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OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF CSC TKR, LLC (ALTICE USA, INC.) AND SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL OF SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC. ORDER DESIGNATING PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

DOCKET NO. CM20030211

Parties of Record:

James Eric Andrews, Esq., Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP, CSC TKR, Inc. (Altice USA, Inc.) Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

## BACKGROUND

On March 5, 2020, CSC TKR, LLC ("CSC TKR"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Altice USA, Inc. (together "Altice"), and Service Electric Cable T.V. of New Jersey, Inc. ("Service Electric") (collectively Petitioners") filed a petition pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.8 requesting that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") approve the transfer of twenty-eight (28) certificates of approval and related authorizations and the accompanying cable systems from Service Electric to Altice ("Transfers").<sup>1</sup> Service Electric and Altice are subject to the Board's jurisdiction and that of the Office of Cable Television, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

The Transfers involve the purchase and assignment of all assets of Service Electric ("Transaction"). The structure, per the petition, involves no telecommunications assets or licenses, no use of CSC TKR's or Service Electric's assets to finance any aspect of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The authorizations held by Service Electric and which are the subject of the petition cover the following communities: In Sussex County, New Jersey, (1) Andover Borough; (2) Andover Township; (3) Branchville Borough; (4) Byram Township; (5) Frankford Township; (6) Franklin Borough; (7) Fredon Township; (8) Green Township; (9) Hamburg Borough; (10) Hampton Township; (11) Hardyston Township; (12) Jefferson Township (Operating Authority); (13) Lafayette Township; (14) Newton Town; (15) Ogdensburg Borough; (16) Sandyston Township (Kittatinny Lake); (17) Sparta Township; (18) Stanhope Borough; (19) Stillwater Township; (20) Sussex Borough; (21) Vernon Township; and (22) Wantage Township; and in Warren County, New Jersey: (1) Blairstown Township; (2) Hardwick Township; (3) Hope Township; (4) Knowlton Township; (5) Frelinghuysen Township; and (6) Liberty Township.

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Transaction and requires no other state regulatory approvals other than that of the Board. Post Transaction, Altice through its subsidiary CSC TKR will be the franchised entity serving New Jersey.

## **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

The Board <u>HEREBY DESIGNATES</u> Commissioner Upendra J. Chivukula as the Presiding Officer. The Board <u>FURTHER ORDERS</u> that Commissioner Chivukula as the Presiding Officer, is <u>HEREBY</u> <u>AUTHORIZED</u> to establish and modify schedules, decide all motions, and otherwise control the conduct of this case, without the need for full Board approval, subject to subsequent Board ratification.

The Board <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> that all entities seeking to intervene or participate in this matter file the appropriate application with the Board by April 14, 2020. Commissioner Chivukula will render a decision on motions to intervene and on any additional motions filed after the issuance of this Order. Any party wishing to file a motion for admission of counsel, <u>pro hac vice</u>, should do so concurrently with any motion to intervene or participate.

In addition, in the interests of economy, all parties are <u>HEREBY DIRECTED</u> to serve all documents electronically, while still providing hard copies to the Board for those documents that must be filed with the Board, and providing hard copies to parties who specifically request them. Finally, the Board <u>HEREBY DIRECTS</u> Staff to post this Order on the Board's website.

This order is effective on April 6, 2020.

DATED: March 27, 2020

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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