



TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
Town Board Pre-Work Session

February 3rd, 2021

Town Hall

5 PM

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to Order

Supervisor's Comments

1. Close Public Hearing and Authorize Supervisor to sign CCA contract
2. Close Public Hearing and Authorize Supervisor to sign Comcast contract
3. Close Public Hearing and Resolve to pass Political Signage Law
4. Discussion: Noise Ordinance
5. Audit of Monthly Bills

**Adjournment**

**Next Town Board Meeting: Work Session, Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5PM, Town Hall**

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**LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_-2020**

A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A  
COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM  
IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Be it enacted by TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY as follows:

The Code of the TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 166 entitled "COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM," to read as follows:

**§1. Legislative Findings; Intent and Purpose; Authority.**

- A. It is the policy of both the TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ("Municipality") and the State of New York to reduce costs and provide cost certainty for the purpose of economic development, to promote deeper penetration of energy efficiency and renewable energy resources such as wind and solar, and wider deployment of distributed energy resources as well as to examine the retail energy markets and increase participation of and benefits for Eligible Consumers in those markets. Among the policies and models that may offer benefits in New York is Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA"), which allows local governments to determine the default supplier of electricity on behalf of Eligible Consumers.
- B. The purpose of CCA is to allow participating local governments to procure energy supply service for Eligible Consumers, who will have the opportunity to opt out of the procurement, while maintaining transmission and distribution service from the existing Distribution Utility. This Chapter establishes a program ("CCA Program") that will allow the Municipality and other local governments to work together through a shared purchasing model to put out for bid the total amount of electricity being purchased by Eligible Consumers within the jurisdictional boundaries of participating municipalities. Eligible consumers will have the opportunity to have more control to lower their overall energy costs, to spur clean energy innovation and investment, to improve customer choice and value, and to protect the environment; thereby, fulfilling the purposes of this Chapter and fulfilling an important public purpose.
- C. The Municipality is authorized to implement this CCA Program pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law; and State of New York Public Service Commission Case No. 14-M-0224, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Enable Community Choice Aggregation Programs (issued April 21, 2016) as may be amended, including subsequent orders of the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued in connection with or related to Case No. 14-M-0224, to the extent that orders related to Case No. 14-M-0224 enable actions by the Municipality.
- D. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (ENERGY) PROGRAM Law of the Municipality.

## §2. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context otherwise requires, the terms in this Chapter shall have the meanings employed in the State of New York Public Service Commission's Uniform Business Practices or, if not so defined there, as indicated below:

- A. AGGREGATED DATA shall mean aggregated and anonymized information including the number of consumers by service class, the aggregated peak demand (kW) (for electricity) by month for the past 12 months, by service class to the extent possible, and the aggregated energy (kWh) for electricity by month for the past 12 months by service class.
- B. CCA ADMINISTRATOR shall mean the Town of Putnam Valley, or a third party CCA Administrator duly authorized to put out for bid the total amount of electricity being purchased by Participating Consumers. CCA Administrator is responsible for Program organization, administration, procurement, and communications, unless otherwise specified.
- C. CUSTOMER SPECIFIC DATA shall mean customer specific information, personal data and utility data for all consumers in the municipality eligible for opt-out treatment based on the terms of PSC CCA Order and the CCA program design including the customer of record's name, mailing address, telephone number, account number, and primary language, if available, and any customer-specific alternate billing name, address, and phone number.
- D. DATA SECURITY AGREEMENT shall mean an agreement between the Distribution Utility and the Municipality that obligates each party to meet, collectively, (i) all national, state and local laws, regulations or other government standards relating to the protection of information that identifies or can be used to identify an individual Eligible Consumer with respect to the CCA Administrator or its representative's processing of confidential utility information; (ii) the Distribution Utility's internal requirements and procedures relating to the protection of information that identifies or can be used to identify individual Eligible Consumer with respect to the CCA Administrator or its representative's processing of confidential utility information; and (iii) the PSC CCA Order and PSC rules, regulations and guidelines relating to confidential data.
- E. DEFAULT SERVICE shall mean supply service provided by the Distribution Utility to consumers who are not currently receiving service from an energy service company (ESCO). Eligible Consumers within the Municipality that receive Default Service, and have not opted out, will be enrolled in the Program as of the Effective Date.
- F. DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER) shall mean local renewable energy projects, shared renewables like community solar, energy efficiency, demand response, energy management, energy storage, microgrid projects and other innovative Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) initiatives that optimize system benefits, target and address load pockets/profile within the CCA's zone, and reduce cost of service for Participating Consumers.
- G. DISTRIBUTION UTILITY shall mean owner or controller of the means of distribution of the electricity that is regulated by the Public Service Commission.

- H. ELIGIBLE CONSUMERS shall mean eligible customers of electricity who receive Default Service from the Distribution Utility as of the Effective Date, or New Consumers that subsequently become eligible to participate in the Program, at one or more locations within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality, except those consumers who receive Default Service and have requested not to have their account information shared by the Distribution Utility. For the avoidance of doubt, all Eligible Consumers must reside or be otherwise located at one or more locations within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality, as such boundaries exist on the effective date of the ESA.
- I. ESCO or ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY mean an entity duly authorized to conduct business in the State of New York as an ESCO.
- J. NEW CONSUMERS shall mean consumers of electricity that become Eligible Consumers after the effective date of the ESA, including those that opt in or move into Municipality.
- K. PARTICIPATING CONSUMERS shall mean Eligible Consumers enrolled in the Program, either because they are consumers who receive Default Service from the Distribution Utility as of the Effective Date and have not opted out, or are New Consumers.
- L. PROGRAM ORGANIZER shall mean the group responsible for initiating and organizing the CCA. This group will typically secure buy-in from local governments and engage in preliminary outreach and education around CCA. The Program Organizer may be a non-profit organization, local government, or other third party. The Program Organizer and the CCA Administrator may be the same.
- M. PSC CCA ORDER shall mean the PSC's Order Authorizing Framework for Community Choice Aggregation Opt-Out Program, issued on April 21, 2016 in Case 14-M-0224, "Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Enable Community Choice Aggregation Programs."
- N. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION or PSC shall mean New York State Public Service Commission.
- O. SUPPLIERS shall mean ESCOs that procure electric power for Eligible Consumers in connection with this Chapter or, alternatively, generators of electricity or other entities who procure and resell electricity.

