cable System Franchise" be hereby replaced with the following language:

**FRIDLEY CITY CODE  
CHAPTER 405B CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE  
(ORDINANCE 1385)**

**RECITALS**

The City of Fridley, Minnesota ("City"), pursuant to applicable federal and state law, is authorized to grant one (1) or more nonexclusive cable television franchises to construct, operate, maintain and reconstruct cable television systems within the City limits.

Comcast of Arkansas/Louisiana/Minnesota/Mississippi/Tennessee, LLC, a Delaware corporation ("Grantee") has operated a Cable System in the City, under a cable television franchise granted pursuant to a Cable Television Franchise Ordinance 1210.

Negotiations between Grantee and the City have been completed and the franchise renewal process followed in accordance with the guidelines established by the City Code, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 238 and the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. §546).

The City reviewed the legal, technical and financial qualifications of Grantee and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to renew the cable television franchise with Grantee.

The City Council of the City of Fridley does ordain, after review, examination and staff recommendation that a franchise is hereby granted to Comcast of Arkansas/Louisiana/Minnesota/Mississippi/Tennessee, LLC to operate and maintain a Cable System in the City upon the following terms and conditions:

#### 405B.01 DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Definitions. For the purpose of this Franchise, the following, terms, phrases, words, derivations and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, 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. In the event the meaning of any word or phrase not defined herein is uncertain, the definitions contained in applicable local, state or federal law shall apply.

(a) "Access Channels" means any channel or portion of a channel utilized for public, educational or governmental programming.

(b) "Affiliate" shall mean any Person controlling, controlled by or under common control of Grantee.

(c) "Applicable Laws" means any law, statute, charter, ordinance, rule, regulation, code, license, certificate, franchise, permit, writ, ruling, award, executive order, directive, requirement, injunction (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent), judgment, decree or other order issued, executed, entered or deemed applicable by any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction.

(d) "Basic Cable Service" means any service tier which includes the lawful retransmission of local television broadcast.

(e) "Cable Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 U.S.C. §§521 et seq., as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as further amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as further amended from time to time.

(f) "Cable Service" shall be defined as set forth in Applicable Law, currently 47 U.S.C. § 522 (6), and currently defined as (a) the one-way transmission to Subscribers of (i) video programming or (ii) other programming service, and b) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service. For the purposes of this definition, "video programming" is programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by a television broadcast station; and, "other programming service" is information that a cable operator makes available to all Subscribers generally.

(g) "Cable System" or "System" shall have the meaning specified for "Cable System" in the Cable Act. Unless otherwise specified, it shall in this document refer to the Cable System constructed and operated in the City under this Franchise.

(h) "Channel" means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in a Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television channel as defined by the FCC by regulation.

(i) "City" shall mean the City of Fridley, a municipal corporation in the State of Minnesota.

(j) "City Code" means the Municipal Code of the City of Fridley, Minnesota, as may be amended from time to time.

(k) "Connection" means the attachment of the Drop to the television set of the Subscriber.

(l) "Converter" means an electronic device, including digital transport adapters, which converts signals to a frequency not susceptible to interference within the television receiver of a Subscriber, and by an appropriate Channel selector also permits a Subscriber to view all signals included in the Basic Cable Service tier delivered at designated converter dial locations.

(m) "Council" shall mean the governing body of the City.

(n) "Day" unless otherwise specified shall mean a calendar day.

(o) "Drop" shall mean the cable that connects the Subscriber terminal to the nearest feeder cable of the cable.

(p) "Effective Date" shall mean 60 days from date of the City's approval of this Franchise.

(q) "Expanded Basic Service" means the next tier of service above the Basic Cable Service tier excluding premium or pay-per-view services.

(r) "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission, or a designated representative.

(s) "Franchise" shall mean the right granted by this Franchise Ordinance and conditioned as set forth herein.

(t) "Franchise Area" means the entire geographic area within the City as it is now constituted or may in the future be constituted.

(u) "Franchise Fee" shall mean the fee assessed by the City to Grantee, in consideration of Grantee's right to operate the Cable System within the City's Streets and rights-of-way, determined in amount as a percentage of Grantee's Gross Revenues and limited to the maximum percentage allowed for such assessment by federal law. The term Franchise Fee does not include the exceptions noted in 47 U.S.C. §542(g)(2)(A-E).

(v) "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated and defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) and/or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

(w) "Gross Revenues" means any and all compensation in whatever form, from any source, directly or indirectly earned by Grantee or any Affiliate of Grantee or any other Person who would constitute a cable operator of the Cable System under the Cable Act, derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service within the Franchise Area. Gross Revenues include, by way of illustration and not limitation:

(i) monthly fees for Cable Services regardless of whether such Cable Services are provided to residential or commercial Subscribers, including revenues derived from the provision of all Cable Services (including but not limited to pay or premium Cable Services, digital Cable Services, pay-per-view, pay-per-event, audio channels, and video-on-demand Cable Services);

(ii) installation, disconnection, reconnection, downgrade, upgrade, maintenance, repair or similar charges associated with Subscriber Cable Service levels;

(iii) fees paid to Grantee for Channels designated for commercial/ leased access use which shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers within the Franchise Area;

(iv) Converter, remote control, and other Cable Service equipment rentals, leases, or sales;

(v) Payments for prepaid Cable Services and/or equipment;

(vi) Advertising revenues as defined herein;

(vii) Fees including, but not limited to;

1. late fees, convenience fees, administrative fees and other multiservice revenues, which shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using Cable Services revenue as a percentage of total Subscriber revenues within the Franchise Area;

2. revenues from program guides;

3. Franchise Fees;

4. FCC regulatory fees;

5. Except as provided in subsection (ix) below, any fee, tax, including without limitation, the City's utility tax, or other charge assessed against Grantee by City, which Grantee chooses to pass through and collect from its Subscribers; and

6. commissions from home shopping channels and other Cable Service revenue sharing arrangements which shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers within the City.

(viii) "Gross Revenues" shall include amounts earned by Affiliates only to the extent that Grantee could, in concept, have earned such types of revenue in connection with the operation of Grantee's Cable System to provide Cable Services and recorded such types of revenue in its books and Records directly, but for the existence of Affiliates.

(ix) "Advertising Revenues" shall mean revenues derived from sales of advertising that are made available to Grantee's Cable System Subscribers within the Franchise Area and shall be allocated on a pro rata basis using total Cable Service Subscribers reached by the advertising. Additionally, Grantee agrees that Gross Revenues subject to Franchise Fees shall include all commissions, representative fees, affiliated entity fees, or rebates paid to the National Cable Communications and Comcast Spotlight or their successors associated with sales of advertising on the Cable System within the City allocated according to this paragraph using total Cable Service subscribers reached by the advertising.

(x) "Gross Revenues" shall not include:

1. actual bad debt write-offs, except any portion which is subsequently collected which shall be allocated on a *pro rata* basis using Cable Services revenue as a percentage of total Grantee revenues within the Franchise Area;
2. Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Fees; and
3. unaffiliated third party advertising sales agency fees which are reflected as a deduction from revenues.

(xi) To the extent revenues are received by Grantee for the provision of a discounted bundle of services which includes Cable Services and non-Cable Services, Grantee shall calculate revenues to be included in Gross Revenues using a methodology that allocates revenue on an approximate *pro rata* basis when comparing the bundled service price and its components to the sum of the published rate card, except as required by specific federal, state or local law, it is expressly understood that equipment may be subject to inclusion in the bundled price at full rate card value. This calculation shall be applied to every bundled service package containing Cable Service from which Grantee derives revenues in the City. The City reserves its right to review and to challenge Grantee's calculations.

(xii) Grantee reserves the right to change the allocation methodologies set forth in paragraph (x) above to meet the standards mandated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) and/or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Grantee will explain and document the required changes to the City as part of any audit or review of

Franchise Fee payments, and any such changes shall be subject to subparagraph (xii) below.

(xiii) Resolution of any disputes over the classification of revenue should first be attempted by agreement of the parties, but should no resolution be reached, the parties agree that reference shall be made to GAAP as promulgated and defined by the FASB, EITF and/or the SEC. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the City reserves its right to challenge Grantee's calculation of Gross Revenues, including the interpretation of GAAP as promulgated and defined by the FASB, EITF and/or the SEC.

(xiv) Subject to the provisions of subsection xiii, nothing in this definition of Gross Revenues shall in any way serve to waive the City's right to receive the maximum 5% Franchise Fee as set forth in 47. U.S.C. Section 542, irrespective of whether the City chooses to receive its compensation in cash or in in-kind services, to the extent "in-kind" services are considered part of the 5% Franchise Fee cap under Applicable Law. Neither the Grantee nor the City waive any rights either party may have regarding enforcement of all rights set forth in 47. U.S.C. Section 542.

(x) "Minnesota Cable Communications Act" means the provisions of Minnesota law governing the requirements for a cable television franchise as set forth in Minn. Stat. Chapter 238, as may be amended.

(y) "Minnesota Government Data Practices Act" means the provisions of Minnesota law governing the requirements for public records as set forth in Minn. Stat. Chapter 238.

(z) "Normal Business Hours" means those hours during which most similar businesses in City are open to serve customers. In all cases, "Normal Business Hours" must include some evening hours at least one night per week and/or some weekend hours.

(aa) "Normal Operating Conditions" means those Service conditions which are within the control of Grantee. Those conditions which are not within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are ordinarily within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the Cable System.

(bb) "PEG" means public, educational and governmental.

(cc) "Person" means any natural person and all domestic and foreign corporations, closely-held corporations, associations, syndicates, joint stock corporations, partnerships of every kind, clubs, businesses, common law trusts, societies and/or any other legal entity.

(dd) "Street" shall mean the surface of and the space above and below any public Street, road, highway, freeway, lane, path, trail, public way, alley, court, sidewalk, boulevard, parkway, drive or any easement or right-of-way now or hereafter held by City which shall, within its proper use and meaning in the sole opinion of City, entitle Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing or transmitting over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, man-holes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to a Cable System.

(ee) "Subscriber" means a Person who lawfully receives Cable Service.

(ff) "Wireline MVPD" means a multichannel video programming distributor that utilizes the Streets to install cable or fiber and is engaged in the business of making available for purchase, by Subscribers, multiple Channels of video programming in the City.

#### 405B.02 FRANCHISE

1. Grant of Franchise. The City hereby authorizes Grantee to occupy or use the City's Streets subject to: 1) the provisions of this non-exclusive Franchise to provide Cable Service within the City; and 2) all applicable provisions of the City Code. Unless this Franchise has expired pursuant to Section 2.8 herein or this Franchise is otherwise terminated pursuant to Section 11.2 herein, this Franchise shall constitute both a right and an obligation to provide Cable Services as required by the provisions of this Franchise. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prohibit Grantee from: 1) providing services other than Cable Services to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law; or 2) challenging any exercise of the City's legislative or regulatory authority in an appropriate forum. The City hereby reserves all of its rights to regulate such other services to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law and no provision herein shall be construed to limit or give up any right to regulate.

2. Reservation of Authority. The Grantee specifically agrees to comply with the lawful provisions of the City Code and applicable regulations of the City. Subject to the police power exception below, in the event of a conflict between A) the lawful provisions of the City Code or applicable regulations of the City and B) this Franchise, the express provisions of this Franchise shall govern. Subject to express federal and state preemption, the material terms and conditions contained in this Franchise may not be unilaterally altered by the City through subsequent amendments to the City Code, ordinances or any regulation of City, except in the lawful exercise of City's police power. Grantee acknowledges that the City may modify its regulatory policies by lawful exercise of the City's police powers throughout the term of this Franchise. Grantee agrees to comply with such lawful modifications to the City Code; however, Grantee reserves all rights it may have to challenge such modifications to the City Code whether arising in contract or at law. The City reserves all of its rights and defenses to such challenges whether arising in contract or at law. Nothing in this Franchise shall (A) abrogate the right of the City to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the City, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the City in and to the Streets.

3. Franchise Term. The term of the Franchise shall be ten years from the Effective Date, unless extended by mutual written consent in accordance with Section 17.7 or terminated sooner in accordance with this Franchise.

4. Franchise Area. This Franchise is granted for the Franchise Area defined herein. Grantee shall extend its Cable System to provide Service to any residential unit in the City in accordance with Section 6.7 herein.

5. Franchise Nonexclusive. The Franchise granted herein shall be nonexclusive. The City specifically reserves the right to grant, at any time, such additional franchises for a Cable System as it deems appropriate provided, however, such additional grants shall not operate to materially modify, revoke, or terminate any rights previously granted to Grantee other than as described in Section 17.23. The grant of any additional franchise shall not of itself be deemed to constitute a modification, revocation, or termination of rights previously granted to Grantee. Any additional cable franchise grants shall comply with Minn. Stat. § 238.08 and any other applicable federal level playing field requirements.

6. Periodic Public Review of Franchise. Within 60 days of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary of the Effective Date of this Franchise, the City may conduct a public review of the Franchise. The purpose of any such review shall be to ensure, with the benefit of full opportunity for public comment, that the Grantee continues to effectively serve the public in the light of new developments in cable law and regulation, cable technology, cable company performance with the requirements of this Franchise, local regulatory environment, community needs and interests, and other such factors. Both the City and Grantee agree to make a full and good faith effort to participate in the review. So long as Grantee receives reasonable notice, Grantee shall participate in the review process and shall fully cooperate. The review shall not operate to modify or change any provision of this Franchise without mutual written consent in accordance with Section 17.7 of this Franchise.

