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OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF CSC TKR, LLC DBA CABLEVISION OF MORRIS FOR RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY) RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF) APPROVAL)))) DOCKET NO. CE24060416

Parties of Record:

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Michele Reilly, Clerk, Township of Jefferson, New Jersey

BY THE BOARD:

On August 12, 1977, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") granted Telecommunications, Inc. a Certificate of Approval ("Certificate") in Docket No. 762C-6147, for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable television system in the Township of Jefferson ("Township"). Through a series of transfers with required Board approvals, Sammons Communications of New Jersey, Inc. ("Sammons") was the holder of the Certificate. On July 31, 1995, the Board issued an Order Modifying Initial Decision-Settlement and Renewal Certificate of Approval ("Renewal Certificate") to Sammons in Docket No. CE92090910. Through a series of subsequent transfers with the required Board approvals, the holder of the Certificate became CSC TKR, Inc. d/b/a Cablevision of Morris ("Cablevision"). On April 9, 2008, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate to Cablevision for the Township in Docket No. CE08010055. Based on a name change, the Certificate is currently held by CSC TKR, LLC d/b/a Cablevision of Morris ("Petitioner"). Although, by its terms, the Petitioner's above referenced Certificate expired on April 9, 2023, 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.

The Petitioner filed an application for the renewal of its municipal consent with the Township on March 10, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.1 to 9. On December 13, 2023, the Township, after public hearing, adopted an ordinance granting renewal municipal consent to the Petitioner ("Ordinance"). The Petitioner formally accepted the terms and conditions

of the Ordinance on February 13, 2024. On April 30, 2024, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16, the Petitioner filed with the Board for a renewal of its Certificate for the Township.¹

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed the application for municipal consent, the Ordinance and the petition for a Renewal Certificate. Based upon this review and the recommendation of the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications, the Board **HEREBY FINDS** the following:

1. The Petitioner possesses the requisite legal, character, financial, and technical qualifications for the awarding of a Certificate. 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 seven (7) years from the effective date of this Renewal Certificate, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and 25. The Board finds this franchise period reasonable.
5. The Petitioner shall proffer service along any public right-of-way to any person's residence or business in the Primary Service Area, at no cost beyond standard and non-standard installation charges as set forth in the Petitioner's application. The Petitioner shall extend service along any public right of way outside its primary service area to those residences and businesses within the franchise territory which are located in areas that have a residential home density of twenty-five (25) homes per mile ("HPM"). The Petitioner will utilize the line extension policy attached to the Certificate (Appendix "I"). The HPM figure is twenty-five (25).
6. The Petitioner shall maintain an informational schedule of prices, terms and conditions for unregulated service, 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 Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with any applicable rules.
8. During the term of this franchise, and any renewal thereof, the Petitioner shall maintain a local business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving

¹ On June 10, 2025, the Petitioner filed amendments to the petition that corrected errors which misstated the date In re CSC TKR, Inc. d/b/a Cablevision of Morris for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval to Continue to Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, BPU Docket No. CE08010055, Order dated April 9, 2008 ("2008 Order") was issued, the municipality it was issued to, the date that the 2008 Order expired, and the franchise term for the Ordinance that was adopted on December 13, 2023. On September 18, 2025, the Petitioner filed an additional amendment to the petition that corrected an error which did not include the date that the Petitioner provided its application for municipal consent to the Township.

complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment malfunctions, and similar matters. The Petitioner currently maintains a local office located at 461 Route 10 East, Ledgewood,² New Jersey.

9. The franchise fee to be paid to the Township is specified to be two percent (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 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 two percent (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 channels and facilities in accordance with its renewal application and the Ordinance. Specifically, the Petitioner shall continue to provide one (1) dedicated public access channel ("PEG Channel"), and one (1) educational access channel to the Township. The Petitioner maintains a public access studio available for access users upon advance request located at 352 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The location of said studio and the method of providing such services are subject to change.
11. The Petitioner shall if requested by the Township, install at the Petitioner's expense, and continue to provide a return feed from the Municipal Building located at 1033 Weldon Road, and the equipment necessary to allow for the transmission of video and audio over the channel (not including production, programming and mixing equipment) without charge, to the Petitioner's location of interconnection to the cable television system for PEG use of the PEG Channel, which return feed at a minimum, provides the ability for the Township to cablecast live or taped access programming, in real time, as may be applicable, to the Petitioner's customers in the Township.
12. The Petitioner shall, upon written request, provide free of charge, one (1) standard installation and monthly cable television reception service to all State or locally accredited public schools and all municipal public libraries, as well as municipal buildings located within the Township. All locations are as follows: the Municipal Building located at 1033 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge³; Library located at 1031 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge; Public Works Building located at 4 Sparta Mountain Road, Oak Ridge; Health Building located at 57 Minisink Road, Lake Hopatcong⁴; Senior Citizen Center located at 56 Schoolhouse Road, Oak Ridge; Camp Jefferson Complex located at 81 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong; Historical Building located at 315 Dover Milton Road, Oak Ridge; Fire Company No. 1 located at 162 Milton Road, Oak Ridge; Fire Company No. 2 located at 736 St. Rt. 15 S, Lake Hopatcong; Milton First Aid Squad located at 45 Milton Road, Oak Ridge; Jefferson Rescue Squad located at 827 St. Rt. 15 S, Lake Hopatcong; Waste Water Treatment Plant located at 7A Mirror Place, Oak Ridge; Township High School located at 1000 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge; Township Middle School located at 1000 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge; Briggs School located at 1 Jefferson Drive, Lake Hopatcong; Stanlick School located at 121B E.