**§3. Establishment of a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program.**

- A. A Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program is hereby established by the Municipality, whereby the Municipality shall be authorized, but not required, to implement a CCA Program to the full extent permitted by the PSC CCA Order, as set forth more fully herein.
- B. The Municipality may act as aggregator or broker for the sale of electric supply to Eligible Consumers and may enter into contracts with one or more Suppliers for energy supply and other services on behalf of Eligible Consumers.
- C. The Municipality may enter into agreements and contracts with other municipalities, non-profits, consultants, and/or other third parties to i) develop and implement the CCA

Program, ii) act as CCA Administrator, and/or iii) develop offers of opt-in distributed energy resources (DER) products and services to Participating Consumers, including opportunities to participate in local renewable energy projects, shared solar, energy efficiency, microgrids, storage, demand response, energy management, and other innovative Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) initiatives and objectives designed to optimize system benefits, target and address load pockets/profile within the CCA zone, and reduce costs for CCA customers.

- D. The operation and ownership of the utility service shall remain with the Distribution Utility. The Municipality's participation in a CCA Program constitutes neither the purchase of a public utility system, nor the furnishing of utility service. The Municipality shall not take over any part of the electric transmission or distribution system and will not furnish any type of utility service, but will instead negotiate with Suppliers on behalf of Participating Consumers.

#### **§4. Eligibility.**

- A. All consumers within the Municipality, including residential and non-residential, regardless of size, shall be eligible to participate in the CCA Program.
- B. All consumers that are members of New York State Electric and Gas SC-1 Residential Service and SC-6 General Service for electric service shall be enrolled on an opt-out basis except for consumers i) that are already taking service from an ESCO, ii) that have placed a freeze or block on their account, or iii) for whom inclusion in the CCA Program will interfere with a choice the customer has already made to take service pursuant to a special rate. Those consumers may be enrolled on an opt-in basis.
- C. New Consumers shall be enrolled on an opt-out basis.

#### **§5. Opt-Out Process.**

- A. An opt-out letter, printed on municipal letterhead, shall be mailed to Eligible Consumers at least 30 days prior to customer enrollment. The opt-out letter shall include information on the CCA Program and the contract signed with the selected ESCO including specific details on rates, services, contract term, cancellation fee, and methods for opting-out of the CCA Program. The letter shall explain that consumers that do not opt-out will be enrolled in ESCO service under the contract terms and that information on those consumers, including energy usage data and APP status, will be provided to the ESCO.
- B. All consumers shall have the option to opt-out of the CCA Program at any time without penalty.
- C. Termination fees shall not be charged to consumers that cancel their CCA service as a result of moving out of the premises served.

#### **§6. Customer Service.**

Participating Consumers shall be provided customer service including a toll-free telephone number available during normal business hours (9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday) to resolve concerns, answer questions, and transact business with respect to the service received from the Supplier.

**§7. Data Protection Requirements.**

- A. The Municipality may request Aggregated Data and Customer Specific Data from the Distribution Utility provided, however, that the request for Customer Specific Data is limited to only those Eligible Consumers who did not opt-out once the initial opt-out period has closed.
- B. Customer Specific Data shall be protected in a manner compliant with, collectively, (i) all national, state and local laws, regulations or other government standards relating to the protection of information that identifies or can be used to identify an individual that apply with respect to the Municipality or its representative's processing of confidential utility information; (ii) the utility's internal requirements and procedures relating to the protection of information that identifies or can be used to identify an individual that apply with respect to the Municipality or its representative's processing of confidential utility information; and (iii) the PSC CCA Order and PSC rules, regulations and guidelines relating to confidential data.
- C. The Municipality must enter into a Data Security Agreement with the Distribution Utility for the purpose of protecting customer data.

**§8. CCA Advisory Group.**

- A. A CCA Advisory Group is hereby established to develop and review CCA related proposals, act as the Municipality's agent in awarding said proposals, and forward information regarding such awards to the Town Board for ratification.
- B. Membership to the CCA Advisory Group shall include the members of the Town Board

**§9. Administration Fee.**

The Municipality may collect, or cause to be collected, funds from customer payments to pay for administrative costs associated with running the CCA program.

**§10. Reporting.**

- A. Annual reports shall be filed with the Town Board of the Municipality by March 31 of each year and cover the previous calendar year.
- B. Annual reports shall include, at a minimum: number of consumers served; number of consumers cancelling during the year; number of complaints received; commodity prices paid; value-added services provided during the year (e.g. installation of DER or other clean energy services); and administrative costs collected. The first report shall also include the number of consumers who opted-out in response to the initial opt-out letter or letters.

- C. If a CCA supply contract will expire less than one year following the filing of the annual report, the report must identify current plans for soliciting a new contract, negotiating an extension, or ending the CCA program.

**§11. Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**§12. Severability.**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**RENEWAL**  
**CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE**  
**FOR**  
**THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK**



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## TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY RENEWAL FRANCHISE

### INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, Comcast of New York, LLC, (hereinafter "Franchisee"), is the duly authorized holder of a renewal Franchise to operate a cable television system in the Town of Putnam Valley, New York (hereinafter the "Town"), said Franchise having commenced on March 24, 2006;

WHEREAS, the Town is a Franchising Authority in accordance with Title VI of the Federal Cable Act (see 47 U.S.C. § 522 (10)), and is authorized to grant one or more non-exclusive cable franchises pursuant to Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law, as amended, and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended;

WHEREAS, Franchisee filed a written request for a renewal of its Franchise by letter dated August 6, 2018, in conformity with the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 ("Cable Act");

WHEREAS, there has been an opportunity for public comment, as required by Section 626(h) of the Cable Act and Section 891.2(a) of the rules of the New York State Public Service Commission (at 16 NYCRR Part 891);

WHEREAS, the Franchising Authority has considered Franchisee's legal and financial conditions and character; technical ability; ability to maintain and operate the cable television system; and approved the foregoing in a full public proceeding affording due process prior to determining that Franchisee is reasonably able to meet the future cable-related needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into this Renewal Franchise with Franchisee for the continued operation of a cable system on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the terms of this Franchise were considered and found adequate and feasible in a full public hearing affording due process;

WHEREAS, the Franchise complies with the Commission's franchise standards;

WHEREAS, this Franchise is non-exclusive;

WHEREAS, the terms of this Franchise are subject to the approval of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that Franchisee has complied with the terms of the existing Franchise executed with Comcast's predecessor (Carmel Cable Television, Inc., d/b/a Susquehanna Communications).

NOW THEREFORE, after due and full consideration, the Franchising Authority and Franchisee agree that this Renewal Franchise is issued upon the following terms and conditions:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 1.1 - DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Renewal Franchise, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521 et seq. (the "Cable Act"), and Article 11 of Chapter 48 of the New York Consolidated Laws, as amended from time to time, unless otherwise defined herein.

(a) Access Provider – shall mean the person, group or entity, for non-profit, designated by the Franchising Authority for the purpose of operating and managing the use of Public, Educational and Governmental Access funding, equipment and channels on the cable television system in accordance with this Renewal Franchise and 47 U.S.C. 531.

(b) Basic Cable Service – shall mean the lowest tier of service which includes the retransmission of local television broadcast signals.