7. Transfer of Ownership.

(a) No sale, transfer, assignment or “fundamental corporate change”, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 238.083, of this Franchise shall take place until the parties to the sale, transfer, or fundamental corporate change files a written request with City for its approval, provided, however, that said approval shall not be required where Grantee grants a security interest in its Franchise and assets to secure an indebtedness.

(b) City may determine that a public hearing is necessary due to potential adverse effect on Grantee’s Subscribers resulting from the sale or transfer.

(c) If a public hearing is deemed necessary pursuant to (b) above, such hearing shall be commenced within 30 days of such determination and notice of any such hearing shall be given in accordance with local law. The notice shall contain the date, time and place of the hearing and shall briefly state the substance of the action to be considered by City.

(d) City shall approve or deny in writing the sale or transfer request. City shall set forth in writing with particularity its reason(s) for denying approval. City shall not unreasonably withhold its approval.

(e) The parties to a sale or transfer of the Franchise only, without the inclusion of the System in which substantial construction has commenced, shall establish that the sale or transfer of only the Franchise will be in the public interest.

(f) Any sale or transfer of stock in Grantee so as to create a new controlling interest in the System shall be subject to the requirements of this Section 2.7. The term "controlling interest" as used herein is not limited to majority stock ownership, but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.

(g) In no event shall a transfer or assignment of ownership or control be approved without the transferee becoming a signatory to this Franchise and assuming all rights and obligations thereunder, and assuming all other rights and obligations of the transferor to the City.

(h) In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 238.084, Subd. 1(y), the City shall have the right to purchase the System in the event the Franchise or System is proposed to be transferred or sold on the same terms and conditions as the offer pursuant to which transfer notice was provided pursuant to this section. The City shall have 30 days from receipt of an application for consent under this Section 2.7 in which to give notice of its intention to exercise such right.

8. Expiration. Upon expiration of the Franchise, the City may, subject to Grantee's rights under Section 626 of the Cable Act:

(a) extend the Franchise, though nothing in this provision shall be construed to require such extension;

(b) renew the Franchise, in accordance with Applicable Laws;

(c) invite additional franchise applications or proposals;

(d) terminate the Franchise subject to any rights Grantee has under Section 626 of the Cable Act; or

(e) take such other action as is compliant with Applicable Law.

9. Right to Require Removal of Property. At the expiration of the term for which the Franchise is granted provided no renewal is granted, or upon its forfeiture or revocation as provided for herein, the City shall have the right to require Grantee to remove at Grantee's own expense all or any part of the Cable System from all Streets and public ways within the Franchise Area within a reasonable time. If Grantee fails to do so, the City may perform the work and collect the cost thereof from Grantee. However, Grantee shall have no obligation to remove the Cable System where it utilizes the System to provide other non-Cable Services to the extent Grantee has authority

under Applicable Law to maintain facilities in the Streets, and subject to Grantee's obligation to apply for and secure a right-of-way permit from the City, if applicable.

10. Continuity of Service Mandatory. It shall be the right of all Subscribers to receive all available services insofar as their financial and other obligations to Grantee are honored. In the event that Grantee elects to overbuild, rebuild, modify, or sell the System, or the City revokes or fails to renew the Franchise, Grantee shall make its best effort to ensure that all Subscribers receive continuous uninterrupted service, regardless of the circumstances, during the lifetime of the Franchise. In the event of expiration, purchase, lease-purchase, condemnation, acquisition, taking over or holding of plant and equipment, sale, lease, or other transfer to any other Person, including any other grantee of a cable communications franchise, the current Grantee shall cooperate fully to operate the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Franchise for a temporary period sufficient in length to maintain continuity of service to all Subscribers.

#### 405B.03 OPERATION IN STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

##### 1. Use of Streets.

(a) Grantee may, subject to the terms of this Franchise and the City Code, erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct and retain in, on, over, under, upon, across and along the Streets within the City such lines, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, pedestals, attachments and other property and equipment as are necessary and appurtenant to the operation of a Cable System within the City. Without limiting the foregoing, Grantee expressly agrees that it will construct, operate and maintain its Cable System in compliance with, and subject to, the requirements of the City Code, including by way of example and not limitation, those requirements governing the placement of Grantee's Cable System; and with other applicable City Codes, and will obtain and maintain all permits and bonds required by the City Code in addition to those required in this Franchise.

(b) All wires, conduits, cable and other property and facilities of Grantee shall be so located, constructed, installed and maintained as not to endanger or unnecessarily interfere with the usual and customary trade, traffic and travel upon, or other use of the Streets of City. Grantee shall keep and maintain all of its property in good condition, order and repair so that the same shall not menace or endanger the life or property of any Person. Grantee shall keep accurate maps and records of all of its wires, conduits, cables and other property and facilities located, constructed and maintained in the City.

(c) All wires, conduits, cables and other property and facilities of Grantee, shall be constructed and installed in an orderly and professional manner in accordance with all Applicable Laws. All wires, conduits and cables shall be installed, where possible, parallel with electric and telephone lines. Multiple cable configurations shall be arranged in parallel and bundled with due respect for engineering considerations.

2. Construction or Alteration. Grantee shall in all cases comply with applicable sections of the City Code, City resolutions and City regulations regarding the acquisition of permits and/or such other items as may be reasonably required in order to construct, alter or maintain the Cable

System. Grantee shall, upon request, provide information to the City regarding its progress in completing or altering the Cable System.

3. Non-Interference. Grantee shall exert its best efforts to construct and maintain a Cable System so as not to interfere with other use of Streets. Grantee shall, where possible in the case of above ground lines, make use of existing poles and other facilities available to Grantee. When residents receiving underground service or who will be receiving underground service will be affected by proposed construction or alteration, Grantee shall provide such notice as set forth in the permit or in City Code of the same to such affected residents.

4. Consistency with Designated Use. Notwithstanding the above grant to use Streets, no Street shall be used by Grantee if the City, in its sole opinion, determines that such use is inconsistent with the terms, conditions or provisions by which such Street was created or dedicated, or presently used under Applicable Laws.

5. Undergrounding.

(a) Grantee shall place underground all of its transmission lines which are located or are to be located above or within the Streets of the City in the following cases:

(i) all other existing utilities are required to be placed underground by statute, resolution, policy or other Applicable Law;

(ii) Grantee is unable to get pole clearance;

(iii) underground easements are obtained from developers of new residential areas; or

(iv) subject to technical and economic feasibility, utilities are overhead but residents prefer underground (undergrounding to be handled in accordance with the City Code provided at cost paid by benefited residents).

(b) If an ordinance is passed which involves placing underground certain utilities including Grantee's cable plant which is then located overhead, Grantee shall participate in such underground project and shall remove poles, cables and overhead wires if requested to do so and place facilities underground. Nothing herein shall mandate that City provide reimbursement to Grantee for the costs of such relocation and removal. However, if the City makes available funds for the cost of placing facilities underground, nothing herein shall preclude the Grantee from participating in such funding to the extent consistent with the City Code or Applicable Laws.

(c) Grantee shall use conduit or its functional equivalent to the greatest extent possible for undergrounding, except for Drops from pedestals to Subscribers' homes and for cable on other private property where the owner requests that conduit not be used. Cable and conduit shall be utilized which meets the highest industry standards for electronic performance and resistance to interference or damage from environmental factors. Grantee shall use, in conjunction with other utility companies or providers, common trenches for underground construction wherever available.

6. Maintenance and Restoration.

(a) Restoration. In case of disturbance of any Street, public way, paved area or public improvement, Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense and in accordance with the requirements of the City Code restore such Street, public way, paved area or public improvement to substantially the same condition as existed before the work involving such disturbance took place. All requirements of this section pertaining to public property shall also apply to the restoration of private easements and other private property. Grantee shall perform all restoration work within a reasonable time and with due regard to seasonal working conditions, but not to exceed 90 days. If Grantee fails, neglects or refuses to make restorations as required under this section, then the City may do such work or cause it to be done, and the cost thereof to the City shall be paid by Grantee. If Grantee causes any damage to private property in the process of restoring facilities, Grantee shall repair such damage.

(b) Maintenance. Grantee shall maintain all above ground improvements that it places on City Streets pursuant to the City Code and any permit issued by the City. In order to avoid interference with the City's ability to maintain the Streets, Grantee shall provide such clearance as is required by the City Code and any permit issued by the City. If Grantee fails to comply with this provision, and by its failure, property is damaged Grantee shall be responsible for all damages caused thereby.

(c) Disputes. In any dispute over the adequacy of restoration or maintenance relative to this section, final determination shall be the prerogative of the City, Department of Public Works, and consistent with the City Code and any permit issued by the City.

7. Work on Private Property. Grantee, with the consent of property owners, shall have the authority, pursuant to the City Code, to trim trees upon and overhanging Streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public ways so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of Grantee, except that at the option of the City, such trimming may be done by it or under its supervision and direction at the reasonable expense of Grantee.

8. Relocation.

(a) Public Property. Grantee shall relocate its System and facilities in accordance with the City Code. In addition, if, during the term of the Franchise, the City or any government entity elects or requires a third party to alter, repair, realign, abandon, improve, vacate, reroute or change the grade of any Street, public right-of-way or other public property; or to construct, maintain or repair any public improvement; or to replace, repair install, maintain, or otherwise alter any cable, wire conduit, pipe, line, pole, wire-holding structure, structure, or other facility, including a facility used for the provision of utility or other services or transportation of drainage, sewage or other liquids, for any public purpose, Grantee shall, upon request, except as otherwise hereinafter provided, at its sole expense remove or relocate as necessary its poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, vaults, pedestals, manholes and any other facilities which it has installed. Nothing herein shall mandate that City provide reimbursement to Grantee for the costs of such relocation and removal. However, if the City makes available funds for the cost of placing facilities

underground, nothing herein shall preclude the Grantee from participating in such funding to the extent consistent with the City Code or Applicable Laws.

(b) **Utilities and Other Franchisees.** If, during the term of the Franchise, another entity which holds a franchise or any utility requests Grantee to remove or relocate such facilities to accommodate the construction, maintenance or repair of the requesting party's facilities, or their more efficient use, or to "make ready" the requesting party's facilities for use by others, or because Grantee is using a facility which the requesting party has a right or duty to remove, Grantee shall do so. The companies involved may decide among themselves who is to bear the cost of removal or relocation, pursuant to City Code, and provided that the City shall not be liable for such costs.

(c) **Notice to Remove or Relocate.** Any Person requesting Grantee to remove or relocate its facilities shall give Grantee no less than 45 days' advance written notice to Grantee advising Grantee of the date or dates removal or relocation is to be undertaken; provided, that no advance written notice shall be required in emergencies or in cases where public health and safety or property is endangered.

(d) **Failure by Grantee to Remove or Relocate.** If Grantee fails, neglects or refuses to remove or relocate its facilities as directed by the City; or in emergencies or where public health and safety or property is endangered, the City may do such work or cause it to be done, and the cost thereof to the City shall be paid by Grantee. If Grantee fails, neglects or refuses to remove or relocate its facilities as directed by another franchisee or utility, that franchisee or utility may do such work or cause it to be done, and if Grantee would have been liable for the cost of performing such work, the cost thereof to the party performing the work or having the work performed shall be paid by Grantee.

(e) **Procedure for Removal of Cable.** Grantee shall not remove any underground cable or conduit which requires trenching or other opening of the Streets along the extension of cable to be removed, except as hereinafter provided. Grantee may remove any underground cable from the Streets which has been installed in such a manner that it can be removed without trenching or other opening of the Streets along the extension of cable to be removed. Subject to Applicable Law, Grantee shall remove, at its sole cost and expense, any underground cable or conduit by trenching or opening of the Streets along the extension thereof or otherwise which is ordered to be removed by the City based upon a determination, in the sole discretion of the City, that removal is required in order to eliminate or prevent a hazardous condition. Underground cable and conduit in the Streets which is not removed shall be deemed abandoned and title thereto shall be vested in the City.

(f) **Movement of Buildings.** Grantee shall, upon request by any Person holding a building moving permit, franchise or other approval issued by the City, temporarily remove, raise or lower its wire to permit the movement of buildings. The expense of such removal, raising or lowering shall be paid by the Person requesting same, and Grantee shall be authorized to require such payment in advance. The City shall require all building movers to provide not less than 15 days' notice to the Grantee to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

405B.04 REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT OF SYSTEM

1. Removal of Cable System. In the event that: (1) the use of the Cable System is discontinued for any reason for a continuous period of 12 months; or (2) the Cable System has been installed in a Street without complying with the requirements of this Franchise, Grantee, at its expense shall, at the demand of the City remove promptly from the Streets all of the aerial portion of the Cable System other than any which the City may permit to be abandoned in place. In the event of any such removal Grantee shall promptly restore the Street to a condition as nearly as possible to its prior condition the Street or other public places in the City from which the System has been removed in accordance with all requirements of the City Code and Section 2.9 herein. However, Grantee shall have no obligation to remove the Cable System where it utilizes the system to provide other non-Cable Services and has any other authority under Applicable Law to maintain facilities in the public rights-of-way, or where Grantee is able to find a purchaser of the Cable System, acceptable to the City, who holds such authorization.

