



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF COMCAST)
OF GARDEN STATE, L.P. FOR A RENEWAL)
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO)
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE)
TELEVISION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF)
LINDENWOLD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF)
NEW JERSEY)

RENEWAL
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

DOCKET NO. CE09050420

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Borough Clerk, Borough of Lindenwold, New Jersey, by Jane E. Barber, for the Borough

BY THE BOARD:

On October 23, 1975, the Board granted Clear TV Cable of Lindenwold, Inc. a Certificate of Approval in Docket No. 752C-6081 for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable television system in the Borough of Lindenwold ("Borough"). Due to a series of Board approved transfers, the Certificate was held by New York Times Company d/b/a New York Times Cable of New Jersey ("NYT"). On March 3, 1986, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to NYT in Docket No. CE86010040. Due to a series of Board approved transfers, the Certificate was held by Garden State Cablevision, L.P. ("Garden State"). On June 10, 1998, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Garden State in Docket No. CE96010083. Through a series of subsequent transfers, with the required Board approvals, the current holder of the Certificate is Comcast of Garden State, L.P. ("Petitioner"). The Petitioner's above referenced Certificate is due to expire on March 3, 2011.

The Petitioner filed an application for the renewal of its municipal consent with the Borough on December 2, 2008, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.1 et seq. The Petitioner filed an application for renewal early based on discussions between the parties. The Borough, after public hearing, adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to the Petitioner on April 8, 2009. Despite entering into early renewal, the ordinance retains the full term of the previous Certificate and does not accelerate the start of the renewal term. The Petitioner formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance on April 27, 2009.

On May 28, 2009, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16, the Petitioner filed with the Board for a renewal of its Certificate for the Borough. The Board has reviewed the application for municipal consent, the petition for a Renewal Certificate of Approval, and the municipal consent ordinance. Based upon this review and the recommendation of the Office of Cable Television, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** the following:

1. The Petitioner possesses the requisite legal, character, financial and technical qualifications for the awarding of a Certificate of Approval. Further, these qualifications were previously reviewed by the Borough in conjunction with the municipal consent process.
2. The design and technical specifications of the system shall ensure that the Petitioner provides safe, adequate and proper service.
3. The Petitioner has represented that all previously required construction within the franchise territory is complete.
4. The franchise period shall commence on March 3, 2011 as stated in the ordinance and shall run for 15 years from that date, with an automatic renewal provision for a term of ten years thereafter in conformance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and -25. The Board finds these periods to be of reasonable duration.
5. The Borough has reserved the right to review the Petitioner's performance with regard to the ordinance. In the event that the Borough shall find that the Petitioner has not substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of the ordinance, the Borough shall have the right to petition the Board for appropriate administrative action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-47; provided however, that the Borough shall first have given the Petitioner written notice of all alleged instances of non-compliance and an opportunity to cure same within 90 days of that notification.
6. The Petitioner shall provide service to any residence or business along any public right-of-way in the Primary Service Area as set forth in the Petitioner's application. For any extension of plant outside of the Primary Service Area, the Petitioner shall utilize the line extension policy ("LEP") attached to the Certificate (Appendix "I"). The minimum homes per mile ("HPM") figure is 35.
7. The Petitioner's rates shall be regulated and tariffs shall be filed for all services, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, the Board and the Office of Cable Television. The Petitioner shall maintain informational schedules of prices, terms and conditions for unregulated service, and promptly file any revisions thereto.
8. Pursuant to statutory requirements, the ordinance specifies a complaint officer to receive and act upon complaints filed by subscribers in the Borough. In this case, it is the Office of Cable Television. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with any applicable rules.
9. The Petitioner shall maintain a local business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving complaints. The Petitioner currently maintains a local office at 1490 Berlin Road in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