(c) Cable Act – shall mean the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984), 47 U.S.C. 521 et. seq., amending the Communications Act of 1934, as further amended by the 1992 Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act, Public Law No. 102-385 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) and as may be further amended.

(d) Cable Service – shall mean the one-way transmission to subscribers of (i) video programming, or (ii) other programming service, and subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.

(e) Cable System or System – shall mean the facility owned, constructed, installed, operated and maintained by Franchisee in the Town of Putnam Valley, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide cable service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple subscribers within a community, but

such term does not include (a) a facility that serves only to retransmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (b) a facility that serves subscribers without using any public right-of-way; (c) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Cable Act, except that such facility shall be considered a cable system (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of video programming directly to subscribers unless the extent of such use is solely to provide interactive on-demand services; or (d) an open video system that complies with section 653 of this title, or (e) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

(f) Commission – shall mean the New York Public Service Commission or any successor agency thereto.

(g) Drop – shall mean the coaxial cable that connects a home or building to the Subscriber Network.

(h) Educational/Government Access Channel – shall mean the video channel(s) made available by the Franchisee and designated for non-commercial use by 1) the Franchising Authority for the purpose of showing public local government programming; and 2) by educational institutions chartered or franchised by the New York State Department of Education or Board of Regents, such as public or private schools (grades K-12), but not “home schools,” community, public or private colleges or universities;

(i) Effective Date – This Renewal shall become effective on the date that the Commission issues a Certificate of Confirmation for said Renewal Franchise.

(j) FCC – shall mean the Federal Communications Commission or any successor governmental entity.

(k) Franchising Authority – shall mean the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley, New York, or the lawful designee thereof.

(l) Franchisee – shall mean Comcast of New York, LLC, or any successor or transferee in accordance with the terms and conditions in this Renewal Franchise.

(m) Franchise Fee – shall mean the payments to be made by Franchisee to the Franchising Authority, the Town of Putnam Valley and or any other governmental subdivision, such as an Access Provider, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act.

(n) Gross Annual Revenues – means the Cable Service revenue derived by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). Cable Service revenue includes monthly basic, premium and pay-per-view video fees, advertising and home shopping revenue, installation fees and equipment rental fees. Gross Revenue shall not include refundable deposits, bad debt, late fees, investment income, programming launch support payments, advertising sales commissions, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority.

(o) Multichannel Video Programming Distributor – shall mean a person such as, but not limited to, a cable operator, a multichannel multipoint distribution service, a direct broadcast satellite service, or a television receive-only satellite program distributor, who makes available for purchase, by subscribers or customers, multiple channels of video programming.

(p) Normal Operating Conditions – shall mean those service conditions which are within the control of the Franchisee. Those conditions which are not within the control of the Franchisee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, public health emergencies, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are ordinarily within the control of the Franchisee include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the Cable System.

(q) Outlet – shall mean an interior receptacle that connects a television set to the Cable Television System.

(r) PEG Access User – shall mean a Person utilizing the Cable Television System, including all related facilities for purposes of production and/or transmission of PEG Access Programming as opposed to utilization solely as a Subscriber.

(s) Person – shall mean any natural person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for profit, but shall not mean the Franchising Authority.

(t) Public Access Channel – shall mean a video channel made available by the Franchisee for non-commercial use by the public on a first-come, first-served, non-discriminatory basis.

(u) Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Programming – shall mean non-commercial programming produced by any Putnam Valley residents or organizations, schools and government entities and the use of designated facilities, equipment and/or channels of the Cable System in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 531 and this Renewal Franchise.

(v) Public Way – shall mean the surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority in the Town of Putnam Valley, which shall entitle Franchisee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. Public Way shall also mean any easement now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority within the Town of Putnam Valley for the purpose of public travel, or for utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle Franchisee to the use thereof for the purposes of installing, operating, and maintaining Franchisee's Cable System over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the Cable System.

(w) Renewal Franchise or Franchise – shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications in accordance with the terms herein.

(x) Signal – shall mean any transmission which carries Programming from one location to another.



(y) Standard Installation – shall mean the standard one hundred and fifty foot (150') aerial Drop connection to the existing distribution system.

(z) Subscriber – shall mean a Person or user of the Cable System who lawfully receives Cable Service with Franchisee's express permission.

(aa) Subscriber Network – shall mean the trunk and feeder signal distribution network over which video and audio signals are transmitted to Subscribers.

(bb) Town – shall mean the Town of Putnam Valley, New York.

(cc) Trunk and Distribution System – shall mean that portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Drop Cable(s) to Subscriber's residences.

(dd) Video Programming or Programming – shall mean the programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE**

**SECTION 2.1 - GRANT OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE**

(a) Pursuant to the authority of the Cable Act; Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law ("PSL"), as amended; and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended, the Franchising Authority hereby grants a non-exclusive Renewal Franchise to Comcast of New York, LLC, authorizing and permitting Franchisee to construct, operate and maintain a Cable Television System in the Public Way within the municipal limits of the Town of Putnam Valley. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prohibit Franchisee from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by federal or state law.

(b) This Renewal Franchise is granted under and in compliance with the Cable Act; Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law, as amended; and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended; and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the FCC in force and effect during the period for which this Renewal Franchise is granted.

(c) Franchisee shall file applications for all necessary approvals from the Commission and/or FCC within sixty (60) days from the date the Franchise is granted or amended.

(d) Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Franchising Authority hereby grants to Franchisee the right to construct, upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the Public Way.

**SECTION 2.2 - TERM: NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

(a) The term of this non-exclusive Renewal Franchise shall be for a period of ten (10) years and shall commence on the date on which the State Commission issues a Certificate of Confirmation for said Renewal Franchise.

(b) Provided that Franchisee is in substantial compliance with this Agreement and all relevant rules and regulations related thereto, Franchisee is hereby given an option to renew this Franchise for one additional five (5) year period upon notice given to the Town of Franchisee's intention to exercise such option, provided such notice is given in accordance with 16 NYCRR §891 or as such regulations may be amended.

### **SECTION 2.3 - POLE AND CONDUIT ATTACHMENT RIGHTS**

Permission is hereby granted to Franchisee to attach or otherwise affix including, but not limited to cables, wire, or optical fibers comprising the Cable System to the existing poles and conduits on and under public streets and ways, provided Franchisee secures the permission and consent of the public utility companies to affix the cables and/or wires to their pole and conduit facilities. By virtue of this Franchise the Franchising Authority grants Franchisee equal standing with power and telephone utilities in the manner of placement of facilities on Public Ways.

### **SECTION 2.4 - RENEWAL**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of federal law, P.S.L. § 222 and applicable regulations, this Renewal Franchise shall be subject to additional renewals for the periods not to exceed fifteen (15) years or such other periods as allowed by law.

