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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV OF) ORDER OF APPROVAL
HUNTERDON INC. FOR PETITION TO CHANGE)
AN AGENT PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1) BPU DOCKET NO CO05121044

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

This matter considers a request by Service Electric Cable T.V. of Hunterdon Inc. (Petitioner or SECTV) a cable company holding Certificates of Approval and conducting cable television business in the State of New Jersey, with its principle office located at 2260 Avenue "A", Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18017 for approval to change the location of its agent. SECTV seeks to change its agent currently located at 383-387 Main Street, Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to a new agent located approximately 200 feet away at 362 Main Street, Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

By way of background, on December 9, 2005, SECTV filed a verified petition, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1 seeking Board approval of the change of an agent. Petitioner asserts that the current agent, Superior T.V. & Appliances Inc, has indicated on several occasions that it would like to retire from business, including its role as agent for SECTV and other related services such as bill payment and equipment exchanges.

In anticipation of the retirement of the current agent, Petitioner has sought to engage the services of a new agent to provide the same character of services to SECTV subscribers.

Petitioner proposes to engage the services of another local business that will be compatible for the purpose of acting as an agent for its subscribers in the same manner as provided by the current agent. The proposed new agent is located approximately 200 feet from the existing agent in the same town and will not adversely affect the services it will provide.

Petitioner indicates that no jobs will be lost as a result of the change of the agent because SECTV does not employ anyone at the current agent's location, nor will SECTV directly employ anyone at the new agent location. There will be no adverse impact expected on the level of service provided to customers as a result of the change of agent, since the new agent will perform the same functions as the current agent. However, hours of operation at the new agent will be increased by 4 hours per week and will be available to service SECTV customers from 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday and 9:00am – 12:00 noon on Saturdays. Both locations are accessible to public transportation and all services provided at the current location and hours of operations will be maintained at the new location.

As required by N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1, Petitioner posted notice of the proposed change in agent on December 9, 2005, at its current office located at 383-387 Main Street. Notice was also published on December 12, 2005 in the "Express-Times" a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Petitioner's service area, informing area customers of the proposal and their right to file written comments or objections to the Board. Also on December 9, 2005, the Petitioner sent copies of its petition to the municipal clerks of Phillipsburg, Greenwich, Alpha, Lopatcong, Pohatcong, Harmony, Bloomsbury, Milford, Kingwood, Holland, Frenchtown, and Alexandria advising them of the proposed change in agent.

Staff advises that no objections from either the affected municipalities or the customers served by the agent in question have been filed arising from the Petitioner's notice. On March 3, 2006, the Division of Ratepayer Advocate (RPA) filed comments with the Board recommending approval of the petition.

The proposed change in agent conforms to all existing franchise commitments and obligations in the Certificate of Approval and municipal consent agreements served by the current office.

Accordingly, and based upon the petition and supporting documentation, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the proposed change in agent will not adversely affect the customers in the system.

Therefore, the Board HEREBY ORDERS that Petitioner's request for permission to change an agent currently located at 383-387 Main Street, in Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to the new location at 362 Main Street, County of Warren, State of New Jersey is GRANTED. The Petitioner is FURTHER ORDERED to provide the Board with notice of the

date upon which its current agent will cease operations and its new agent will commence operations, and to ensure that no gap or break in service occurs. The Board FURTHER ORDERS that the approval in this Order shall become null and void and of no effect to the extent it has not been exercised prior to September 30, 2006.

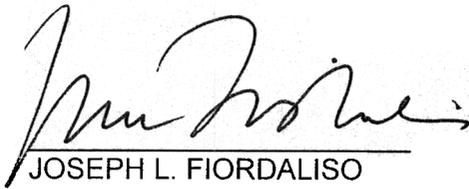
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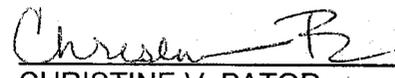
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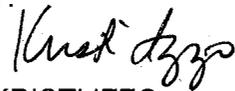

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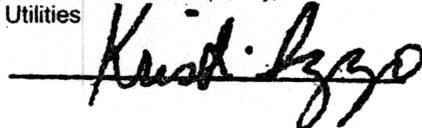

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