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CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
CABLEVISION OF MONMOUTH, INC. FOR)
RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF)
APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE)
AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION)
SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE,)
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW)
JERSEY)

ORDER OF AMENDMENT
TO A RENEWAL
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

DOCKET NO. CE05110965
DOCKET NO. CE07100750

SERVICE LIST ATTACHED

BY THE BOARD:

On March 31, 2006, the Board granted a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Cablevision of Monmouth, Inc. ("Petitioner") for the Township of Neptune ("Township"), in Docket No. CE05110965. The expiration date is fifteen years from the date of issuance of the order, specifically March 31, 2021.

After issuance of the Renewal Certificate of Approval, on May 29, 2007, the Township adopted Ordinance No. 07-31, which amended the Township's December 13, 2004 municipal consent ordinance upon which the above referenced Certificate was based. The Township amended Volume 1, Chapter XXII, Section 22-15 titled "Designation of Complaint Officer" of the municipal consent ordinance by changing the designation of the complaint officer from the Township Clerk to the Board of Public Utilities, Office of Cable Television. On August 28, 2007, the Petitioner accepted the amended ordinance.

On September 25, 2007, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-47 and N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.7, the Petitioner filed a petition with the Board seeking approval of the amendment to the terms and conditions of the municipal consent ordinance, and the corresponding amendment of the Renewal Certificate of Approval. The Township amended Volume 1, Chapter XXII, Section 22-15 titled

"Designation of Complaint Officer" of the municipal consent ordinance by changing the designation of the complaint officer from the Township Clerk to the Board of Public Utilities, Office of Cable Television. The Board has reviewed the amendment to the municipal consent ordinance, and the petition for amendment of the Certificate of Approval. Based upon this review and the recommendation of the Office of Cable Television and for reasonable cause, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** that the requested amendments, will not adversely affect the public interest in the provision of safe, adequate and proper cable television service in this State, and **THEREFORE**, Paragraph No. 7 of the Certificate of Approval IS **HEREBY AMENDED** as follows:

7. Pursuant to statutory requirements, the ordinance specifies a complaint officer to receive and act upon complaints filed by subscribers in the Township. In this case, it is the Office of Cable Television. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with any applicable rules.

Therefore, the Petitioner is **HEREBY ISSUED** this Amendment to the Renewal Certificate of Approval as evidence of the Petitioner's authority to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in the Township. The Amendment shall not affect any of the remaining terms and conditions of the Certificate of Approval issued by the Board in its grant of operating authority. This Amendment to the Renewal Certificate of Approval 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 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.

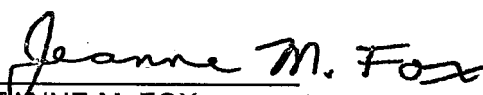
Failure to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of the Board or Office of Cable Television and/or the terms, conditions and limitations set forth herein may constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of the Certificate issued by the Board.

This Amendment to the Renewal Certificate of Approval is issued on the representation that the statements contained in the Petitioner's applications are true, and the undertakings therein

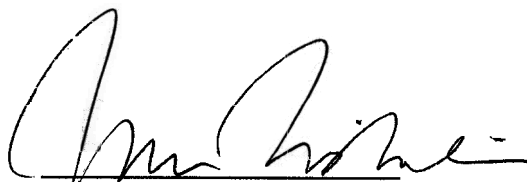
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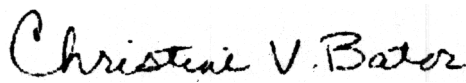
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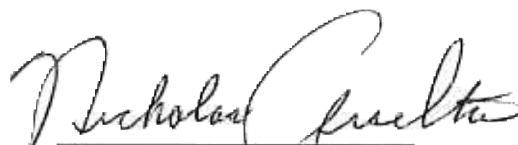
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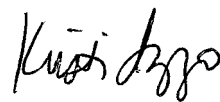

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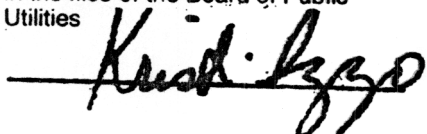

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BY THE BOARD:

On April 27, 1978, the Board granted Monmouth Cablevision Associates ("MCA") a Certificate of Approval in Docket No. 7710C-6330 for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable television system in the Township of Neptune ("Township"). By Order dated May 17, 1994, the Board approved the sale of MCA to Cablevision of Monmouth, Inc. ("Petitioner"), in Docket No. CM93120537. That Order was subsequently amended on June 7, 1994. On August 3, 1994, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to the Petitioner's predecessor in Docket No. CE93110519¹. Although by its terms the above referenced Certificate expired on April 27, 2003, the Petitioner is authorized to continue to provide cable television service to the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25, pending disposition of proceedings regarding the renewal of its Certificate of Approval.