(b) In accordance with applicable law, any such renewal or renewals shall be upon mutual written agreement by Franchisee and the Franchising Authority and shall contain such modified or additional terms as Franchisee and the Franchising Authority may then agree.

### **SECTION 2.5 - RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY**

Nothing in this Renewal Franchise shall (A) abrogate the right of the Franchising Authority to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or bylaws/ordinances of general applicability and not specific to the Cable System, Franchisee, or this

Franchise, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the Franchising Authority in and to the Public Ways. This Franchise is a contract and except as to those changes which are the result of the Franchising Authority's lawful exercise of its general police power, the Franchising Authority may not take any unilateral action which materially changes the explicit mutual promises in this Franchise. Any changes to this Franchise must be made in writing signed by the Franchisee and the Franchising Authority. In the event of any conflict between this Franchise and any Franchising Authority ordinance or regulation that is not generally applicable, this Franchise shall control. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Franchise, Franchisee reserves the right to challenge provisions of any ordinance, rule, regulation, or other enactment of the Franchising Authority that conflicts with its contractual rights under this Franchise, either now or in the future.

#### **SECTION 2.6 - NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF FRANCHISE**

(a) Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the Franchising Authority reserves the right to grant one or more additional franchises or other authorizations to other Cable Service providers or wireline based video service providers within the Town for the right to use and occupy the Public Ways or streets within the Town's jurisdiction.

(b) As set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 895.3, no municipality may award or renew a franchise for Cable Television Service which contains economic or regulatory burdens which when taken as a whole are greater or lesser than those burdens placed upon another cable television franchise operating in the same franchise area.

(c) The issuance of additional franchise(s) shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, including 16 NYCRR Part 895.3 and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) In the event an application for a new cable television franchise or other authorization is filed with the Franchising Authority, proposing to serve the Town, in whole or in part, the Franchising Authority shall serve a copy of such application upon any existing Franchisee or incumbent cable operator by

registered or certified mail or via nationally recognized overnight courier service within a reasonable time thereafter.

(e) To the extent allowed by applicable law(s), the grant of any additional cable television franchise(s) or other authorization shall be on equivalent terms and conditions as those contained in this Renewal Franchise.

(f) In the event that Franchisee believes that any additional franchise(s) or other authorization has been granted on terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal Franchise, the Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with written reasons for its belief and commence the formal amendment process by written notice sent to the Town and to the Commission, as set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 892.

(g) Pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 892-1.3, Franchising Authority shall convene a public hearing in accordance with State and local laws applicable to public hearing generally. At the public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall afford Franchisee an opportunity to demonstrate that any such additional franchise(s) or other authorization are on terms more favorable or less burdensome than those contained in this Renewal Franchise. Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with such financial or other relevant information as is reasonably requested, provided, however, that the parties' counsel mutually and reasonably deem said information is non-proprietary.

(h) In the event that Franchisee demonstrates that an existing or future Cable Service provider or wireline based video service provider in the Town has been provided relief by the Franchising Authority from any obligation of its franchise, Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with written reasons for its belief and commence the formal amendment process by written notice sent to the Town and to the Commission, as set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 892.

(i) Pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 892-1.3, Franchising Authority shall convene a public hearing in accordance with State and local laws applicable to public hearing generally. At the public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall afford Franchisee an opportunity to demonstrate that said existing or future Cable Service provider or wireline-based video service provider has been provided relief by the Franchising Authority from any obligation of its franchise. Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with such

financial or other relevant information as is reasonably requested, provided, however, that the parties' counsel mutually and reasonably deem said information is non-proprietary.

(j) In the event that Cable Services or wireline video services are being provided to the Town by any Person(s) or Multichannel Video Programming Distributor ("MVPD") other than Franchisee, which is not in any way an affiliate of Franchisee, and such Person(s) or MVPD is not required by applicable law to be franchised by the Franchising Authority, and to the extent that Franchisee reports to the Franchising Authority, in writing, that the provision of such Cable Services by such Person(s) or MVPD is having a negative financial impact upon Franchisee's Cable System operations in the Town, Franchisee may request, in writing, that the Franchising Authority convene a public hearing on that issue, in accordance with State and local laws applicable to public hearings generally.

(i) Along with said written request, Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with a written basis and written reasons for its determination of such negative impact. At the public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall afford Franchisee an opportunity to present the basis and the reasons for its determination. Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority with such financial and other relevant information as is reasonably requested, provided, however, that the parties' counsel mutually and reasonably deem said information is non-proprietary.

(ii) Should Franchisee demonstrate that the Cable Service(s) or wireline based video service of such Person(s) is having a negative financial impact upon Franchisee's Cable System operations in the Town, Franchisee shall commence the formal amendment process by written notice sent to the Town and to the Commission, as set forth in 16 NYCRR Part 892.

(k) Pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 892-1.4, no amendment to Franchise Agreement shall be effective without the prior approval of the Commission.

## ARTICLE 3

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

#### SECTION 3.1 - AREA TO BE SERVED

(a) Franchisee shall comply with 16 NYCRR Part 895.5 with regard to requirements for construction of cable television plant and provision of cable television services.

(b) Franchisee shall upon request make Cable Service available to every residential dwelling unit within the Town where the minimum density is at least thirty (30) dwelling units per aerial mile and sixty (60) dwelling units per underground mile providing however, that any request for plant extension is measured from the existing Trunk and Distribution System from which a usable Cable Service signal can be obtained and Franchisee is able to obtain from property owners any necessary easements and/or permits in accordance with Cable Act. For purposes of this section, a home shall only be counted as a "dwelling unit" if such home is within two hundred seventy-five (275) feet of the nearest distribution pole line within the Public Way. Upon written request from the Town, Franchisee shall conduct a survey to determine the number of dwelling units in the requested area and shall inform the Town of the survey results and applicable costs to extend Service to the area. Upon written request from the Town, Franchisee shall conduct a survey to determine the number of dwelling units in the requested area and shall inform the Town of the survey results and applicable costs to extend Service to the area.

(c) Franchisee shall make service available to multiple dwelling units (MDU) upon request and where economically feasible provided that Franchisee is able to obtain from the property owners any necessary easements, permits and agreements to provide Service to said MDU. Subject to the density requirement, Franchisee shall upon request offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within one hundred fifty feet (150') of Franchisee's Trunk and Distribution System. For non-Standard Installations Franchisee shall offer said Service within ninety (90) days of a Subscriber requesting such for aerial installations and one hundred eighty (180) days, weather permitting, of a Subscriber

requesting such for underground installations. With respect to areas of the Town which are currently served by Franchisee from a contiguous cable television system or currently unserved but could be served by abutting Town(s) served by Franchisee, Franchisee shall have the option to serve such areas from its cable television system in such abutting Town.

(d) Access to Cable Service will not be denied to any group of potential residential subscribers because of the income of the residents of the local area in which such group resides.