² Ledgewood is a local name for Roxbury, New Jersey.

³ Oak Ridge is an unincorporated community and a primary residential section of Jefferson Township containing schools and fire departments.

⁴ Lake Hopatcong is a local name for the portion of Jefferson Township bordering the lake.

Shawnee Trail, Wharton; Milton School located at 52 Schoolhouse Road, Oak Ridge; White Rock School located at 2 Francine Place, Oak Ridge; Cozy Lake School located at 185 Cozy Lake Road, Oak Ridge; and the Board of Education Building located at 31 St. Rt. 181, Lake Hopatcong.

13. The Petitioner shall make available representatives to meet upon the request of the Township, and upon thirty (30) days written notice on a bi-annual basis with the Township, for the purpose of reviewing the Petitioner's performance. The Petitioner's representatives shall respond to the reasonable requests for information made by the Township.
14. The Petitioner shall implement a senior citizen discount in the amount of ten percent (10%) off the monthly broadcast basic level of cable television service rate to any person sixty-two (62) years of age or older, who subscribes to cable television services provided by the Petitioner, subject to the terms stated in the Ordinance.

Based upon these findings, the Board **HEREBY CONCLUDES**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and 28(c), that 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 to 64; that the Petitioner has complied or is ready, willing, and able 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, and meets the legal, character, and other qualifications necessary to construct, maintain, and operate the necessary installations, lines, and equipment; and that the Petitioner is capable of providing the proposed service in a safe, adequate and proper manner.

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

This Renewal Certificate is subject to all applicable State and federal laws, the rules and regulations of the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications, 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 Telecommunications and/or the terms, conditions, and limitations set forth herein may constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of this Certificate.

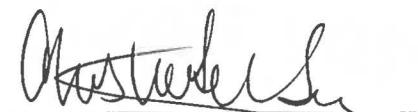
This Renewal Certificate is issued on the representation that the statements contained in the Petitioner's applications are true, and the undertakings therein contained shall be adhered to and be enforceable unless specific waiver is granted by the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications pursuant to the authority contained in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 to 64.

This Certificate shall expire on February 4, 2033.

This Order shall be effective on February 4, 2026.

DATED: January 28, 2026

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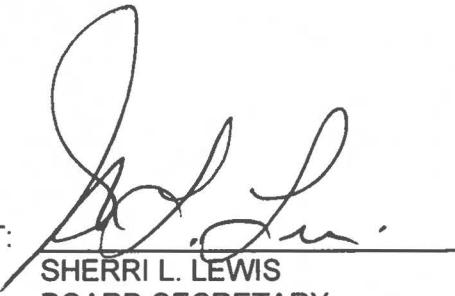
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ATTEST: 
SHERRI L. LEWIS
BOARD SECRETARY

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 and Telecommunications
Line Extension Policy

Company: CSC TKR, LLC d/b/a Cablevision of Morris
Municipality: Township of Jefferson, County of Morris

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.

1. # of homes in extension = homes per mile ("HPM") of extension
 2. HPM of extension = ratio of the density of the extension to the minimum density that the company constructs in the system ("A")
Minimum HPM that company actually constructs in the system*
 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. Total amount to be recovered from subs = each subscriber's share
Total subscribers in extension

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 that the company has historically constructed at its own cost. This is a function of the operator's breakeven 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 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 thirty (30) days of such a request.
2. Begin construction within sixty (60) days of receipt of any deposit monies from potential subscribers.
3. Complete construction within six (6) 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 (5) years from the installation of the first dwelling unit in the extension, no further adjustments shall be made. Installations after five (5) 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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