The Petitioner filed an application for the renewal of its municipal consent with the Township on or about July 26, 2002, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13. On December 13, 2004, after public hearing, the Township adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to the Petitioner. On October 31, 2005, the Petitioner formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance.

On November 14, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16, Petitioner filed with the Board for a

¹ It is noted that while the Board approved the transfer from Monmouth Cablevision Associates ("MCA") to Cablevision of Monmouth prior to the issuance of the Renewal Certificate of Approval, the Certificate was issued to MCA and did not reference the transfer.

renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Township. 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:

- The Petitioner possesses the requisite legal, character, financial and technical qualifications for the awarding of a Certificate of Approval. Further, these qualifications were reviewed by the Township 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 as stated in the ordinance is fifteen years from the date of issuance of this Certificate. The Board finds this period to be of reasonable duration.
 5. The Petitioner shall install cable in all residences along any public right-of-way located in the Township at tariffed rates for standard and non-standard installation. Installations to commercial establishments shall be constructed in accordance with the Petitioner's commercial line extension policy attached to this Certificate as Appendix "I".
 6. 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 tariffs for unregulated service rates, and promptly file any revisions thereto.
 7. Pursuant to statutory requirements, the ordinance specifies a complaint officer to receive and act upon complaints filed by subscribers in the Township. In this case, it is the Township Clerk. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with applicable rules.
 8. The Petitioner shall maintain a local business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving complaints. Currently, the local office serving this provision is located at 1501 18th Avenue, in Wall Township, New Jersey.
 9. The franchise fee to be paid to the Township 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 Township. 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.
 10. The Petitioner shall provide public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access services, equipment and facilities as described in the application and the ordinance. The Petitioner shall provide one non-commercial PEG access channel for use by the Township.

- 1 The Petitioner shall provide one return line, including the modulator and associated signal transmission equipment necessary to allow for upstream cablecasting from a building within the Township to be designated by the Township for the production of non-commercial PEG access programming on the Petitioner's cable system.
12. The Petitioner shall provide the Township with a one-time grant of \$100,000.00 to be used by the Township for cable and/or other telecommunications related purposes. The Petitioner shall forward proof of compliance to the OCTV upon its provision of the grant to the Township.
13. Upon written request of the Township, the Petitioner shall provide, free of charge, one standard installation and monthly basic cable service, to the following entities located in the Township: a) all state or locally accredited elementary and secondary public schools b) all municipal public libraries, and c) all municipally owned buildings located within the Township that are used for municipal governmental purposes.
14. Upon written request of the Township, the Petitioner shall provide, free of charge, one cable modem and Internet access service, including standard installation, to one municipally owned building, to all state or locally accredited elementary and secondary public schools and all municipal public libraries within the Township.
15. The Petitioner shall implement a senior citizens' discount in the amount of 10% of the basic monthly service for persons meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 30:4D-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-3.20, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-11.2.

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 for the entirety of the Township.

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.

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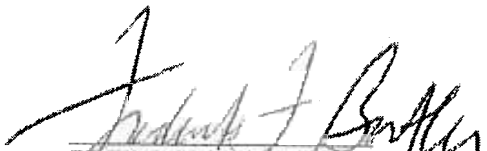
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This Certificate shall expire fifteen years from the date of its issuance.

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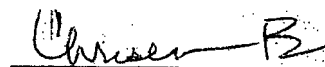
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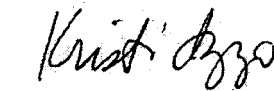

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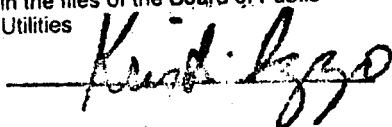

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APPENDIX

Company Cablevision of Monmouth, Inc.
Municipality Township of Neptune

CABLEVISION

COMMERCIAL LINE EXTENSION RATE POLICY

1. Intent. It is the intent of CABLEVISION that a rate policy be established under which any businesses within the company's franchise areas would have the opportunity to obtain cable television service.

2. Applicability. This line extension rate shall apply to all cable television service extensions, aerial and underground, on public and private lands, provided by CABLEVISION.