2. Abandonment of Cable System. In the event of Grantee's abandonment of the Cable System, City shall have the right to require Grantee to conform to the state right-of-way rules, Minn. Rules, Chapter 7819. The Cable System to be abandoned in place shall be abandoned in the manner prescribed by the City. Grantee may not abandon any portion of the System without having first given three months written notice to the City. Grantee may not abandon any portion of the System without compensating the City for damages resulting from the abandonment.

3. Removal after Abandonment or Termination. If Grantee has failed to commence removal of System, or such part thereof as was designated by City, within 30 days after written notice of City's demand for removal consistent with Minn. Rules, Ch. 7819, is given, or if Grantee has failed to complete such removal within 12 months after written notice of City's demand for removal is given, City shall have the right to apply funds secured by the letter of credit and performance bond toward removal and/or declare all right, title, and interest to the Cable System to be in City with all rights of ownership including, but not limited to, the right to operate the Cable System or transfer the Cable System to another for operation by it.

4. City Options for Failure to Remove Cable System.

(a) If Grantee has failed to complete such removal within the time given after written notice of the City's demand for removal is given, the City shall have the right to exercise one of the following options:

(i) Declare all right, title and interest to the System to be in the City or its designee with all rights of ownership including, but not limited to, the right to operate the System or transfer the System to another for operation by it; or

(ii) Declare the System abandoned and cause the System, or such part thereof as the City shall designate, to be removed at no cost to the City. The cost of said removal shall be recoverable from the security fund, indemnity and penalty section provided for in this Franchise or from Grantee directly.

(b) Upon termination of service to any Subscriber, Grantee shall promptly remove all its facilities and equipment from within the dwelling of a Subscriber who owns such dwelling

upon his or her written request, except as provided by Applicable Law. Such Subscribers shall be responsible for any costs incurred by Grantee in removing the facilities and equipment.

5. System Construction and Equipment Standards. The Cable System shall be installed and maintained in accordance with standard good engineering practices and shall conform, when applicable to the National Electrical Safety Code, the National Electrical Code and the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

6. System Maps and Layout. Grantee shall comply with Section 407.21 of the Fridley City Code. City agrees to enforce the requirements of Section 407.21 in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner against all applicable "Telecommunication Rights-of-Way User" in the City. City agrees keep the information confidential as set forth in Section 13.3 of this Franchise if it is designated so by Grantee.

#### 405B.05 SYSTEM DESIGN AND CAPACITY

##### 1. Availability of Signals and Equipment.

(a) The Cable System utilizes a fiber to the fiber node architecture, with fiber optic cable deployed from Grantee's headend to Grantee's fiber nodes, tying into Grantee's coaxial Cable System serving Subscribers. The System is currently passing a minimum of 750 MHz (with a minimum passband of between 50 and 750 MHz) and shall be capable of providing to Subscribers at least 200 or more activated minimum downstream video Channels, or such comparable video viewing capability as is provided in light of developing technologies and video distribution practices in the future.

(b) The entire System shall be technically capable of transmitting industry-standard digital television signals in a manner and quality consistent with applicable FCC regulations.

(c) Grantee agrees to maintain the Cable System in a manner consistent with, or in excess of the specifications in Section 5.1 (a) and (b) throughout the term of the Franchise with sufficient capability and technical quality to enable the implementation and performance of all the requirements of this Franchise, including the exhibits hereto, and in a manner which meets or exceeds FCC technical quality standards at 47 C.F.R. § 76 Subpart K, regardless of the particular format in which a signal is transmitted.

##### 2. System Specifications.

(a) System Maintenance. In all its construction and service provision activities, Grantee shall meet or exceed the construction, technical performance, extension and service requirements set forth in this Franchise.

(b) Emergency Alert Capability. At all times during the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide and maintain an Emergency Alert System (EAS) consistent with applicable Federal law and regulations including 47 C.F.R., Part 11, and any Minnesota State Emergency Alert System requirements. The City may identify authorized emergency officials for activating the EAS insofar as the City's process is consistent with the Minnesota State Emergency Statewide

Plan ("EAS Plan"). The City may also develop a local plan containing methods of EAS message distribution, insofar as the local plan is consistent with Applicable Laws and the EAS Plan.

(c) Standby Power. Grantee shall provide standby power generating capacity at the Cable System control center and at all hubs. Grantee shall maintain standby power system supplies, rated at least at two hours' duration, throughout the trunk and distribution networks. In addition, Grantee shall have in place throughout the Franchise term a plan, and all resources necessary for implementation of the plan, for dealing with outages of more than two hours.

(d) Technical Standards. The technical standards used in the operation of the Cable System shall comply, at minimum, with the technical standards promulgated by the FCC relating to Cable Systems pursuant to Title 47, Section 76, Subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations, as may be amended or modified from time to time, which regulations are expressly incorporated herein by reference. The Cable System shall be installed and maintained in accordance with standard good engineering practices and shall conform with the National Electrical Safety Code and all other Applicable Laws governing the construction of the Cable System and in such manner that the Cable System shall not interfere with any installations of the City.

3. Performance Testing. Grantee shall perform all system tests at the intervals required by the FCC, and all other tests reasonably necessary to determine compliance with technical standards required by this Franchise. These tests shall include, at a minimum:

(a) Tests required by the City to demonstrate Franchise compliance; and

(b) Written records of all system test results performed by or for Grantee shall be maintained as required by FCC regulations, and shall be available for City inspection upon request.

4. Special Testing.

(a) Throughout the term of this Franchise, City shall have the right to inspect all construction or installation work performed pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise. In addition, City may require special testing of a location or locations within the System if there is a particular matter of controversy or unresolved complaints regarding such construction or installation work or pertaining to such location(s). Demand for such special tests may be made on the basis of complaints received or other evidence indicating an unresolved controversy or noncompliance. Such tests shall be limited to the particular matter in controversy or unresolved complaints. City shall endeavor to so arrange its request for such special testing so as to minimize hardship or inconvenience to Grantee or to the Subscribers caused by such testing.

(b) Before ordering such tests, Grantee shall be afforded 30 days following receipt of written notice to investigate and, if necessary, correct problems or complaints upon which tests were ordered. City shall meet with Grantee prior to requiring special tests to discuss the need for such and, if possible, visually inspect those locations which are the focus of concern. If, after such meetings and inspections, City wishes to commence special tests and the 30 days have elapsed without correction of the matter in controversy or unresolved complaints, the tests shall be conducted at Grantee's expense by Grantee's qualified engineer. The City shall have a right to participate in such testing by having an engineer of City's choosing, and at City's expense, observe and monitor said testing.

405B.06 PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES

1. Categories of Programming Service. Grantee shall provide video programming services in at least the following broad categories:

- (a) Local Broadcast (subject to federal carriage requirements)
- (b) Public Broadcast
- (c) News and Information
- (d) Sports
- (e) General Entertainment
- (f) Arts/Performance/Humanities
- (g) Science/Technology
- (h) Children/Family/Seniors
- (i) Foreign Language/Ethnic Programming
- (j) PEG Access Programming (to the extent required by the Franchise)
- (k) Movies
- (l) Leased Access

2. Changes in Programming Services. Grantee shall provide at least 30 days' prior written notice to Subscribers and to the City of Grantee's request to effectively delete any broad category of programming or any Channel within its control, including all proposed changes in bandwidth or Channel allocation and any assignments including any new equipment requirements that may occur as a result of these changes, in accordance with Applicable Law.

3. Parental Control Device or Capability. Upon request by any Subscriber, Grantee shall make available a parental control or lockout device or functionality that will enable the Subscriber to block all access to any and all Channels without affecting those not blocked. Grantee shall inform Subscribers of the availability of the lockout device or functionality at the time of original subscription and annually thereafter.

4. FCC Reports. The results of any tests required to be filed by Grantee with the FCC shall also be copied to City within ten days of the conduct of the date of the tests.

5. Limitation on Free Service.

(a) The parties acknowledge that as of the Effective Date of this Franchise, Grantee continues to provide Complimentary Services to certain schools, libraries and public institutions within the Franchise Area as set forth in Exhibit A. In the event Grantee elects, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, to invoice the City for Complimentary Services, the Grantee agrees that it will do so only after providing City with 120 days' prior written notice. Grantee agrees not to unfairly or unreasonably discriminate against the City with respect to other Minnesota served local franchising authorities, with respect to the costs to be imposed for Complimentary Services.

(b) The City shall have right to discontinue receipt of all or a portion of the Complimentary Service provided by Grantee in the event Grantee elects to impose a charge against the City for the Complimentary Service as set forth in the preceding paragraph.

6. Annexation. Unless otherwise provided by Applicable Law, including the City Code, upon the annexation of any additional land area by City, the annexed area shall thereafter be subject to all the terms of this Franchise upon 60 days written notification to Grantee of the annexation by City. Unless otherwise required by Applicable Laws, nothing herein shall require the Grantee to expand its Cable System to serve, or to offer Cable Service to any area annexed by the City if such area is then served by another Wireline MVPD franchised to provide multichannel video programming.

7. Line Extension.

(a) Grantee shall construct and operate its Cable System so as to provide Cable Service within the Franchise Area where there exists a density equivalent of seven dwelling units 1/4 mile of feeder cable as measured from the nearest active plant of the Cable System if the extension is to be constructed using aerial plant, and nine dwelling units per 1/4 mile of feeder cable as measured from the nearest active plant if the extension is to be constructed using underground plant. The City, for its part, shall endeavor to exercise reasonable efforts to require developers and utility companies to provide the Grantee with at least 15 days advance notice of an available open trench for the placement of necessary cable.

(b) Where the density is less than specified above, and if it is in Grantee's regular business practices, Grantee shall inform Persons requesting Service of the possibility of paying for installation or a line extension and shall offer to provide them with a free written estimate of the cost, which shall be provided within a reasonable time and if a significant delay is likely Grantee will provide an estimate of when the bid estimate can be provided. Grantee may offer the Persons requesting service the opportunity to "prepay" some or all of the necessary line extensions according to its regular business policies. Grantee shall at all times implement such line extension policy in a nondiscriminatory manner throughout the City.

(c) Any residential unit located within 125 feet from the nearest point of access on the Street from which the Cable System is designed to serve the site shall be connected to the Cable System at no charge other than the standard installation charge. Grantee shall, upon request by any potential Subscriber residing in City beyond the 125 foot limit, extend service to such Subscriber provided that the Subscriber shall pay the net additional Drop costs, unless the Grantee agrees to waive said costs. To the extent consistent with Applicable Laws, Grantee agrees that it shall impose installation costs for non-standard installations in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner throughout the City.

H. Nonvoice Return Capability. Grantee is required to use cable and associated electronics having the technical capacity for nonvoice return communications.

#### 405B.07 PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS

1. Number of PEG Access Channels.

(a) Grantee will make available a minimum of three PEG Access Channels for the Franchise term and shall offer them in standard definition (SD) format. Grantee shall provide the Access Channels on the Basic Cable Service tier.

(b) PEG Access Channels and programming may be delivered by City to Grantee in SD or high definition (HD) format as set forth herein. Grantee shall provide all necessary transmission equipment from the demarcation point and throughout Grantee's distribution system, in order to deliver the PEG Access Channels to Subscribers. PEG Access Channel signals delivered in HD format to Grantee shall not require Grantee to deliver such HD signals to Subscribers except as set forth in this Section 7.

(c) Grantee will continue to carry the PEG Access Channels in SD format as long as there are SD Channels in Grantee's Basic Cable Service tier. If Grantee discontinues carriage of SD Channels, all of the PEG Access Channels shall be carried in HD format.

## 2. High Definition PEG Access Channels.

(a) Upon the Effective Date of this Franchise Grantee shall have 90 days to provide the City with one (1) PEG Access Channel in HD. The City shall have the sole discretion to determine which of its Channels will be simulcast in HD without content restrictions imposed by Grantee except for the requirement contained in this Section 7. HD PEG Access Channels will be carried on the Cable System without degradation. Following implementation of the HD PEG Access Channel as set forth in this Section 7.2 (a), Grantee will maintain the three (3) SD PEG Access Channels required by Section 7.1 resulting in three SD PEG Access Channels and one HD PEG Access Channel.

(b) Effective October 1, 2021, the City may, upon 90 days' advance written notice to Grantee, require that Grantee provide one additional PEG Access Channel in HD (for a total of two HD PEG Access Channels) in accordance with the technical and other requirements of subparagraph (a) above. Following implementation of the second PEG HD Access Channel required by Section 7.1 resulting in three SD PEG Access Channels and two HD PEG Access Channels.

(c) Grantee will make available the second HD PEG Access Channel conditioned upon the City affirming in writing that it has ready and available a minimum of 100 hours of locally produced HD content that has not been carried on the existing HD PEG Access Channel.

(d) The content of the HD PEG Access Channel is up to the City. The City may choose to provide Subscribers an HD PEG Access Channel that is programmed differently than the existing SD PEG Access Channels (for example, the City could create a "best of" PEG Access Channel that carries a combination of HD public, educational and government programming from the existing three (3) SD PEG Access Channels). If an HD PEG Access Channel is programmed differently, the Grantee would have no additional obligation to provide an SD simulcast of that Channel.