(e) Installation costs shall conform with the Cable Act. Any dwelling unit within an aerial one hundred fifty feet (150') of the Trunk and Distribution System shall be entitled to a Standard Installation rate in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Underground installs are considered non-standard installations. All non-standard installations shall be provided at a rate established by the Franchisee in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

(f) Provided Franchisee has at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice concerning the opening of residential subdivision trenching, or of the installation of conduit for the location of utilities, it shall install its cable in such trenching or conduits or may seek permission to utilize alternative trenching or conduits within a comparable time frame. If a substantial quantity of cable is required for a large subdivision and said quantity is not in stock, Franchisee shall be allowed additional time for said installation. The Franchising Authority, or its designee, shall exercise reasonable efforts to have the Planning Board and developers give timely written notice of trenching and underground construction to Franchisee. Developer shall be responsible for the digging and back-filling of all trenches.

### **SECTION 3.2 - SUBSCRIBER NETWORK**

Franchisee shall maintain a Cable Television System, fully capable of providing Cable Service in accordance with applicable law.



**SECTION 3.3 - PARENTAL CONTROL CAPABILITY**

(a) Pursuant to applicable law, upon request, and at no separate, additional charge, Franchisee shall provide Subscribers with the capability to control the reception of any channel on the Cable System.

(b) The Franchising Authority acknowledges that the parental control capability may be part of a converter box and Franchisee may charge Subscriber for use of said converter box.

**SECTION 3.4---EMERGENCY ALERT OVERRIDE CAPACITY**

Franchisee shall comply with the FCC's Emergency Alert System ("EAS") regulations.

## ARTICLE 4

### TECHNOLOGICAL AND SAFETY STANDARDS

#### SECTION 4.1 - SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

(a) In installing, operating and maintaining equipment, cable and wires, Franchisee shall avoid damage and injury to trees, structures and improvements in and along the routes authorized by the Franchising Authority, except as may be approved by the Franchising Authority if required for the proper installation, operation and maintenance of such equipment, cable and wires.

(b) The construction, maintenance and operation of the Cable System for which this Renewal Franchise is granted shall be done in conformance with all applicable state and federal laws, bylaws/ordinances, codes and regulations of general applicability and the rules and regulations of the FCC as the same exist or as same may be hereafter changed or amended.

(c) Franchisee shall install and maintain its equipment, cable and wires in such a manner as shall not interfere with any installations of the Town or any public utility serving the Town.

(d) All structures and all equipment, cable and wires in, over, under, and upon streets, sidewalks, alleys, and public rights of ways of the Town, wherever situated or located shall at all times be kept and maintained in a safe and suitable condition and in good order and repair.

#### SECTION 4.2 - REPAIRS AND RESTORATION

Whenever Franchisee takes up or disturbs any pavement, sidewalk or other improvement of any public right of way or public place, the same shall be replaced and the surface restored in as good condition as possible as before entry as soon as practicable. If Franchisee fails to make such restoration within a reasonable time, the Franchising Authority may fix a reasonable time for such restoration and repairs, and shall notify Franchisee in writing of the restoration and repairs required and the time fixed for the performance thereof. Upon failure of Franchisee to comply within the time specified, the Franchising Authority may cause proper restoration and repairs to be made and the expense of such work shall be paid

by Franchisee upon written demand by the Franchising Authority. Prior to such repair or restoration, the Town shall submit a written estimate to Franchisee of the actual cost of said repair or restoration.

#### **SECTION 4.3 - CABLE LOCATION**

(a) In all areas of the Town where all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all public or municipal utilities are installed underground, Franchisee shall install its Cable System underground, provided that such facilities are actually capable of receiving the Franchisee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality.

(b) In all areas of the Town where public utility lines are aurally placed, if subsequently during the term of the Renewal Franchise such public utility lines are required by the Franchising Authority or State to be relocated aurally or underground, Franchisee shall similarly relocate its Cable System if it is given reasonable notice and access to the public and municipal utilities facilities at the time that such are placed underground. Any costs incurred by Franchisee for relocating the Cable System shall be reimbursed to Franchisee in the event public or private funds are raised for the project and made available to other users of the Public Way. In the event that funds are not made available for reimbursement, Franchisee reserves the right to pass through its costs to Subscribers.

(c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require Franchisee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

#### **SECTION 4.4 - TREE TRIMMING**

Franchisee shall have authority to trim trees upon and overhanging public streets, alleys, sidewalks and ways and places of the Town so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires, cables and equipment of Franchisee, in accordance with any Town bylaws/ordinances and regulations.

#### **SECTION 4.5 – STRAND MAPS**

Franchisee shall maintain a complete set of strand maps of the Town, which will show those areas in which its facilities exist. The strand maps will be retained at Franchisee's primary place of business and will be available to the Franchising Authority for inspection by the Franchising Authority upon written request.

#### **SECTION 4.6 - BUILDING MOVES**

(a) In accordance with applicable laws, Franchisee shall, upon the written request of any Person holding a building moving permit issued by the Town, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of the building(s). Franchisee shall be given not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes. The cost to raise or lower wires shall be borne by the Person(s) holding the building move permit.

(b) Franchisee shall have the right to reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement.

#### **SECTION 4.7 - DISCONNECTION AND RELOCATION**

(a) In accordance with applicable law, Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street, or other Public Right of Ways, or remove from any street or any other Public Ways and places, any of its property as required by the Franchising Authority by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street construction, change or establishment of street grade, or the construction of any public improvement or structure by any Town department acting in a lawful governmental capacity.

(b) In requiring Franchisee to protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate or remove any portion of its property, the Franchising Authority shall treat Franchisee the same as, and require no more of Franchisee, than any other similarly situated utility.

(c) Franchisee shall have the right to reimbursement of project costs under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement. All cable operators and public or municipal utility companies shall be treated alike if reimbursed for such costs by the Town.

#### **SECTION 4.8 - EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF PLANT**

(a) If, at any time, in case of fire or disaster in the Town, it shall be necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Franchising Authority to cut or move any of the wires, cable or equipment of the Cable Television System, the Town shall have the right to do so without cost or liability, provided however that, wherever possible, the Franchising Authority shall give Franchisee written notice and the ability to relocate wires, cable or other equipment.

(b) Franchisee shall have the right to reimbursement under any applicable insurance or government program for reimbursement. All cable operators or public or municipal utility companies shall be treated alike if reimbursed for such costs by the Town.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**PROGRAMMING**

**SECTION 5.1 - BASIC CABLE SERVICE**

Franchisee shall make available a Basic Cable Service tier to all subscribers in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 534.

**SECTION 5.2 - PROGRAMMING**

(a) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 544, Franchisee shall maintain the mix, quality and broad categories of Video Programming as set forth in **Exhibit A**. Pursuant to federal law, all Video Programming decisions, excluding PEG Access Programming, are at the sole discretion of Franchisee.