10. The franchise fee to be paid to the Borough is specified to be 2% of the Petitioner's gross revenues from all recurring charges in the nature of subscription fees paid by subscribers for its cable television reception service in the Borough or any additional amount required by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-30. Additional regulatory fees shall be paid to the State in an amount not to exceed 2% of Petitioner's gross operating revenues derived from intrastate operations. The Board finds these fees to be reasonable.
11. The Petitioner shall provide public, educational, and governmental ("PEG") access equipment and facilities as described in the ordinance and the application. The Petitioner shall continue to provide one shared educational and governmental ("EG") access channel for use by the Borough, Berlin Township, Pine Hill Borough and Clementon Borough for the purpose of cablecasting non-commercial educational and governmental programming and bulletin board information. The EG channel is currently operated by the Pine Hill Public Schools. Governmental programming shall be provided by the governing bodies listed above and educational programming shall be provided by either those governing bodies or by a designated educational institution. The governing bodies of the municipalities listed above shall be responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing rules for the EG access channel, as stipulated in the ordinance. The Petitioner also maintains a community bulletin board.
12. Within 12 months from the receipt of this Certificate, noting however that the terms of said renewal Certificate of Approval will not become effective until March 3, 2011, the Petitioner shall provide a second EG access channel originating from Lindenwold High School, which shall be a digital channel. The Petitioner shall construct a dedicated fiber optic return line to the Lindenwold High School located at 801 Egg Harbor Road in the Borough, for the purpose of cablecasting live and/or recorded programming on this second EG access channel. Upon completion, the Petitioner shall submit proof of satisfaction of this provision to the Office of Cable Television.
13. The Petitioner shall provide standard installation and Total Preferred cable television service, on one outlet, free of charge, to each school in the Borough, public and private, elementary, intermediate and secondary. In order to qualify for free installation, the school must be located within 175 feet of active cable distribution plant. Each additional outlet installed, if any, shall be paid for on a materials plus labor basis by the school requesting service. The Petitioner shall waive monthly service charges for any such additional outlets.
14. The Petitioner shall provide installation and Total Preferred cable television service, on one outlet, free of charge, to each police, fire, emergency management facility and public library in the Borough. In order to qualify for free installation, the facility must be located within 175 feet of active cable distribution plant. The Borough shall pay for each additional outlet installed to any of the above facilities on a materials plus labor basis, however, the Petitioner shall waive monthly service charges for any such additional outlets.

It is noted here that a provision of the Borough's ordinance contains language in Section 15. EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS that is problematic and states that "within twelve months of receipt of a Renewal Certificate of Approval, the Company shall provide a second Education and Government Access channel." As was stated above and acknowledged in the letter accompanying the application for municipal consent dated December 2, 2008, the

application was filed early based on discussions between the parties, and the ordinance represents a mutual agreement. Despite entering into early renewal, the ordinance retains the full term of the previous Certificate and does not accelerate the start of the renewal term. The ordinance, at Section 4. DURATION OF THE FRANCHISE, states that the municipal consent granted "shall commence as of March 3, 2011, the date of expiration of the previous Certificate of Approval issued by the Board and shall expire fifteen (15) years from said date, with a ten (10) year automatic renewal thereafter." Additionally, Section 22. EFFECTIVE DATE, also states that the "[o]rdinance shall take effect March 3, 2011" and reiterates that the Renewal Certificate of Approval "shall also take effect on March 3, 2011."

The Borough was informed that, Section 15 along with any other provision of the Borough's April 8, 2009 ordinance, cannot go into effect until after the prior ordinance expires on March 3, 2011, and is therefore, not enforceable until after that date. Although the Board may issue the Renewal Certificate prior to the current Certificate's expiration date of March 3, 2011, the Renewal Certificate would become effective only upon the expiration of the current Certificate, as specified in Sections 4 and 22 of the ordinance, as noted above. While the parties mutually agreed to enter renewal early, the current ordinance and Certificate remain in effect until their expiration or until renewal thereof if the term was effective as of the date of issuance of a Certificate. Since the Borough specifically noted that the municipal consent ordinance and the Renewal Certificate of Approval would not be effective until March 3, 2011, any negotiated provision in the new municipal consent ordinance would not go into effect until the new franchise term commences.

Board Staff sent a letter to the Borough Attorney on January 14, 2010, informing the Borough that it may revise its ordinance to address the date that the EG access channel is required to be provided. The Borough informed staff that it did not wish to modify the ordinance, and the parties agreed to allow staff to recommend that the Board clarify Section 15 to state that this provision, as well as all other provisions within the ordinance, shall go into effect on March 3, 2011. Therefore, finding that the terms of the ordinance are not enforceable until the effective date of the ordinance and that such clarification will not adversely affect the public interest, the Board HEREBY NOTES that Section 15 of the ordinance, as well as all other provisions in the ordinance, shall be enforceable as of March 3, 2011.

Based upon these findings, the Board HEREBY CONCLUDES that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and 28(c), the Petitioner has the municipal consent necessary to support the petition, that such consent and issuance thereof are in conformity with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., that the Petitioner has complied or is ready to comply with all applicable rules and regulations imposed by or pursuant to State and federal law as preconditions for engaging in the proposed cable television operations, that the Petitioner has sufficient financial and technical capacity, meets the legal, character and other qualifications necessary to construct, maintain and operate the necessary installations, lines and equipment, and is capable of providing the proposed service in a safe, adequate and proper manner.

Therefore, the Petitioner is HEREBY ISSUED this Renewal Certificate of Approval as evidence of Petitioner's authority to construct and operate a cable television system within the entirety of the Borough.

This Certificate is subject to all applicable State and federal laws, the rules and regulations of the Office of Cable Television, and any such lawful terms, conditions and limitations as currently exist or may hereafter be attached to the exercise of the privileges granted herein. The Petitioner shall adhere to the operating standards set forth by the Federal Communications

Commission's rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. §76.1 et seq. including but not limited to, the technical standards 47 C.F.R. §76.601 through §76.630. Any modifications to the provisions thereof shall be incorporated into this Certificate.