(e) The City shall, in its written notice to Grantee as provided for in Section 7.2 (a) and (b) above, confirm that the City, or City's designated access provider (i.e. school district), has the capability to produce, has been producing and will produce programming in an HD format for the newly activated HD PEG Access Channel(s).

(f) The City acknowledges that receipt of an HD format PEG Access Channel may require Subscribers to buy or lease special equipment, or pay additional HD charges applicable to all HD services.

(g) Any costs of end-user equipment associated with the delivery of SD PEG channels in HD format beyond the demarcation point shall be borne by the City and Grantee shall provide the City with a written invoice, if available to Grantee, specifying the costs for any such equipment. The City shall have the right to pay for such equipment out of the PEG Fee set forth in Section 7.13 of this Franchise.

(h) The City is responsible for acquiring all equipment necessary to produce programming in HD and may be paid for out of the PEG Fee set forth in Section 7.13 of this Franchise.

(i) Grantee shall have the right to use any technology to deploy or deliver HD signals (including selection of compression, utilization of IP and other processing characteristics) so long as it produces signal quality for the consumer that is reasonably comparable (from the viewer's standpoint) and functionally equivalent to similar commercial HD signals carried on the cable system.

3. Control of PEG Access Channels. The control and administration of the PEG Access Channels shall rest with the City. The City may delegate, from time to time over the term of this Franchise, such control and administration to various entities as determined in City's sole discretion.

4. Transmission of Access Channels. PEG Access Channels may be used for transmission of non-video signals in compliance with Applicable Laws. This may include downstream transmission of data using a protocol such as TCP/IP or current industry standards. Should Grantee develop the capability to provide bi-directional data transmission, spectrum capacity shall be sufficient to allow Subscribers to transmit data to PEG facilities.

5. PEG Access Channel Locations.

(a) PEG Access Channels shall be carried on the Basic Cable Service tier as set forth in Section 7.1 herein. Nothing herein precludes the Grantee from charging for equipment needed for Basic Cable Service. Grantee shall make every reasonable effort to coordinate cablecasting PEG Access programming on the Cable System on the same Channel designations as such programming is cablecast within the City as of the Effective Date. In no event shall any PEG Access Channel reallocations be made prior to 90 days written notice to the City by Grantee, except for circumstances beyond Grantee's reasonable control. The PEG Access Channels are presently located on Channels 14, 15 and 17.

(b) Grantee agrees not to encrypt the PEG Access Channels differently than other commercial Channels available on the Cable System.

(c) Grantee shall make reasonable efforts to minimize Channel movements for PEG Access Channels, and shall make reasonable efforts to locate PEG Access Channels in its lineup in a manner that is easily accessible to Subscribers. In the event a PEG Access Channel is moved,

Grantee, at Grantee's expense, will place City's notices of the PEG Access Channel change on its regular monthly billings, upon City's request.

(d) In conjunction with any occurrence of any SD PEG Access Channel(s) relocation, Grantee shall provide up to \$5,000 of reimbursement for costs incurred by City to promote the new Channel locations.

6. Navigation to PEG Access Channels/Electronic Programming Guide. Grantee agrees that if it utilizes a visual interface under its control on its Cable System for all Channels, the PEG Access Channels shall be treated in a non-discriminatory fashion consistent with Applicable Laws so that Subscribers will have ready access to PEG Access Channels. Grantee will continue to make available to City the ability to place PEG Access Channel programming information on the interactive channel guide via the electronic programming guide ("EPG") vendor ("EPG provider") that Grantee utilizes to provide the guide service. Grantee will be responsible for providing the designations and instructions necessary for the PEG Access Channels to appear on the EPG. All costs and operational requirements of the EPG provider shall be the responsibility of the City. City acknowledges that the EPG is not technically possible for all PEG Access programming, and that Grantee is not responsible for operations of the EPG provider.

7. Ownership of PEG Access Channels. Grantee does not relinquish its ownership of or ultimate right of control over a Channel by designating it for PEG use. A PEG access user – whether an individual, educational or governmental user – acquires no property or other interest by virtue of the use of a Channel position so designated. Grantee shall not exercise editorial control over any public, educational, or governmental use of a Channel position, except Grantee may refuse to transmit any public access program or portion of a public access program that contains obscenity, indecency, or nudity in violation of Applicable Law.

8. Noncommercial Use of PEG. Permitted noncommercial uses of the PEG Access Channels shall include by way of example and not limitation: (1) the identification of financial supporters similar to what is provided on public broadcasting stations; or (2) the solicitation of financial support for the provision of PEG programming by the City or third party users for charitable, educational or governmental purposes; or (3) programming offered by accredited, non-profit, educational institutions which may, for example, offer telecourses over a PEG Access Channel.

9. Dedicated Fiber Return Lines. Grantee shall maintain all existing fiber paths for PEG transport in the City. Such fiber transports are listed in Exhibit A attached hereto. To the extent specifically authorized by Applicable Law, Grantee shall have the right to recoup the maintenance costs associated with the PEG transport as set forth in this Section 7.9. Grantee shall invoice the City for such maintenance costs in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law. Grantee shall not be responsible for fiber "replacement" but will handle any damage and all maintenance on the existing fiber. Grantee anticipates, but cannot guarantee, that that this will result in minimal fiber expenditures by the City over this Franchise term.

10. Ancillary Equipment. Any ancillary equipment operated by Grantee for the benefit of PEG Access Channels on Grantee's fiber paths or Cable System, whether referred to as switchers, routers or other equipment, will be maintained by Grantee, at no cost to the City or schools for the life of

the Franchise. Grantee is responsible for any ancillary equipment on its side of the demarcation point and the City or school is responsible for all other production/playback equipment.

11. Future Fiber Return Lines for PEG.

(a) At such time that the City determines:

(i) that the City desires the capacity to allow Subscribers in the City to receive PEG programming (video or character generated) which may originate from schools, City facilities, other government facilities or other designated facilities (other than those indicated in paragraph 7.9); or

(ii) that the City desires to establish or change a location from which PEG programming is originated; or

(iii) that the City desires to upgrade the connection to Grantee from an existing signal point of origination,

the City may elect to give Grantee written notice detailing the point of origination and the capability sought by the City. Upon receipt of such notice, Grantee agrees to submit a cost estimate to implement the City's plan within a reasonable period of time but not later than September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year preceding the request for any costs exceeding \$25,000. The cost estimate shall not exceed the fair market value of the requested facility. After an agreement to reimburse Grantee for Grantee's out of pocket time and material costs, Grantee will implement any necessary Cable System changes within a reasonable period of time. Nothing herein prevents the City, or a private contractor retained by the City, from constructing said return fiber. Grantee agrees that it shall not impose any recurring charge for the use of connections/ facilities.

12. PEG Access Channel Carriage.

(a) Grantee shall provide all necessary transmission equipment, at no cost to the City, from the demarcation point and throughout Grantee's distribution system in order to deliver the PEG Access Channels. Any and all costs associated with any modification of the PEG Access Channels or signals after the PEG Access Channels/ signals leave the City's designated playback facilities, or any designated playback center authorized by the City shall be borne entirely by Grantee. Grantee shall not cause any programming to override PEG programming on any PEG Access Channel, except by oral or written permission from the City, with the exception of emergency alert signals.

(b) The City may request and Grantee shall provide an additional PEG Access Channel when the cumulative time on all the existing PEG Access Channels combined meets the following standard: whenever one of the PEG Access Channels in use during 80% of the weekdays, Monday through Friday, for 80% of the time during a consecutive three hour period for six weeks running, and there is a demand for use of an additional Channel for the same purpose, the Grantee has six months in which to provide a new, PEG Access Channel for the same purpose; provided

that, the provision of the additional Channel or Channels does not require the Cable System to install Converters.

(c) The VHF spectrum shall be used for one of the public, educational, or governmental specially designated PEG Access Channels.

(d) The City or its designee shall be responsible for developing, implementing, interpreting and enforcing rules for PEG Access Channel use.

(e) The Grantee shall monitor the PEG Access Channels for technical quality to ensure that they meet FCC technical standards including those applicable to the carriage of PEG Access Channels, provided however, that the Grantee is not responsible for the production quality of PEG programming productions. The City, or its designee, shall be responsible for the production and quality of all PEG access programming. Grantee shall carry all components of the standard definition of PEG Access Channel including, but not limited to, closed captioning, stereo audio and other elements associated with the programming.

### 13. PEG Access Channel Support.

(a) Effective with the first Subscriber bill after the Effective Date of this Franchise, Grantee shall collect a, per Subscriber, per month fee ("PEG Fee") of 55¢. Grantee shall retain the 55¢ per month, per Subscriber PEG Fee to reimburse Grantee for the equipment grant from the previous franchise until the equipment grant is fully recovered, but in no event will the date of full recovery extend beyond December 31, 2020.

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2021 and continuing throughout the remainder of the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall remit a PEG Fee to the City of 1% of Grantee's Gross Revenues. Grantee shall pay the PEG Fee to the City quarterly at the same time as the payment of Franchise Fees under Section 16.1 of this Franchise.

(c) The PEG Fee may be used by City for PEG capital costs in accordance with Applicable Law.

(d) The PEG Fee is not part of the Franchise Fee and, so long as it is used for PEG capital costs, instead falls within one or more of the exceptions in 47 U.S.C. §542. The PEG Fee may be categorized, itemized, and passed through to Subscribers as permissible, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §542 or other Applicable Laws. Grantee agrees that it will not offset or reduce its payment of past, present or future Franchise Fees required as a result of its obligation to remit the PEG Fee.

(e) Any PEG Fees owing pursuant to this Franchise which remain unpaid more than twenty-five (25) Days after the date the payment is due shall be delinquent and shall thereafter accrue interest at ten percent per annum.

### 14. PEG Technical Quality.

(a) Grantee will deliver the SD/HD PEG Access Channel to Subscribers so that it is viewable without degradation, provided that it is not required to deliver a PEG Access Channel at

a resolution higher than the highest resolution used in connection with the delivery of local broadcast signals to the public. Grantee may implement SD/HD carriage of the PEG Access Channel in any manner (including selection of compression, utilization of IP, and other processing characteristics) that produces a signal as accessible, functional, useable and of a quality comparable (meaning indistinguishable to the viewer) to broadcast SD/HD channels carried on the Cable System.

(b) Within eight hours of a written or e-mailed request from City to the Grantee identifying a technical problem with a PEG Access Channel and requesting assistance, Grantee will provide technical assistance or diagnostic services to determine whether or not a problem with a PEG signal is the result of matters for which Grantee is responsible and if so, Grantee will take prompt corrective action. If the problem persists and there is a dispute about the cause, then the parties shall meet with engineering representation from Grantee and the City in order to determine the course of action to remedy the problem.

(c) If changes in the technology used by the Grantee require additional equipment for reception of PEG Access Channels, the Grantee shall make such equipment available free of charge and at no cost to the City.

15. Change in Technology. In the event Grantee makes any change in the Cable System and related equipment and facilities or in its signal delivery technology, which requires the City to obtain new equipment in order to be compatible with such change for purposes of transport and delivery of the PEG Access Channels, Grantee shall, at its own expense and free of charge to City or its designated entities, purchase such equipment as may be necessary to facilitate the cablecasting of the PEG Access Channels in accordance with the requirements of the Franchise.

16. Regional Channel Six. Grantee shall make available Regional Channel Six as long as it is required to do so by Applicable Law.

17. Compliance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 238. In addition to the requirements contained in this Section 7 of this Franchise, Grantee and City shall comply with the PEG requirements mandated by Minn. Stat. § 238.084.

#### 405B.08 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

1. Intent. The City shall have the right to administer and regulate activities under the Franchise up to the full extent permitted by Applicable Law.

2. Delegation of Authority to Regulate. The City reserves the right to delegate its regulatory authority wholly or in part to agents of the City, including, but not limited to, an agency which may be formed to regulate several franchises in the region in a manner consistent with Applicable Laws. Any existing delegation in place at the time of the grant of this Franchise shall remain intact unless expressly modified by City.

3. Areas of Administrative Authority. In addition to any other regulatory authority granted to the City by law or franchise, the City or its designee, shall have administrative authority in the following areas:

- (a) Administering and enforcing the provisions of this Franchise, including the adoption of administrative rules and regulations to carry out this responsibility.
- (b) Coordinating the operation of PEG Access Channels.
- (c) Formulating and recommending long-range cable communications policy for the Franchise Area.
- (d) Disbursing and utilizing Franchise revenues paid to the City.
- (e) Administering the regulation of rates, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.
- (f) All other regulatory authority permitted under Applicable Law.

The City or its designee shall have continuing regulatory jurisdiction and supervision over the System and the Grantee's operations under the Franchise to the extent allowed by Applicable Law.

#### 4. Regulation of Rates and Charges.

(a) **Right to Regulate.** The City reserves the right to regulate rates or charges for any Cable Service within the limits of Applicable Law, to enforce rate regulations prescribed by the FCC, and to establish procedures for said regulation or enforcement.

(b) **Notice of Change in Rates and Charges.** Throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall give the City and all Subscribers within the City at least 30 days' notice of any intended modifications or additions to Subscriber rates or charges. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiving of rates or charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting Subscribers or users.