(b) Franchisee shall comply with 76.1603 of the FCC Rules and Regulations, P.S.L. § 224-a, and 16 NYCRR 890.80 regarding notice of programming changes. Advance notice shall not be required for the launch of new channels when offered on a subscription basis or added to an existing service tier at no additional cost to the customer. Written notices required by this section may be provided electronically as permitted by 47 C.F.R. § 76.1600.

**SECTION 5.3 - STEREO TV TRANSMISSIONS**

All Broadcast Signals that are transmitted to Franchisee's headend in stereo shall be transmitted in stereo to Subscribers.

**SECTION 5.4 – CABLE CHANNELS FOR COMMERCIAL USE**

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 532, Franchisee shall make available channel capacity for commercial use by persons unaffiliated with Franchisee. Rates for use of commercial leased access channels shall be negotiated between Franchisee and the commercial user in accordance with federal law. Franchisee shall have no editorial control over the content of programming on leased access channels and are not subject to any liability therefrom.

## ARTICLE 6

### PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S) AND SUPPORT

#### SECTION 6.1 - PEG ACCESS CHANNEL(S)

(a) Franchisee shall comply with minimum standards for Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels by continuing to provide the technical ability to playback pre-recorded programming and to transmit programming consistent with Section 895.4 of the Rules of the State Commission.

(b) Use of a video channel for PEG Access Programming shall be provided in accordance with federal law, 47 U.S.C. 531, and as further set forth below. Franchisee does not relinquish its ownership of or ultimate right of control over a channel by designating it for PEG use. A PEG Access User – whether an individual, educational or governmental user – acquires no property or other interest by virtue of the use of a channel so designated, and may not rely on the continued use of a particular channel number, no matter how long the same channel may have been designated for such use. Franchisee shall not exercise editorial control over any public, educational, or governmental use of a PEG Access Channel, except Franchisee may refuse to transmit any Public Access program or portion of a Public Access program that contains obscenity, indecency, or nudity pursuant to Section 611 of the Cable Act. The Franchising Authority shall be responsible for developing, implementing, interpreting and enforcing rules for PEG Access Channel use which shall ensure that PEG Access Channel(s) and PEG Access equipment will be available on a first-come non-discriminatory basis.

(c) Franchisee shall continue to make available one (1) channel as a Public Access Channel to be used for Public Access Programming. A Public Access Channel may not be used to cablecast for-profit, political or commercial programs in any fashion. Unused capacity may be utilized by Franchisee subject to the provisions set forth in subsection (e) below.

(d) Franchisee shall continue to make available one (1) channel as an Educational/Governmental Access Channel to be used for educational and governmental access video programming provided by the Franchising Authority or designated educational institution. An Educational/Governmental Access Channel

may not be used to cablecast for-profit, political or commercial programs in any fashion. Unused capacity may be utilized by Franchisee subject to the provisions set forth in subsection (e) below.

(e) Should the Town or designated educational institution begin cablecasting Educational/Governmental Access video programming, the Town or designated educational institution will be responsible for delivering said programming to Franchisee's headend, where Franchisee will be responsible for switching said programming onto the Subscriber Network. The Town acknowledges that it shall be responsible for the costs associated with construction of necessary video return lines, origination of programming and related equipment costs, necessary to allow for cablecasting from an origination point within or outside of the Town. Said payment shall be made in advance to the Franchisee subject to the provision to the Town of a detailed cost estimate.

(f) In the event the Franchising Authority or other PEG Access User elects not to fully program a PEG Access Channel(s) with original PEG Access Programming, Franchisee may reclaim any unused time on those channels.

#### **SECTION 6.2 – INTERCONNECTION WITH COMPETING CABLE FRANCHISEE**

In the event a Franchise is issued by the Franchising Authority to a competing Franchisee, the competing Franchisee may not connect its system to Franchisee's Cable System for purposes of obtaining PEG Access Programming from the Franchisee's PEG Access channels without the prior written consent of Franchisee.

#### **SECTION 6.3 - PEG ACCESS PROGRAMMING INDEMNIFICATION**

The Franchising Authority and/or the Access Provider shall indemnify the Franchisee for any liability, loss or damage it may suffer due to violation of the intellectual property rights of third parties or arising out of the content of programming aired on any PEG channel and from claims arising out of the Franchising Authority's rules for or administration of PEG Access Programming.



#### **SECTION 6.4 – FRANCHISE RELATED COST**

The Franchising Authority acknowledges that under the Cable Act, certain franchise related costs, including but not limited to costs of providing PEG Access channel capacity, transmitting PEG Access programming, the cost to construct video return lines from and to video origination sites, the cost to activate and maintain PEG channels, as well as any other costs arising from the provision of PEG services, and the cost of other franchise requirements may be recovered in accordance with applicable law.

## ARTICLE 7

### CUSTOMER SERVICE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

#### SECTION 7.1 - CUSTOMER SERVICE

Franchisee shall comply with all customer service regulations of the FCC (47 CFR §76.309) as they exist or as they may be amended from time to time. Likewise, Franchisee shall comply with the customer service regulations promulgated by the State Commission in 16 NYCRR Part 890 as they exist or as they may be amended from time to time.

#### SECTION 7.2 – SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

Franchisee shall comply with 16 NYCRR Part 890.65 with respect to credits provided to customers affected by service outages in excess of four (4) continuous hours.

#### SECTION 7.3 - PROTECTION OF SUBSCRIBER PRIVACY

Franchisee shall comply with applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations, including 47 U.S.C. 551.

#### SECTION 7.4 – PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Franchise, Franchisee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The Franchising Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by Franchisee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the Franchising Authority that have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise and who shall agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. Franchisee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of 47 U.S.C. 551 or any other applicable federal or state privacy law. For purposes of this Section, the terms “proprietary or confidential” include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of franchise fees or rates pursuant to

FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by Franchisee to be competitively sensitive. In the event that the Franchising Authority receives a request under a state "sunshine," public records or similar law for the disclosure of information Franchisee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the Franchising Authority shall notify Franchisee of such request and cooperate with Franchisee in opposing such request.

#### **SECTION 7.5 - EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

All of Franchisee's employees, including repair and sales personnel, entering private property shall be required to carry an employee identification card issued by Franchisee.

## ARTICLE 8

### PRICES AND CHARGES

#### SECTION 8.1 - PRICES AND CHARGES

(a) All rates, fees, charges, deposits and associated terms and conditions to be imposed by Franchisee or any affiliated Person for any Cable Service as of the Effective Date shall be in accordance with applicable FCC rate regulations [47 U.S.C. 543]. Before any new or modified rate, fee, or charge is imposed, Franchisee shall follow the applicable FCC and State [P.S.L. 224-a] notice requirements and rules and notify affected Subscribers, which notice may be by any means permitted under applicable law. Nothing in this Renewal Franchise shall be construed to prohibit the reduction or waiver of charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns for the purpose of attracting or retaining Subscribers.