3. Definitions.

(a) Line or Service. That situation where the company must extend its existing trunk line and/or distribution cable in order to make a tap available from which a drop line can be run so as to provide cable television service to the applicant's premises. The line or service extension shall include, but not be limited to, all poles, cables, amplifiers, extenders, splitters, taps, right-of-way acquisitions and clearing, trenching, backfilling and any other one-time costs incurred by CABLEVISION in connection with extending service to the applicant. A line or service extension shall not include facilities provided by CABLEVISION pursuant to its applicable installation rates then existing.

(b) Applicant. Any person, firm, corporation or association that applies to CABLEVISION for service to a commercial establishment in the franchise area.

(c) Commercial Establishment. Any building or structure, or portion thereof, not used for residential purposes including, but not limited to, profit and non-profit corporations or associations, which has requested the installation of cable television service requiring line or service extension as defined herein.

(d) Drop Line. That cable which connects the subscriber's television receiver to the cable transmission system by way of a tap.

(e) Tap. A connecting device inserted in the cable transmission line which allows for the connection of a drop line. An aerial or underground "drop line" constitutes a transmission cable running from the distribution or feeder cable to the subscriber's connection or receiver.

(f) Trunk Line. Transmission cable running from headend to trunk amplifiers and through each trunk amplifier in cascade in the system from which connections for distribution and feeder cable are provided.

(g) Distribution or Feeder Cable. Transmission cable which extends from the distribution amplifiers serving specific areas within the system and from which drop lines are extended.

(h) Qualified Subscriber. Any applicant who, as a potential subscriber, has committed to purchase at least the basic service from CABLEVISION for a period of not less than two (2) years.

4. Schedule.

(a) Within thirty (30) days after the date on which the service is requested, but not more than ninety (90) days from the date upon which the request for service was made, CABLEVISION shall furnish the applicant with (1) an estimate request form, (2) a copy of this line extension policy, and (3) notification that service can only be provided by means of a line or service extension.

(b) If the applicant requests a written estimate within thirty (30) days after being advised that service can only be provided by means of a line or service extension, CABLEVISION shall, within sixty (60) days of such request, furnish a written estimate, a construction schedule, and a service extension contract to be signed by the applicant.

(c) The applicant must return a signed service extension agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt of the material described in Paragraph (b) together with a check in the amount of \$50.00 representing a service extension deposit which will be credited against the applicant's contribution in aid of construction invoice to the applicant which must be signed and returned to CABLEVISION with the full payment before construction will commence.

(d) If the applicant fails to meet any of the applicable deadlines or any of the terms herein before set forth without the approval of CABLEVISION, any obligations pertaining to the proposed line or service extension shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

5. Commercial Line Extension Rate Charges.

A commercial establishment requesting line or service extension shall bear all of the following costs to make a tap available from which a drop line may be installed:

(a) The actual cost to CABLEVISION of materials and equipment necessary to make service available plus shipping charges and applicable taxes.

(b) The actual labor costs incurred by CABLEVISION, exclusive of benefits.

(c) The actual costs of designs, surveys, prints and engineering or other such labor involved in the preparation or actual construction required.

(d) The direct costs of any easements, make-ready or other third party actions required to perform and complete construction such as, but not limited to, power companies, telephone companies, road work, trenching or the like.

(e) In addition, the applicant shall pay to CABLEVISION a sum equal to twenty percent (20%) of the entire actual cost of construction as set forth above.

(f) In the event additional commercial subscribers come on-line in an area in which service extension has been provided in accordance herewith, each additional subscriber shall, in addition to the applicable installation rate, be required to contribute their pro-rata share of the original construction costs. Said pro-rata share shall be derived by dividing the original construction cost by the number of then existing on-line subscribers including the additional subscriber(s).

(g) Any funds collected from additional subscribers will be retained by CABLEVISION in an interest-bearing account and distributed equitably so as to equalize all subscriber construction contributions. Distribution will be made two years after the original service extension was provided. After said two year period, there shall be no further apportionment of the original construction cost.

6. Record Keeping and Annual Reports. CABLEVISION shall maintain appropriate records of its costs, subscriber and applicant billings, and revenues resulting from a request for or the construction of a service extension.

7. Ownership of Facilities. CABLEVISION shall own and maintain the facilities for which a service extension is made and any applicant-subscriber shall not acquire any interest herein.

8. Method of Service Extension. CABLEVISION reserves the right to provide either an aerial or underground service extension.

9. Term of Service. The minimum term of at least basic subscriber service for an applicant requesting service extension, or his successors and assigns, shall be twenty-four (24) months after the service extension has been energized. Said term shall be guaranteed by the applicant in the service extension contract specified in Paragraph 4(c) hereof.

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