(c) **Rate Discrimination Prohibited.** Within any category of Subscribers, Grantee shall not discriminate among Subscribers with regard to rates and charges made for any service based on considerations of race, color, creed, sex, marital or economic status, national origin, sexual preference, or (except as allowed by Applicable Law) neighborhood of residence, except as otherwise provided herein; and for purposes of setting rates and charges, no categorization of Subscribers shall be made by Grantee on the basis of those considerations. Nevertheless, Grantee shall be permitted to establish (1) discounted rates and charges for providing Cable Service to low-income, handicapped, or low-income elderly Subscribers, (2) promotional rates, and (3) bulk rate and package discount pricing.

#### 405B.09 BOND

1. **Performance Bond.** Upon the Effective Date of this Franchise and at all times thereafter Grantee shall maintain with City a bond in the sum of \$25,000.00 in such form and with such sureties as shall be acceptable to City, conditioned upon the faithful performance by Grantee of this Franchise and the acceptance hereof given by City and upon the further condition that in the event Grantee shall fail to comply with any law, ordinance or regulation, there shall be recoverable jointly and severally from the principal and surety of the bond, any damages or losses suffered by City as a result, including the full amount of any compensation, indemnification or cost of removal

of any property of Grantee, including a reasonable allowance for attorneys' fees and costs 2% in excess of the then prime rate), up to the full amount of the bond, and which bond shall further guarantee payment by Grantee of all claims and liens against City or any, public property, and taxes due to City, which arise by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or use of the Cable System.

2. Rights. The rights reserved by City with respect to the bond are in addition to all other rights the City may have under this Franchise or any other law

3. Reduction of Bond Amount. City may, in its sole discretion, reduce the amount of the bond.

#### 405B.10 SECURITY FUND

1. Security Fund. If there is an uncured breach by Grantee of a material provision of this Franchise or a pattern of repeated violations of any provision(s) of this Franchise that remain uncured, then Grantee shall, upon written request, establish and provide to the City, as security for the faithful performance by Grantee of all of the provisions of this Franchise, a letter of credit from a financial institution satisfactory to the City in the amount of \$20,000.00. In no event shall Grantee fail to post a \$20,000.00 letter of credit within 30 days receipt of a notice of Franchise violation pursuant to this Section 10.1. Failure to post said letter of credit shall constitute a separate material violation of this Franchise, unless the breach is cured within such 30 day period or longer period allowed under the Franchise. The letter of credit shall serve as a common security fund for the faithful performance by Grantee of all the provisions of this Franchise and compliance with all orders, permits and directions of the City and the payment by Grantee of any claim, liens, costs, expenses and taxes due the City which arise by reason of the construction, operation or maintenance of the Cable System. Interest on this deposit shall be paid to Grantee by the bank on an annual basis. The security may be terminated by the Grantee upon the resolution of the alleged noncompliance. The obligation to establish the security fund required by this paragraph is unconditional. The fund must be established in those circumstances where Grantee disputes the allegation that it is not in compliance, and maintained for the duration of the dispute. If Grantee fails to establish the security fund as required, the City may take whatever action is appropriate to require the establishment of that fund and may recover its costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and an additional penalty of \$2,000 in that action.

2. Withdrawal of Funds. Provision shall be made to permit the City to withdraw funds from the security fund. Grantee shall not use the security fund for other purposes and shall not assign, pledge or otherwise use this security fund as security for any purpose.

3. Restoration of Funds. Within ten days after notice to it that any amount has been withdrawn by the City from the security fund pursuant to Section 10.4 of this Franchise, Grantee shall deposit a sum of money sufficient to restore such security fund to the required amount.

4. Liquidated Damages. In addition to recovery of any monies owed by Grantee to City or damages to City as a result of any acts or omissions by Grantee pursuant to the Franchise, City in its sole discretion may charge to and collect from the security fund the following liquidated damages:

(a) For failure to provide data, documents, reports or information or to cooperate with City during an application process or System review, the liquidated damage shall be \$100.00 per Day for each Day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(b) For failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Franchise for which a penalty is not otherwise specifically provided pursuant to this Paragraph 10.4, the liquidated damage shall be \$150.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(c) For failure to test, analyze and report on the performance of the System following a request by City, the liquidated damage shall be \$250.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(d) 30 days following notice from City of a failure of Grantee to comply with construction, operation or maintenance standards, the liquidated damage shall be \$200.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(e) For failure to provide the services Grantee has proposed, including but not limited to the implementation and the utilization of the PEG Access Channels the liquidated damage shall be \$150.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

5. Each Violation a Separate Violation. Each violation of any provision of this Franchise shall be considered a separate violation for which separate liquidated damages can be imposed.

6. Maximum 120 Days. Any liquidated damages for any given violation shall be imposed upon Grantee for a maximum of 120 days. If after that amount of time Grantee has not cured or commenced to cure the alleged breach to the satisfaction of the City, the City may pursue all other remedies.

7. Withdrawal of Funds to Pay Taxes. If Grantee fails to pay to the City any taxes due and unpaid; or fails to repay to the City, any damages, costs or expenses which the City shall be compelled to pay by reason of any act or default of the Grantee in connection with this Franchise; or fails, after 30 days' notice of such failure by the City to comply with any provision of the Franchise which the City reasonably determines can be remedied by an expenditure of the security, the City may then withdraw such funds from the security fund. Payments are not Franchise Fees as defined in Section 16 of this Franchise.

8. Procedure for Draw on Security Fund.

(a) Whenever the City finds that Grantee has allegedly violated one or more terms, conditions or provisions of this Franchise, a written notice shall be given to Grantee. The written notice shall describe in reasonable detail the alleged violation so as to afford Grantee an opportunity to remedy the violation. Grantee shall have 30 days subsequent to receipt of the notice in which to correct the violation before the City may require Grantee to make payment of damages, and further to enforce payment of damages through the security fund. Grantee may, within ten days of receipt of notice, notify the City that there is a dispute as to whether a violation or failure has, in fact, occurred. Such notice by Grantee shall specify with particularity the matters disputed by Grantee and shall stay the running of the above-described time.

(b) City shall hear Grantee's dispute at the next regularly scheduled or specially scheduled Council meeting. Grantee shall have the right to speak and introduce evidence. The City shall determine if Grantee has committed a violation and shall make written findings of fact relative to its determination. If a violation is found, Grantee may petition for reconsideration.

(c) If after hearing the dispute, the claim is upheld by the City, then Grantee shall have thirty (30) Days within which to remedy the violation before the City may require payment of all liquidated damages due it.

9. Time for Correction of Violation. The time for Grantee to correct any alleged violation may be extended by the City if the necessary action to collect the alleged violation is of such a nature or character as to require more than 30 days within which to perform provided Grantee commences corrective action within 15 days and thereafter uses reasonable diligence, as determined by the City, to correct the violation.

10. Grantee's Right to Pay Prior to Security Fund Draw. Grantee shall have the opportunity to make prompt payment of any assessed liquidated damages and if Grantee fails to promptly remit payment to the City, the City may resort to a draw from the security fund in accordance with the terms of this Section 10 of the Franchise.

11. Failure to so Replenish Security Fund. If any security fund is not so replaced, City may draw on said security fund for the whole amount thereof and hold the proceeds, without interest, and use the proceeds to pay costs incurred by City in performing and paying for any or all of the obligations, duties and responsibilities of Grantee under this Franchise that are not performed or paid for by Grantee pursuant hereto, including attorneys' fees incurred by the City in so performing and paying. The failure to so replace any security fund may also, at the option of City, be deemed a default by Grantee under this Franchise. The drawing on the security fund by City, and use of the money so obtained for payment or performance of the obligations, duties and responsibilities of Grantee which are in default, shall not be a waiver or release of such default.

12. Collection of Funds Not Exclusive Remedy. The collection by City of any damages or monies from the security fund shall not affect any other right or remedy available to City, nor shall any act, or failure to act, by City pursuant to the security fund, be deemed a waiver of any right of City pursuant to this Franchise or otherwise. Notwithstanding this section, however, should the City elect to impose liquidated damages that remedy shall remain the City's exclusive remedy for the one hundred twenty (120) Day period set forth in Section 10.6.

#### 405B.11 DEFAULT

1. Basis for Default. City shall give written notice of default to Grantee if City reasonably determines that Grantee has:

(a) Violated any material provision of this Franchise or the acceptance hereto or any rule, order, regulation or determination of the City, state or federal government, not in conflict with this Franchise the violation of which prevents the Grantee from operating the Cable System in compliance with this Franchise;

- (b) Attempted to evade any material provision of this Franchise or the acceptance hereof;
- (c) Practiced any fraud or deceit upon City or Subscribers resulting in material harm;
- (d) Made a material misrepresentation of fact in the application for or negotiation of this Franchise.

2. **Default Procedure.** If Grantee fails to cure such default within 30 days after the giving of such notice (or if such default is of such a character as to require more than 30 days within which to cure the same, and Grantee fails to commence to cure the same within said thirty (30) Day period and thereafter fails to use reasonable diligence, in City's sole opinion, to cure such default as soon as possible), then, and in any event, such default shall be a substantial breach and City may elect to terminate the Franchise. The City may place the issue of revocation and termination of this Franchise before the governing body of City at a regular meeting. If City decides there is cause or reason to terminate, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) City shall provide Grantee with a written notice of the reason or cause for proposed termination and shall allow Grantee a minimum of 30 days subsequent to receipt of the notice in which to correct the default.

(b) Grantee shall be provided with an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing prior to any decision to terminate this Franchise.

(c) If, after notice is given and an opportunity to cure, at Grantee's option, a public hearing is held, and the City determines there was a violation, breach, failure, refusal or neglect, the City may declare by resolution the Franchise revoked and of no further force and effect unless there is compliance within such period as the City may fix, such period may not be less than thirty (30) Days provided no opportunity for compliance need be granted for fraud or misrepresentation.

3. **Mediation.** If the Grantee and City are unable to resolve a dispute through informal negotiations during the period of thirty (30) Days following the submission of the claim giving rise to the dispute by one (1) party to the other, then unless that claim has been waived as provided in the Franchise, such claim may be subject to mediation if jointly agreed upon by both parties. Mutually agreed upon mediation shall stay other enforcement remedies of the parties for a period of ninety (90) Days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the Grantee and City. The Grantee and City shall each pay one-half of the mediator's fee and any filing fees. The mediation shall be held in the City unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as a settlement agreement in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Nothing herein shall serve to modify or on any way delay the franchise enforcement process set forth in this Franchise.

4. **Failure to Enforce.** Grantee shall not be relieved of any of its obligations to comply promptly with any provision of the Franchise by reason of any failure of the City to enforce prompt compliance, and City's failure to enforce shall not constitute a waiver of rights or acquiescence in Grantee's conduct.

5. **Compliance with the Laws.**

(a) If any federal or state law or regulation shall require or permit City or Grantee to perform any service or act or shall prohibit City or Grantee from performing any service or act which may be in conflict with the terms of this Franchise, then as soon as possible following knowledge thereof, either party shall notify the other of the point in conflict believed to exist between such law or regulation. Grantee and City shall conform to state laws and rules regarding cable communications not later than one year after they become effective, unless otherwise stated, and shall conform to federal laws and regulations regarding cable as they become effective.

(b) If any term, condition or provision of this Franchise or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof and the application of such term, condition or provision to Persons or circumstances other than those as to whom it shall be held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and this Franchise and all the terms, provisions and conditions hereof shall, in all other respects, continue to be effective and complied with provided the loss of the invalid or unenforceable clause does not substantially alter the agreement between the parties. In the event such law, rule or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision which had been held invalid or modified is no longer in conflict with the law, rules and regulations then in effect, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect and shall thereafter be binding on Grantee and City.

#### 405B.12 FORECLOSURE AND RECEIVERSHIP

1. Foreclosure. Upon the foreclosure or other judicial sale of the Cable System, Grantee shall notify the City of such fact and such notification shall be treated as a notification that a change in control of Grantee has taken place, and the provisions of this Franchise governing the consent to transfer or change in ownership shall apply without regard to how such transfer or change in ownership occurred.

2. Receivership. The City shall have the right to cancel this Franchise subject to any applicable provisions of state law, including the Bankruptcy Act, 120 days after the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take over and conduct the business of Grantee, whether in receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless such receivership or trusteeship shall have been vacated prior to the expiration of said 120 days, or unless:

(a) Within 120 days after his election or appointment, such receiver or trustee shall have fully complied with all the provisions of this Franchise and remedied all defaults thereunder; and,

(b) Such receiver or trustee, within said 120 days, shall have executed an agreement, duly approved by the Court having jurisdiction in the premises, whereby such receiver or trustee assumes and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this Franchise.

#### 405B.13 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Quarterly Reports. Within 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, Grantee shall submit to the City along with its Franchise Fee payment a report showing the basis for computation of such fees prepared by an officer of Grantee showing the basis for the computation of the Franchise Fees paid during that period in a form and substance substantially equivalent to Exhibit

B attached hereto. This report shall separately indicate revenues received by Grantee within the City including, but not limited to such items as listed in the definition of "Gross Revenues" at Section 1 of this Franchise.

2. Reports. Upon request of the City and in no event later than 30 days from the date of receipt of such request, Grantee shall, free of charge, prepare and furnish to the City such additional reports with respect to its operation, affairs, transactions, or property, as may be reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Franchise and as such information may be maintained in the ordinary course of business. City shall agree to maintain the continuing confidentiality of such records as so designated by Grantee. Neither City nor Grantee shall unreasonably demand or withhold information requested pursuant with the terms of this Franchise.