(b) The Franchising Authority acknowledges that under the Cable Act, certain costs of Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") Access and other Franchise/franchise requirements may be passed through to the Subscribers in accordance with federal law.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**REGULATORY OVERSIGHT**

**SECTION 9.1 - INDEMNIFICATION**

Franchisee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Franchising Authority, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death) that arise out of Franchisee's construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, provided that the Franchising Authority shall give Franchisee timely (best efforts of 10 business days) written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Franchising Authority within the timely receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. If the Franchising Authority determines that it is necessary for it to employ separate counsel, the costs for such separate counsel shall be the responsibility of the Franchising Authority. The Franchisee shall not be required to indemnify the Franchising Authority for any claims resulting from acts of willful misconduct or negligence on the part of the Franchising Authority.

**SECTION 9.2 - INSURANCE**

(a) Franchisee shall carry Commercial General Liability insurance throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise and any removal period with an insurance company authorized to conduct business in New York protecting, as required in this Renewal Franchise, Franchisee and listing the Town as an additional insured, against any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, installation, operation, maintenance or removal of its Cable System. The amount of such insurance against liability for personal injury and property damage shall be no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) as to any one occurrence. The amount of such insurance for excess liability shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in umbrella form.

(b) Franchisee shall carry insurance against all claims arising out of the operation of motor vehicles in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for bodily injury and consequent death and property damage per occurrence;

(c) All insurance coverage, including Workers' Compensation, shall be maintained throughout the period of this Renewal Franchise. All expenses incurred for said insurance shall be at the sole expense of Franchisee.

(d) Franchisee shall provide the Franchising Authority upon request with certificate(s) of insurance for all policies required herein upon expiration of policies.

### **SECTION 9.3 - FRANCHISE FEES**

(a) Franchisee shall pay a Franchise Fee to the Town, throughout the term of this Renewal Franchise equal to five percent (5%) of Franchisee's Gross Annual Revenue.

(b) The Franchise Fee shall be paid semi-annually to the Town throughout the term of this renewal Franchise, no later than sixty (60) days from the last date of the calculation period in each year of this Franchise Renewal.

(c) In accordance with Section 622(b) of the Cable Act, Franchisee shall not be liable for a total financial commitment pursuant to this Renewal Franchise and applicable law in excess of five percent (5%) of its Gross Annual Revenues; provided, however, that said five percent (5%) shall include (i) any funding provided by Franchisee to the Franchising Authority, or its designee(s), to be used for PEG Access operations, (ii) any amounts included in the term "Franchise Fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(1) of the Cable Act, but shall not include (i) interest due herein to the Franchising Authority because of late payments; and (ii) any other exclusion to the term "Franchise Fee" pursuant to Section 622(g)(2) of the Cable Act.

(d) All payments by Franchisee to the Town pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Town unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

#### **SECTION 9.4 - REPORTS**

Franchisee shall maintain for public inspection all records required by the FCC and as specified in 47 CFR §76.305 in the manner prescribed therein.

#### **SECTION 9.5 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Franchisee is an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall comply with applicable FCC regulations with respect to Equal Employment Opportunities.

#### **SECTION 9.6 - REVOCATION OF FRANCHISE**

The Franchise issued hereunder may, after due written notice and hearing per Section 9.8 (Notice and Opportunity to Cure), be revoked by the Franchising Authority for any substantial violation of any material provision of this Agreement; for defrauding or attempting to defraud the Town or Subscribers; or for any other material breach of this Agreement; or by the State Commission in accordance with P.S.L. § 227.

#### **SECTION 9.7 - NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

In the event that the Franchising Authority has reason to believe that Franchisee has defaulted in the performance of any or several material provisions of this Renewal Franchise, except as excused by Force Majeure, the Franchising Authority shall notify Franchisee in writing, by certified mail, of the material provision or provisions which the Franchising Authority believes may have been in default and the details relating thereto. Franchisee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

(a) Respond to the Franchising Authority in writing, contesting the Franchising Authority's assertion of default and providing such information or documentation as may be necessary to support Franchisee's position; or

(b) Cure any such default (and provide written evidence of the same), or, in the event that by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, to take reasonable steps to cure

said default and diligently continue such efforts until said default is cured. Franchisee shall report to the Franchising Authority, in writing, by certified mail, at forty-five (45) day intervals as to Franchisee's efforts, indicating the steps taken by Franchisee to cure said default and reporting Franchisee's progress until such default is cured.

(c) In the event that (i) Franchisee fails to respond to such notice of default; and/or (ii) Franchisee fails to cure the default or to take reasonable steps to cure the default within the required forty-five (45) day period; the Franchising Authority or its designee shall promptly schedule a public hearing no sooner than fourteen (14) days after written notice, by certified mail, to Franchisee. Franchisee shall be provided reasonable opportunity to offer evidence, question witnesses, if any, and be heard at such public hearing.

(d) Within thirty (30) days after said public hearing, the Franchising Authority shall issue a written determination of its findings. In the event that the Franchising Authority determines that Franchisee is in such default, the Franchising Authority may determine to pursue any lawful remedy available to it.

(e) In the event that (i) the Franchising Authority fails to issue a written reply within 30 days accepting or rejecting Franchisees' response pursuant to 9.8(a) above; (ii) the Franchising Authority fails to issue a written acknowledgement after Franchisee's notice that it cured said default pursuant to 9.8(b) above; and/or (iii) the Franchising Authority fails to schedule a public hearing no later than thirty (30) days of having sent a written notice consistent with Section 9.8(c) above and/or (iv) the Franchising authority fails to issue a written determination with thirty (30) days after the public hearing pursuant to Section 9.8(d) above, then the issue of said default against Franchisee by the Franchising Authority shall be considered null and void.

#### **SECTION 9.8 - TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT**

(a) This Renewal Franchise shall not be transferred or assigned without the prior written notice to the Franchising Authority, which consent shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.

(b) In accordance with P.L. §222, transfer of this Renewal Franchise shall not be effective without the prior approval of the Commission.



(c) A transfer or assignment of a franchise or control thereof between commonly controlled entities, between affiliated companies, or between parent and subsidiary corporations, shall not constitute a transfer or assignment of a franchise or control thereof. An "affiliated company" is any person or entity that directly or indirectly or through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person or entity. The application for consent to an assignment or transfer shall be signed by Franchisee and by the proposed assignee or transferee or by their representatives, evidence of whose authority shall be submitted with the application. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for consent, the Town shall, in accordance with State and FCC rules and regulations, notify Franchisee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial, technical and managerial qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the Town has not taken action on Franchisee's request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed given. Any proposed controlling or owning Person or transferee approved by the Franchising Authority shall be subject to all terms and conditions contained in this Renewal Franchise.