Failure to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of the Board or the Office of Cable Television and/or the terms, conditions and limitations set forth herein may constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of this Certificate.

This Renewal Certificate is issued on the representation that the statements contained in the Petitioner's applications are true, and the undertakings therein contained shall be adhered to and be enforceable unless specific waiver is granted by the Office of Cable Television pursuant to the authority contained in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

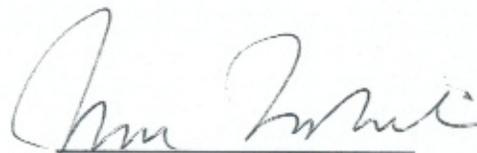
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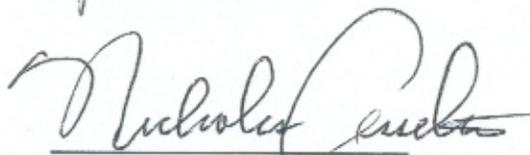
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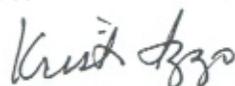

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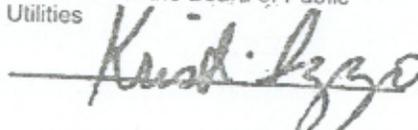

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



APPENDIX "I"
Office of Cable Television
Line Extension Policy

Company Comcast of Garden State, L.P.
Municipality Borough of Lindenwold

A cable operator is required to absorb the cost of extensions to the system in the same proportion that the extension is to the remainder of the system.

Actual subscribers served by the extension are required to absorb the remainder of the cost.

If new subscribers are added to the extension the cost is adjusted and those who previously paid receive an appropriate rebate.

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| 1. | <u># of homes in extension</u>
mileage of extension | = | homes per mile (HPM)
of extension |
| 2. | <u>HPM of extension</u>
Minimum HPM that
company actually
constructs in the
system * | = | ratio of the density
of the extension to the
minimum density which the
company constructs in the
system ("A") |
| 3. | Total cost of building
the extension times "A" | = | company's share of
extension cost |
| 4. | Total cost of building
extension less company's
share of extension cost | = | total amount to be
recovered from
subscribers |
| 5. | <u>Total amount to be
recovered from subs</u>
Total subscribers in
extension | = | each subscriber's share |

In any case, the company shall extend its plant along public rights of way to:

1. All residences and businesses within 150 aerial feet of the operator's existing plant at no cost beyond the normal installation rate.
2. All residences and businesses within 100 underground feet of the operator's plant at no cost beyond the normal installation rate.

* The minimum HPM that the company actually constructs in the system or municipality is the minimum number of homes which the company has historically constructed at its own cost. This is a function of the operator's break even point and its rate of return. Unbuilt systems will use the primary service area rather than construction.

The operator's installation policies shall apply to construction beyond the public right of way.

Detailed accounting and/or financial information to support the minimum HPM shall be supplied to the Office for its approval in such form as required. The minimum HPM shall be updated as appropriate.

When a request for service is received, and unless good cause is shown, cable companies shall:

1. Provide a written estimate within 30 days of such a request.
2. Begin construction within 60 days of receipt of any deposit monies from potential subscribers.
3. Complete construction within six months of receipt of any deposit monies from potential subscribers.
4. Inform each home passed along the extension of the potential costs for subscribers.

Subscribers who pay for an extension shall be entitled to rebates in the following manner:

1. If the company acquires new subscribers subsequent to the initial calculation of step 5 above, the formula will be adjusted and those who have previously paid for the extension will be entitled to an appropriate rebate. In no event shall the amount of the rebate exceed the subscriber's contribution.
2. The company shall keep accurate records of the cost of the extension, the amounts paid by subscribers and any appropriate adjustments.
3. The company shall notify subscribers in the extension of their rights and responsibilities concerning the extension.
4. Once an individual dwelling has paid its share of the extension cost future reconnections or installations shall be made at the company's standard rates.
5. After a period of five years from the installation of the first dwelling unit in the extension no further adjustments shall be made. Installations after five years shall be at the company's standard rate.
6. Once a subscriber is installed, that person shall not normally be entitled to a refund of any monies paid for the installations, except in accordance with the rebate procedure outlined in this policy.

Definitions

Primary Service Area

The Primary Service Area (PSA) can be an entire municipality but in many instances, the PSA is a limited area within a community outside of which a line extension policy may apply. The PSA is depicted by a franchise map and narrative, presented and recorded during the franchise proceedings. It normally remains a fixed geographic area throughout the life of the franchise.

Line Extension Survey

Potential subscribers residing outside the PSA who request service are entitled to an estimate of their share of the cost to secure service. When conducting a survey and estimating costs, a cable company should factor-in all potential subscribers who could practicably be included in the extension and give consideration to apparent residential construction in areas contiguous to the proposed extension.

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