3. Public Records

(a) Grantee acknowledges that information submitted by Grantee to the City may be open to public inspection under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 13. Grantee is responsible for becoming familiar with and understanding the provisions of the MGDPA.

(b) Grantee may identify information submitted to the City as confidential, if Grantee reasonably believes such information is qualified for an exemption recognized under the MGDPA. Grantee shall prominently mark each page, or portion thereof, for which it is claiming confidentiality as "Confidential" prior to submitting such information to the City. When submitting such information to the City, Grantee shall submit documentation to the City that specifically identifies the applicable exemption under the MGDPA, and stating the reason(s) Grantee believes the information is exempt from public inspection. After reviewing the Grantee's request for confidentiality, and determining whether the identified exemptions are applicable, the City shall take reasonable steps to protect the confidential nature of any such information, consistent with the MGDPA, including only disclosing such information to employees, representatives, and agents thereof that have a need to know or in order to enforce the provisions of this Franchise.

(c) Within five working days of receiving a public records request to inspect any such request, the City shall provide the Grantee with written notice of the request, including a copy of the request. Grantee shall have five working days within which to provide a written response to the City, before the City may disclose any of the requested, confidential information. If the City determines that it will be necessary to reveal the information, the City shall promptly notify the Grantee, and do so at least five working days prior to the information being released. The City shall retain final discretion to determine whether to release the requested information in response to any public records request, as recognized under the MGDPA.

4. Communications with Regulatory Agencies.

(a) Grantee shall submit to City copies of any communications to any federal, state or local courts, regulatory agencies and other government bodies if such documents are directly relate to the operation of Grantee's Cable System or Grantee's provision of Cable Services within the Franchise Area. Grantee shall submit such communications to the City no later than 30 days after

such communications have been filed. Grantee shall not claim confidential, privileged or proprietary rights to such documents unless under Applicable Law such documents have been determined to be confidential by a court of competent jurisdiction, or a federal or State agency or as a request for confidential treatment is pending. With respect to all other reports, documents and notifications provided to any federal, State or local regulatory agency as a routine matter in the due course of operating Grantee's Cable System within the Franchise Area, Grantee shall make such documents available to City upon City's written request.

(b) In addition, Grantee and its Affiliates shall within ten days of any communication to or from any judicial or regulatory agency regarding any alleged or actual violation of this Franchise, City regulation relating to the System, use its best efforts to provide the City a copy of the communication, whether specifically requested by the City to do so or not.

5. Open Records. Grantee shall manage all of its operations in accordance with a policy of keeping its records open and accessible to the City. The City, upon reasonable notice, shall have the right to inspect all records of the Grantee and affiliated entities necessary to determine compliance by Grantee with its obligations under this Franchise. Such inspection shall take place at any time during Normal Business Hours at a Grantee business operations site within the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Grantee shall not deny the City access to Grantee's records on the basis that Grantee's records are under the control of an affiliated entity or a third party, rather than the Grantee. In the case of affiliated entities not under common control with Grantee, Grantee shall not be subject to the remedies set forth in Section 11 if such Affiliate does not permit inspection of its records, and Grantee has;

(a) made available for inspection all of its records relevant to the determination of compliance; and

(b) exercised all reasonable efforts to persuade such affiliated entity to make such records available for inspection.

6. Information and Reports. Upon request, Grantee shall provide a current copy of the following information which is reasonably necessary to verify compliance with this Franchise:

(a) Cable System structure and operating information:

(i) Total Cable System mileage and overall homes passed;

(ii) The number of Subscribers in the Franchise Area, including the number of Basic Cable Service Subscribers;

(iii) The channel lineup for the Franchise Area;

(iv) A schedule of all Grantee's rates and charges in the Franchise Area;

(v) A monthly Cable Services sample customer bill within the Franchise Area;

and

(vi) A copy of Subscriber privacy policies and the Subscribers service agreements, including terms and conditions.

#### 405B.14 CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICIES

1. Response to Customers and Cooperation with City. Grantee shall promptly respond to all requests for service, repair, installation and information from Subscribers. Grantee acknowledges the City's interest in the prompt resolution of all cable complaints and shall work in close cooperation with the City to resolve complaints.

2. Definition of "Complaint." For the purposes of Section 14, with the exception of Subsection 14.4, a "complaint" shall mean any communication to Grantee or to the City by a Subscriber expressing dissatisfaction with any service, performance, or lack thereof, by Grantee under the obligations of this Franchise

3. Customer Service Agreement and Written Information. Grantee shall provide to Subscribers a comprehensive service agreement and information in writing for use in establishing Subscriber service. Written information shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

- (a) Services to be provided and rates for such services.
- (b) Billing procedures.
- (c) Service termination procedure.
- (d) Change in service notifications.
- (e) Liability specifications.
- (f) Converter/Subscriber terminal equipment policy.
- (g) Breach of Franchise specification.
- (h) How complaints are handled including Grantee's procedure for investigation and resolution of Subscriber complaints.

(i) The name, address, and phone number of the Person identified by the City as responsible for handling cable questions and complaints for the City. This information shall be prominently displayed and Grantee shall submit the information to the City for review and approval as to its content and placement on Subscriber billing statements. A copy of the written information shall be provided to each Subscriber at the time of initial Connection and any subsequent reconnection.

4. Reporting Complaints.

(a) The requirements of this Section 14.4 shall be subject to federal law regarding Subscriber privacy. Consistent with the way such information is maintained in the ordinary course of business, Grantee shall maintain customer service performance data available for City

inspection. Subscriber data shall include the date, name, address, and telephone number of Subscriber complaints as well as the subject of the complaint, date and type of action taken to resolve the complaint, any additional action taken by Grantee or the Subscriber. The data shall be maintained in a way that allows for simplified access of the data by the City.

(b) Subject to federal law and upon reasonable request by the City, Grantee shall, within a reasonable amount of time, make available City with such customer service data for its review.

5. Customer Service Standards. The City hereby adopts the customer service standards set forth in Part 76, §76.309 of the FCC's rules and regulations, as amended. Grantee shall, upon request, which request shall include the reason for the request (such as complaints received or other reasonable evidence of concern), provide City with information which shall describe in detail Grantee's compliance with each and every term and provision of this Section 14.5. Grantee shall comply in all respects with the customer service requirements established by the FCC and those set forth herein.

6. Cable System Telephone Availability.

(a) Grantee will maintain a local, toll-free or collect call telephone access line which will be available to its Subscribers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

(i) Trained Grantee representatives will be available to respond to customer telephone inquiries during Normal Business Hours.

(ii) After Normal Business Hours, the access line may be answered by a service or an automated response system, including an answering machine. Inquiries received after Normal Business Hours must be responded to by a trained Grantee representative on the next business Day.

(b) Under Normal Operating Conditions, telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed 30 seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed 30 seconds. These standards shall be met no less than 90% of the time under Normal Operating Conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.

(c) Grantee shall not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards above unless an historical record of complaints indicates a clear failure to comply.

(d) Under Normal Operating Conditions, the customer will receive a busy signal less than three percent (3%) of the time.

(e) Customer service center and bill payment locations will be open at least during Normal Business Hours and will be conveniently located.

7. Installations, Outages and Service Calls. Under Normal Operating Conditions, each of the following standards will be met no less than 95% of the time measured on a quarterly basis:

(a) Standard Installations will be performed within seven business days after an order has been placed. "Standard" Installations are those that are located up to 125 feet from the existing distribution system as more specifically set forth in Section 6.7(b).

(b) Excluding conditions beyond the control of Grantee, Grantee will begin working on "Service Interruptions" promptly and in no event later than 24 hours after the interruption becomes known. Grantee must begin actions to correct other Service problems the next business day after notification of the Service problem.

(c) The "appointment window" alternatives for Installations, Service calls, and other Installation activities will be either a specific time or, at maximum, a four hour time block during Normal Business Hours. (Grantee may schedule Service calls and other Installation activities outside of Normal Business Hours for the express convenience of the customer.)

(d) Grantee may not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment.

(e) If Grantee's representative is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the customer will be contacted. The appointment will be rescheduled, as necessary, at a time which is convenient for the customer.

#### 8. Communications between Grantee and Subscribers.

(a) Refunds. Refund checks will be issued promptly, but no later than either:

(i) The customer's next billing cycle following resolution of the request or thirty (30) Days, whichever is earlier, or

(ii) The return of the equipment supplied by Grantee if Cable Service is terminated.

(b) Credits. Credits for Cable Service will be issued no later than the customer's next billing cycle following the determination that a credit is warranted.

#### 9. Billing.

(a) Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 76.1619, bills will be clear, concise and understandable. Bills must be fully itemized, with itemizations including, but not limited to, Basic Cable Service and premium Cable Service charges and equipment charges. Bills will also clearly delineate all activity during the billing period, including optional charges, rebates and credits.

(b) In case of a billing dispute, Grantee must respond to a written complaint from a Subscriber within 30 days.

#### 10. Subscriber Information.

(a) Grantee will provide written information on each of the following areas at the time of Installation of Service, at least annually to all Subscribers, and at any time upon request:

- (i) Products and Services offered;
- (ii) Prices and options for programming services and conditions of subscription to programming and other services;
- (iii) Installation and Service maintenance policies;
- (iv) Instructions on how to use the Cable Service;
- (v) Channel positions of programming carried on the System; and
- (vi) Billing and complaint procedures, including the address and telephone number of the City's cable office.

(b) Subscribers shall be advised of the procedures for resolution of complaints about the quality of the television signal delivered by Grantee, including the address of the responsible officer of the City. Subscribers will be notified of any changes in rates, programming services or Channel positions as soon as possible in writing. Notice must be given to Subscribers a minimum of thirty (30) Days in advance of such changes if the change is within the control of Grantee. In addition, Grantee shall notify Subscribers 30 days in advance of any significant changes in the information required by this Section 14.10.

11. Notice or Rate Programming Change. In addition to the requirement of this Section 14.11 regarding advance notification to Subscribers of any changes in rates, programming services or Channel positions, Grantee shall give 30 days written notice to both Subscribers and the City before implementing any rate or Service change. Such notice shall state the precise amount of any rate change and briefly explain in readily understandable fashion the cause of the rate change (e.g., inflation, change in external costs or the addition/deletion of Channels). When the change involves the addition or deletion of Channels, each Channel added or deleted must be separately identified. For purposes of the carriage of digital broadcast signals, Grantee need only identify for Subscribers, the television signal added and not whether that signal may be multiplexed during certain dayparts.

12. Subscriber Contracts. Grantee shall, upon written request, provide the City with any standard form residential Subscriber contract utilized by Grantee. If no such written contract exists, Grantee shall file with the City a document completely and concisely stating the length and terms of the Subscriber contract offered to customers. The length and terms of any standard form Subscriber contract(s) shall be available for public inspection during Normal Business Hours. A list of Grantee's current Subscriber rates and charges for Cable Service shall be maintained on file with City and shall be available for public inspection.

13. Refund Policy. If a Subscriber's Cable Service is interrupted or discontinued, without cause, for 24 or more consecutive hours, Grantee shall, upon request by the Subscriber, credit such Subscriber pro rata for such interruption. For this purpose, every month will be assumed to have 30 days.

14. Late Fees. Grantee shall comply with all Applicable Laws with respect to any assessment, charge, cost, fee or sum, however characterized, that Grantee imposes upon a Subscriber for late

payment of a bill. The City reserves the right to enforce Grantee's compliance with all Applicable Laws to the maximum extent legally permissible.

15. Disputes. All Subscribers and members of the general public may direct complaints, regarding Grantee's Service or performance to the chief administrative officer of the City or the chief administrative officer's designee, which may be a board or Commission of the City.

16. Subscriber Bills. Subscriber bills shall be designed in such a way as to present the information contained therein clearly and comprehensibly to Subscribers, and in a way that (A) is not misleading and (B) does not omit material information. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 14.9, above, Grantee may, in its sole discretion, consolidate costs on Subscriber's bills as may otherwise be permitted by Section 622(c) of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. §542(c)).

17. Failure to Resolve Complaints. Grantee shall resolve a complaint within thirty (30) Days in a manner deemed reasonable by the City under the terms of the Franchise.

18. Notification of Complaint Procedure. Grantee shall have printed clearly and prominently on each Subscriber bill and in the customer service agreement provided for in Section 14.3, the twenty-four (24) hour Grantee phone number for Subscriber complaints. Additionally, Grantee shall provide information to Subscribers concerning the procedures to follow when they are unsatisfied with measures taken by Grantee to remedy their complaint. This information will include the phone number of the City office or Person designated to handle complaints. Additionally, Grantee shall state that complaints should be made to Grantee prior to contacting the City.

19. Subscriber Privacy.

(a) To the extent required by Minn. Stat. §238.084 Subd. 1(s) Grantee shall comply with the following: No signals including signals of a Class IV Channel may be transmitted from a Subscriber terminal for purposes of monitoring individual viewing patterns or practices without the express written permission of the Subscriber. The request for permission must be contained in a separate document with a prominent statement that the Subscriber is authorizing the permission in full knowledge of its provisions. Such written permission shall be for a limited period of time not to exceed one year which may be renewed at the option of the Subscriber. No penalty shall be invoked for a Subscriber's failure to provide or renew such permission. The permission shall be revocable at any time by the Subscriber without penalty of any kind whatsoever.

(b) No information or data obtained by monitoring transmission of a signal from a Subscriber terminal, including but not limited to lists of the names and addresses of Subscribers or any lists that identify the viewing habits of Subscribers shall be sold or otherwise made available to any party other than to Grantee or its agents for Grantee's business use, and also to the Subscriber subject of that information, unless Grantee has received specific written permission from the Subscriber to make such data available. The request for permission must be contained in a separate document with a prominent statement that the Subscriber is authorizing the permission in full knowledge of its provisions. Such written permission shall be for a limited period of time not to exceed one year which may be renewed at the option of the Subscriber. No penalty shall be

invoked for a Subscriber's failure to provide or renew such permission. The permission shall be revocable at any time by the Subscriber without penalty of any kind whatsoever.

(c) Written permission from the Subscriber shall not be required for the conducting of system wide or individually addressed electronic sweeps for the purpose of verifying System integrity or monitoring for the purpose of billing. Confidentiality of such information shall be subject to the provision set forth in subparagraph (b) of this section.

20. Grantee Identification. Grantee shall provide all customer service technicians and all other Grantee employees entering private property with appropriate picture identification so that Grantee employees may be easily identified by the property owners and Subscribers.

#### 405B.15 SUBSCRIBER PRACTICES

1. Subscriber Rates. If any Subscriber fails to pay a properly due monthly Subscriber fee, or any other properly due fee or charge, Grantee may disconnect the Subscriber's service outlet, provided, however, that such disconnection shall not be effected until after the later of: (i) 45 days after the original due date of said delinquent fee or charge; or (ii) ten days after delivery to Subscriber of written notice of the intent to disconnect. If a Subscriber pays before expiration of the later of (i) or (ii), Grantee shall not disconnect. After disconnection, upon payment in full of the delinquent fee or charge and the payment of a reconnection charge, Grantee shall promptly reinstate the Subscriber's Cable Service.

2. Refunds.

(a) Refunds to Subscribers shall be made or determined in the following manner:

(i) If Grantee fails, upon request by a Subscriber, to provide any service then being offered, Grantee shall promptly refund all deposits or advance charges paid for the service in question by said Subscriber. This provision does not alter Grantee's responsibility to Subscribers under any separate contractual agreement or relieve Grantee of any other liability;

(ii) If any Subscriber terminates any monthly service because of failure of Grantee to render the service in accordance with this Franchise, Grantee shall refund to such Subscriber the proportionate share of the charges paid by the Subscriber for the services not received. This provision does not relieve Grantee of liability established in other provisions of this Franchise;

(iii) If any Subscriber terminates any monthly service prior to the end of a prepaid period, a proportionate amount of any prepaid Subscriber service fee, using the number of days as a basis, shall be refunded to the Subscriber by Grantee.

405B.16 COMPENSATION AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. Franchise Fees.

(a) During the term of the Franchise, Grantee shall pay to the City a Franchise Fee of five percent of Gross Revenues. If any such law, regulation or valid rule alters the five percent Franchise Fee ceiling established by the Cable Act, then the City shall have the authority to (but shall not be required to) increase the Franchise Fee accordingly, provided such increase is for purposes not inconsistent with Applicable Law.

(b) Franchise Fees shall be paid quarterly not later than 45 days following the end of a given quarter. In accordance with Section 16 of this Franchise, Grantee shall file with the City a Franchise Fee payment worksheet, attached as Exhibit B, signed by an authorized representative of Grantee, which identifies Gross Revenues earned by Grantee during the period for which payment is made. No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as an accord that the amount paid is in fact, the correct amount, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim which the City may have for further or additional sums payable under the provisions of this section.

(c) Neither current nor previously paid Franchise Fees shall be subtracted from the Gross Revenue amount upon which Franchise Fees are calculated and due for any period, unless otherwise required by Applicable Law.

(d) Any Franchise Fees owing pursuant to this Franchise which remain unpaid more than 45 days after the dates specified herein shall be delinquent and shall thereafter accrue interest at twelve percent per annum or two percent above prime lending rate as quoted by the Wall Street Journal, whichever is greater.

2. Auditing and Financial Records. Throughout the term of this Franchise, the Grantee agrees that the City, upon reasonable prior written notice of 20 days to the Grantee, may review such of the Grantee's books and records regarding the operation of the Cable System and the provision of Cable Service in the Franchise Area which are reasonably necessary to monitor and enforce Grantee's compliance with the provisions of this Franchise. The production of such records shall be subject to the prior completion of a non-disclosure or other confidentiality agreement. Grantee shall provide such requested information as soon as possible and in no event more than 30 days unless Grantee explains that it is not feasible to meet this timeline and provides a written explanation for the delay and an estimated reasonable date for when such information will be provided. All such documents pertaining to financial matters that may be the subject of an inspection by the City shall be retained by the Grantee for a minimum period of seven years, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 541.05. The Grantee shall not deny the City access to any of the Grantee's records on the basis that the Grantee's records are under the control of any parent corporation, Affiliate or a third party. The City may request in writing copies of any such records or books that are reasonably necessary, and the Grantee shall provide such copies within 30 days of the receipt of such request. One copy of all reports and records required under this or any other section shall be furnished to the City at the sole expense of the Grantee. If the requested books and records are too voluminous, or for security reasons cannot be copied or removed, then the Grantee may request, in writing within ten 10 days of receipt of such request, that the City inspect them at the

Grantee's local offices or at one of Grantee's offices more convenient to City or its duly authorized agent. If any books or records of the Grantee are not kept in such office and not made available in copies to the City upon written request as set forth above, and if the City determines that an examination of such records is necessary for the enforcement of this Franchise, then all reasonable travel expenses incurred in making such examination shall be paid by the Grantee.

3. **Review of Record Keeping Methodology.** Upon request, Grantee agrees to meet with a representative of the City to review its methodology of record-keeping, financial reporting, computing Franchise Fee obligations, and other procedures the understanding of which the City deems necessary for understanding the meaning of reports and records.

4. **Audit of Records.** The City or its authorized agent may at any time and at the City's own expense conduct an independent audit of the revenues of Grantee in order to verify the accuracy of Franchise Fees paid to the City. Grantee and each parent company of Grantee shall cooperate fully in the conduct of such audit. In the event it is determined through such audit that Grantee has underpaid Franchise Fees in an amount of five percent or more than was due the City, then Grantee shall reimburse the City for the entire cost of the audit within 30 days of the completion and acceptance of the audit by the City.

5. **Records to be reviewed.** The City agrees to request access to only those books and records, in exercising its rights under this section, which it deems reasonably necessary for the enforcement and administration of the Franchise.

6. **Indemnification by Grantee.** Grantee shall, at its sole expense, fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, and in their capacity as such, the officers and employees thereof, from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, liability and judgments for damage or otherwise except those arising wholly from negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the City or its employees; for actual or alleged injury to Persons or property, including loss of use of property due to an occurrence, whether or not such property is physically damaged or destroyed, in any way arising out of or through or alleged to arise out of or through the acts or omissions of Grantee or its officers, agents, employees, or contractors or to which Grantee's or its officers, agents, employees or contractors acts or omissions in any way contribute, and whether or not such acts or omissions were authorized or contemplated by this Franchise or Applicable Law; arising out of or alleged to arise out of any claim for damages for Grantee's invasion of the right of privacy, defamation of any Person, firm or corporation, or the violation of infringement of any copyright, trademark, trade name, service mark or patent, or of any other right of any Person, firm or corporation; arising out of or alleged to arise out of Grantee's failure to comply with the provisions of any Applicable Law. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the City, its officers, or its employees from participating in the defense of any litigation by their own counsel at such parties' expense. Such participation shall not under any circumstances relieve Grantee from its duty of defense against liability or of paying any judgment entered against the City, its officers, or its employees. The City shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify within ten business days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this subsection.

7. **Grantee Insurance.** Upon the Effective Date, Grantee shall, at its sole expense take out and maintain during the term of this Franchise public liability insurance with a company licensed to do business in the state of Minnesota with a rating by A.M. Best & Co. of not less than "A-" that

shall protect the Grantee, City and its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents from claims which may arise from operations under this Franchise, whether such operations be by the Grantee, its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or any subcontractors of Grantee. This liability insurance shall include, but shall not be limited to, protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury and damage to property, resulting from Grantee's vehicles, products and operations. The amount of insurance for single limit coverage applying to bodily and personal injury and property damage shall not be less than \$3,000,000. The liability policy shall include:

- (a) The policy shall provide coverage on an "occurrence" basis.
- (b) The policy shall cover personal injury as well as bodily injury.
- (c) The policy shall cover blanket contractual liability subject to the standard universal exclusions of contractual liability included in the carrier's standard endorsement as to bodily injuries, personal injuries and property damage.
- (d) Broad form property damage liability shall be afforded.
- (e) City shall be named as an additional insured on the policy.
- (f) An endorsement shall be provided which states that the coverage is primary insurance with respect to claims arising from Grantee's operations under this Franchise and that no other insurance maintained by the City will be called upon to contribute to a loss under this coverage.
- (g) Standard form of cross-liability shall be afforded.
- (h) An endorsement stating that the policy shall not be canceled without 30 days' notice of such cancellation given to City.
  - (i) City reserves the right to adjust the insurance limit coverage requirements of this Franchise no more than once every three years. Any such adjustment by City will be no greater than the increase in the State of Minnesota Consumer Price Index (all consumers) for such three year period.
- (j) Upon the Effective Date, Grantee shall submit to City a certificate documenting the required insurance, as well as any necessary properly executed endorsements. The certificate and documents evidencing insurance shall be in a form acceptable to City and shall provide satisfactory evidence that Grantee has complied with all insurance requirements. Renewal certificates shall be provided to City prior to the expiration date of any of the required policies. City will not be obligated, however, to review such endorsements or certificates or other evidence of insurance, or to advise Grantee of any deficiencies in such documents and receipt thereof shall not relieve Grantee from, nor be deemed a waiver of, City's right to enforce the terms of Grantee's obligations hereunder. City reserves the right to examine any policy provided for under this paragraph or to require further documentation reasonably necessary to form an opinion regarding the adequacy of Grantee's insurance coverage.

405B.16 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. **Posting and Publication.** This Franchise shall be published in accordance with Applicable Law. The Summary of Ordinance for Publication, attached hereto as Exhibit C, shall be published in the official newspaper of the City to clearly inform the public of the intent of the ordinance. Grantee shall assume the cost of posting and publication of this Franchise as such posting and publication is required by law and such is payable upon Grantee's filing of acceptance of this Franchise.
2. **Guarantee of Performance.** Grantee agrees that it enters into this Franchise voluntarily in order to secure and in consideration of the grant from the City of a ten year Franchise. Performance pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Franchise is guaranteed by Grantee.
3. **Entire Agreement.** This Franchise contains the entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements or proposals except as specifically set forth herein, and cannot be changed orally but only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties. This Franchise is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 238 and the City Code and is intended to comply with all requirements set forth therein.
4. **Consent.** Wherever the consent or approval of either Grantee or the City is specifically required in this agreement, such consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
5. **Prior Franchise Terminated.** The cable television franchise originally granted by Ordinance 1210 is hereby terminated.
6. **Franchise Acceptance.** No later than sixty 60 days following City Council approval of this Franchise, Grantee shall execute and return to the City three original franchise agreements. The executed agreements shall be returned to the City accompanied by performance bonds, security funds, and evidence of insurance, all as provided in this Franchise. In the event Grantee fails to accept this Franchise, or fails to provide the required documents, this Franchise may, upon Council action, be rescinded. The Grantee agrees that despite the fact that its written acceptance may occur after the Effective Date, the obligations of this Franchise shall become effective on the Effective Date.
7. **Amendment of Franchise.** Grantee and City may agree, from time to time, to amend this Franchise. Such written amendments may be made to address technology changes or advances subsequent to a review session pursuant to Section 2.6 or at any other time if City and Grantee agree that such an amendment will be in the public interest or if such an amendment is required due to changes in federal, state or local laws; provided, however, nothing herein shall restrict City's exercise of its police powers.
8. **Franchise Renewal.** Any renewal of this Franchise shall be in accordance with Applicable Laws. The term of any renewed Franchise shall be limited to a period not to exceed 15 years.
9. **Notice.**
  - (a) Any notification that requires a response or action from a party to this Franchise, within a specific time-frame or would trigger a timeline that would affect one or both parties' rights



13. Force Majeure. In the event that either party is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations, under this Franchise by reason of acts of God, floods, fire, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other unavoidable casualties, insurrection, war, riot, vandalism, strikes, delays in receiving permits where it is not the fault of Grantee, public easements, sabotage, acts or omissions of the other party, or any other similar event beyond the reasonable control of that party, it shall have a reasonable time under the circumstances to perform such obligation under this Franchise, or to procure a substitute for such obligation to the reasonable satisfaction of the other party.

14. Work of Contractors and Subcontractors. Work by contractors and subcontractors are subject to the same restrictions, limitations and conditions as if the work were performed by Grantee. Grantee shall be responsible for all work performed by its contractors and subcontractors, and others performing work on its behalf as if the work were performed by it and shall ensure that all such work is performed in compliance with this Franchise, the City Code and other Applicable Law, and shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages and correcting all damage caused by them. It is Grantee's responsibility to ensure that contractors, subcontractors or other Persons performing work on Grantee's behalf are familiar with the requirements of this Franchise, the City Code and other Applicable Laws governing the work performed by them.

15. Abandonment of System. Grantee may not abandon the System or any portion thereof during the term of this Franchise, and thereafter without having first given three months written notice to City and conforming to the City Code, as well as the state right-of-way rules, Minn. Rules, Chapter 7819. To the extent required by Minn. Stat. § 238.084, Subd. 1 (w), Grantee shall compensate City for damages resulting from the abandonment.

16. Removal After Abandonment. In the event of Grantee's abandonment of the System, City shall have the right to require Grantee to conform to Section 405 of the City Code, as well as the state right-of-way rules, Minn. Rules, Chapter 7819. If Grantee has failed to commence removal of the aerial portion of the System, or such part thereof as was designated by City, within 30 days after written notice of City's demand for removal consistent with Section 405 of the City Code and Minn. Rules, Ch. 7819, is given, or if Grantee has failed to complete such removal within 12 months after written notice of City's demand for removal is given City shall have the right to apply funds secured by the performance bond toward removal and/or declare all right, title, and interest to the System to be in City with all rights of ownership including, but not limited to, the right to operate the System or transfer the System to another for operation by it.

17. Governing Law. This Franchise shall be deemed to be executed in the State of Minnesota, and shall be governed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Minnesota, as applicable to contracts entered into and performed entirely within the State.

18. Nonenforcement by City. Grantee shall not be relieved of its obligation to comply with any of the provisions of this Franchise by reason of any failure of the City or to enforce prompt compliance.

19. Captions. The paragraph captions and headings in this Franchise are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning of interpretation of this Franchise.

20. Calculation of Time. Where the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, payment or thing is required hereunder and the period of time or duration for the performance is prescribed and fixed herein, the time shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last day of the prescribed or fixed period or duration of time. When the last Day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday that Day shall be omitted from the computation and the next business Day shall be the last Day of the period.

21. Survival of Terms. Upon the termination or forfeiture of the Franchise, Grantee shall no longer have the right to occupy the Streets for the purpose of providing Cable Service. However, Grantee's obligations to the City (other than the obligation to provide service to Subscribers) shall survive according to their terms.

22. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise Agreement.

23. Competitive Equity.

(a) The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the City reserves the right to grant one (1) or more additional franchises or other similar lawful authorization to utilize the Street in order to provide Cable Services or similar video programming service within the City in accordance with Applicable Law (hereinafter "Lawful Franchise"). If the City grants a Lawful Franchise containing material terms and conditions that differ from Grantee's material obligations under this Franchise, or if the City declines to require a Lawful Franchise where it has the legal authority to do so, then the City agrees that the obligations in this Franchise will, pursuant to the process set forth in this section, be amended to include any material terms or conditions that are imposed upon the new entrant, or provide relief from existing material terms or conditions, so as to insure that the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are no more favorable or less burdensome. "Material terms and conditions" include, but are not limited to: Franchise Fees and Gross Revenues; complementary services; insurance; System build-out requirements consistent with Applicable Law; security instruments; PEG Access Channels and PEG Fees; customer service standards; required reports and related record keeping; audits; dispute resolution; remedies; and notice and opportunity to cure breaches. The parties agree that this provision shall not require a word for word identical franchise or authorization for a competitive entity so long as the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are no more favorable or less burdensome.

(b) The modification process of this Franchise as provided for in Section 17.23(a) shall only be initiated by written notice by the Grantee to the City regarding specified franchise obligations. Grantee's notice shall address the following: (1) identifying the specific terms or conditions in the competitive Lawful Franchise that are materially different from Grantee's obligations under this Franchise; (2) identifying the Franchise terms and conditions for which Grantee is seeking amendments; (3) providing text for any proposed Franchise amendments to the City, with a written explanation of why the proposed amendments are necessary and consistent.

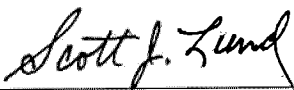
Notwithstanding any modification of this Franchise pursuant to the provisions of this Section 17.23(a), should any entity whose Lawful Franchise triggered the amendments under this section cease to provide such services within the City, the City may provide 90 days written notice to Grantee of such fact, and the City and Grantee shall enter into good faith negotiations to determine which of the original terms, conditions and obligations of this Franchise shall be reinstated and fully effective. It is the intent of the parties that the original terms, conditions and obligations of this Franchise shall be reinstated in the absence of a competitive entity.

(c) Upon receipt of Grantee's written notice as provided in Section 17.23(b), the City and Grantee agree that they will use best efforts in good faith to negotiate Grantee's proposed Franchise modifications, and that such negotiation will proceed and conclude within a 120 day time period, unless that time period is reduced or extended by mutual agreement of the parties. If the City and Grantee reach agreement on the Franchise modifications pursuant to such negotiations, then the City shall amend this Franchise to include the modifications.


(d) In the alternative to Franchise modification negotiations as provided for in Section 17.23(a), or if the City and Grantee fail to reach agreement in negotiations as provided for in Section 17.23(c), Grantee may, at its option, elect to replace this Franchise by opting into the Lawful Franchise, with the understanding that Grantee may use its current system design and technology infrastructure to meet any requirements of the Lawful Franchise, so as to ensure that the regulatory and financial burdens on each entity are no more favorable or less burdensome. If Grantee so elects, the City shall immediately commence proceedings to replace this Franchise with the Lawful Franchise.

(e) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 17.23(a) through (d) to the contrary, the City shall not be obligated to amend or replace this Franchise unless the new entrant makes Cable Services or similar video programming services available for purchase by Subscribers or customers under its franchise agreement with the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIDLEY THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.


  
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Scott J. Lund - Mayor


ATTEST:

  
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Daniel Tienter – City Clerk

Public Hearing: November 9, 2020  
First Reading: November 9, 2020  
Second Reading: November 23, 2020  
Published: December 4, 2020  
Effective Date: February 2, 2021

CITY OF FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA

By:   
Its: Daniel Tienter, City Clerk

By:   
Its: Walter Wysopal, City Manager

Date: November 23, 2020

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ACCEPTED: This Franchise is hereby accepted, and we agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

COMCAST OF ARKANSAS/  
LOUISIANA/MINNESOTA/  
MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE, LLC

Date: 12/11, 2020

By: [Signature]  
Its: VP

SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 11 day of December, 2020.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

JEAN-PIERRE NEWSOME  
Notary Public  
State of Washington  
License Number 115566  
My Commission Expires  
September 09, 2023

## Fiber PEG Transport Lines

1. Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Ave, Fridley, MN to Comcast Hub
2. Fridley High School, 6000 W Moore Lake Dr. NE, Fridley, MN to Comcast Hub

## Complimentary Cable Service to Public Buildings

CITY HALL	7071 UNIVERSITY AVE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
COMMUNITY CENTER	6085 7TH ST NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
PUBLIC WORKS	400 71 <sup>ST</sup> AVE NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
COMMONS PARK WATER PLANT	601 61 <sup>ST</sup> AVE NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER	100 85 <sup>TH</sup> AVE NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
POLICE DEPT, FRIDLEY	7071 UNIVERSITY AVE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
FIRE STATION 1	7071 UNIVERSITY AVE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
FIRE STATION 2	6381 CENTRAL AVE NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
MISSISSIPPI STREET LIBRARY	410 MISSISSIPPI STREET NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
ELEMENTARY, HAYES	615 MISSISSIPPI ST NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
ELEMENTARY, STEVENSON	6080 E RIVER RD	FRIDLEY MN	55432
ELEMENTARY, WOODCREST	880 OSBORNE RD	FRIDLEY MN	55432
ELEMENTARY, NORTH PARK	5575 FILLMORE ST NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
MIDDLE SCHOOL, FRIDLEY	6100 MOORE LAKE DR NE	FRIDLEY MN	55432
HIGH SCHOOL, FRIDLEY	6000 W. MOORE LAKE DR.	FRIDLEY MN	55432

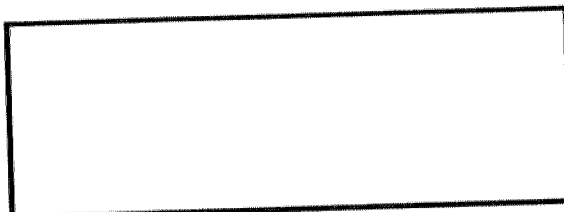
Franchise Fee Payment Worksheet

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System Name: Comcast of Minnesota, Inc.  
 Email: Prasant\_Nadella@cable.comcast.com  
 Phone: 610-665-2579

Vendor ID:	XXXXXX
Contract Name:	X
Statement Period:	Jan - Mar, 2020
Payment Amount:	\$X
Statement Number:	XXXXXX
CUID:	XXXXXX
System ID:	XXXX-XXXX-XXXX



This statement represents your payment for the period listed above.

Revenue Category	Amount
Expanded Basic Video Service	\$
Limited Basic Video Service	\$
Digital Video Service	\$
Pay	\$
PPV / VOD	\$
Digital Video Equipment	\$
Video Installation / Activation	\$
Franchise Fees	\$
Guide	\$
Other	\$
Late Fees	\$
Write-offs / Recoveries	\$
Ad Sales	\$
Home Shopping Commissions	\$
<b>Total</b>	%
Franchise Fee %	
Franchise Fee	\$

CABLE FRANCHISE BOND

Bond 9366946

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS: That COMCAST OF ARKANSAS/FLORIDA/LOUISIANA/MINNESOTA/MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE, INC.

10 River Park Plaza St. Paul MN 55107, as Principal,

and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, as Surety, are

held and firmly bound unto CITY OF FRIDLEY

, as Obligee,

in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100,

DOLLARS (\$ 25,000.00 ), to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the Obligee, we bind ourselves,

our successors and assigns, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of

December, 2020.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the Obligee has granted unto the Principal, a

franchise beginning , , and whereas the said Principal is required to execute a bond in

the penal sum of Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100

(\$ 25,000.00 ) in favor of the Obligee, conditioned upon its performance of the obligations of the grantee under said

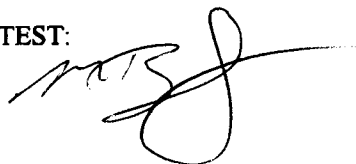
franchise;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above bounden Principal shall perform the obligations of the grantee under said franchise, then this

obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. This bond may be canceled by the Surety upon thirty days

notice to the Obligee by registered mail.

ATTEST:



COMCAST OF ARKANSAS/FLORIDA/LOUISIANA/MINNESOTA/MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE, INC.

(Principal)

BY:

Derek H. Squin  
Derek H. Squin Vice President

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

Sara Owens  
Sara Owens

Attorney-in-Fact

**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY  
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND  
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Illinois, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Illinois (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by **Robert D. Murray, Vice President**, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Wayne G. MCVAUGH, Elizabeth MARRERO, Patricia A. RAMBO, Sara OWENS, Kimberly G. SHERROD, Joanne C. WAGNER, Vicki JOHNSTON, Cathy H. HO, George GIONIS, Lori SHELTON, Jaquanda MARTIN and Kaitlyn MALKOWSKI** all of **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, EACH**, its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said **ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**, this 15th day of May, A.D. 2019.



**ATTEST:  
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY  
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**

By: *Robert D. Murray*  
Vice President

By: *Dawn E. Brown*  
Secretary

**State of Maryland  
County of Baltimore**

On this 15th day of May, A.D. 2019, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **Robert D. Murray, Vice President and Dawn E. Brown, Secretary** of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2019

**EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES**

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.



Brian M. Hodges, Vice President

**TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL ON THE BOND, THE BOND NUMBER, AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO:**

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THE FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY

OF MARYLAND

1299 Zurich Way Schaumburg, IL 60196

Statement of Financial Condition

As Of December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Bonds .....	\$ 255,279,821
Stocks .....	21,280,401
Cash and Short Term Investments .....	2,878,421
Reinsurance Recoverable .....	25,356,035
Federal Income Tax Recoverable .....	140,480
Other Accounts Receivable .....	20,383,843
<b>TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 325,319,001</u></b>

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Taxes and Expenses .....	\$ 795,381
Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable .....	43,024,327
Remittances and Items Unallocated .....	0
Payable to parents, subs and affiliates .....	0
Securities Lending Collateral Liability .....	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 43,819,708</u></b>
Capital Stock, Paid Up .....	\$ 5,000,000
Surplus .....	276,499,293
Surplus as regards Policyholders .....	281,499,293
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 325,319,001</u></b>

Securities carried at \$164,223,431 in the above statement are deposited with various states as required by law.

Securities carried on the basis prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. On the basis of market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, the Company's total admitted assets at December 31, 2019 would be \$322,248,132 and surplus as regards policyholders \$288,428,424.

I, LAURA J. LAZARCZYK, Corporate Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is a correct exhibit of the assets and liabilities of the said Company on the 31st day of December, 2019.

Laura J. Lazarczyk  
Corporate Secretary

State of Illinois }  
City of Schaumburg } SS:

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Illinois, in the City of Schaumburg, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Darryl Joiner  
Notary Public