#### **SECTION 9.9 - REMOVAL OF SYSTEM**

Upon termination of this Renewal Franchise or denial of any renewal hereof by passage of time or otherwise in accordance with applicable law and after all appeals from any judicial determination are exhausted and final, Franchisee shall remove its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems and other appurtenances from the streets, ways, lanes, alleys, parkways, bridges, highways, and other public and private places in, over, under, or along which they are installed and shall restore the areas to their original condition. If such removal is not completed within six (6) months of such termination, the Franchising Authority or property owner may deem any property not removed as having been abandoned. Notwithstanding the above, Franchisee shall not be required to remove its Cable System, or to relocate the Cable System, or to sell the Cable System, or any portion thereof as a result of termination, denial of renewal, or any other lawful action to forbid or disallow Franchisee from providing Cable Service, if the Cable System is actively being used to facilitate any other services not governed by the Cable Act.

#### **SECTION 9.11 - INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

(a) All presently and hereafter applicable conditions and requirements of federal, state and generally applicable local laws, including but not limited to the rules and regulations of the FCC and the State of New York (Article 11 of Chapter 48 of the New York Consolidated Laws), as they may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent not enumerated herein. However, no such generally applicable local laws, rules, regulations and codes, as amended, may alter the obligations, interpretation and performance of this Renewal Franchise to the extent that any provision of this Renewal Franchise conflicts with or is inconsistent with such generally applicable local laws, rules or regulations.

(b) Should the State, the federal government or the FCC require Licensee to perform or refrain from performing any act the performance or non-performance of which is inconsistent with any provisions herein, the Issuing Authority and Licensee will thereupon, if they determine that a material provision herein is affected, modify any of the provisions herein to reflect such government action.

#### **SECTION 9.12 - NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

Nothing in this Renewal Franchise is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Renewal Franchise.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 10.1 - SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Renewal Franchise is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10.2 - FORCE MAJEURE**

If for any reason of force majeure Franchisee is unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations hereunder, said Franchisee shall not be deemed in violation or default during the continuance of such inability. Unless further limited elsewhere in this Renewal Franchise, the term "force majeure" as used herein shall have the following meaning: strikes; acts of god; acts of public enemies, orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State of New York or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivisions, or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots, epidemics; pandemics; public health emergencies; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; tornados; fires; hurricanes; volcanic activity; storms; floods; washouts; droughts, environmental restrictions, arrests; civil disturbances; explosions; partial or entire failure of utilities; unavailability of materials and/or essential equipment, environmental restrictions or any other cause or event not reasonably anticipated or within Franchisee's control.

**SECTION 10.3 - NOTICES**

(a) Every notice to be served upon the Franchising Authority shall be shall be sent by certified mail, nationally recognized overnight courier service or other means as allowed by applicable law and providing for

a receipt as proof of delivery to the following address or such other address as the Franchising Authority may specify in writing to Franchisee.

Town of Putnam Valley  
Attn: Town Supervisor  
265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

(b) Every notice served upon Franchisee shall be delivered or sent by certified mail (postage prepaid) or nationally recognized overnight courier service to the following address or such other address as Franchisee may specify in writing to the Franchising Authority.

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: VP, Government/Regulatory Affairs & Community Impact  
222 New Park Drive  
Berlin, CT 06037

with copies to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: Vice President, Government Affairs  
676 Island Pond Road  
Manchester, NH 03109

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.  
Attn: Government Affairs  
One Comcast Center  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

(c) Delivery of such notices shall be equivalent to direct personal notice, direction or order, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of receipt.

#### **SECTION 10.4 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties, supersedes all prior agreements or proposals except as specifically incorporated herein, and cannot be changed without written amendment signed by the Franchising Authority and the Franchisee. Any franchise agreements, agreements, ordinances, representations, or understandings or parts of such measures that are in conflict with or otherwise impose obligations different from the provisions of this Franchise Agreement are superseded by this Franchise Agreement.

#### **SECTION 10.5 - CAPTIONS**

The captions to sections throughout this Renewal Franchise are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the sections and provisions of the Renewal Franchise. Such sections shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Renewal Franchise.

#### **SECTION 10.6 - APPLICABILITY OF RENEWAL FRANCHISE**

All of the provisions in this Renewal Franchise shall apply to the Town, Franchisee, and their respective successors and assigns.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND OFFICIAL SEAL, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF

\_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**

By:

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Sam Oliverio  
Town Supervisor

**COMCAST OF NEW YORK, LLC**

By:

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Dennis Mathew  
Senior Vice President  
Western New England Region

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROGRAMMING**

Franchisee shall provide the following broad categories of Video Programming:

- News Programming;
- Sports Programming;
- Public Affairs Programming;
- Children's Programming;
- Entertainment Programming; and
- Local Programming.

**Local Law \_\_ of the year 2021 Amendment of Town Code 165-53 A (2), A (3)  
and adding a new subdivision A (5)**

**Town Zoning Code Sections 165-53 A (2) and A (3) are hereby amended to state as follows:**

**“A (2) Such things shall be installed no sooner than 45 days before the voting begins and shall be removed no later than 5 days after the voting is concluded.**

**A (3) Signs shall not exceed 16 Square Feet in area”**

**A new section A (5) is hereby added stating as follows:**

**“A violation of Town Zoning Code Section 165-53 A shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.00 per day for each day that a sign remains in place in violation of this Section. Such violation and fine shall be imposed and levied upon the committee to elect the candidate who’s name is placed upon the sign and the person who installed the sign.”**



# Amendment to Chapter 82, "Noise" Ordinance

82-1 Title (this remains the same)

82-2 Intent (this remains the same)

82-3 Definitions (this remains the same)

82-4 Prohibition (this remains the same)

82-5 Noise Restrictions:

- A. During the daytime hours of 7 AM to 8 PM prolonged noise levels of 70 decibels or more lasting more than 15 minutes shall be prohibited. The noise level shall be measured using a calibrated decibel meter from the property line of the complainant. This ordinance shall apply to the revving of cars, loud music, artificially amplified voices and or artificially amplified sound producing devices.
- B. During the hours of 8 PM to 7 AM prolonged noise levels of 60 decibels or more lasting more than 15 minutes shall be prohibited. The noise level shall be measured using a calibrated decibel meter from the property line of the complainant.

82-6 Persons liable for violations (this remains the same)

82-7 Exceptions:

- A. Exceptions to the day time restriction are the following: Ongoing construction, yard maintenance, yard and construction mechanisms and tools, air conditioners, generators, snow-blowers, hand tools, chain saws, land and or water craft that are not stationary and 1 day celebratory events (birthday parties, holiday parties, special event parties).
- B. Exceptions to the evening restriction are the following: Air conditioners, generators, all moving land vehicles, tools needed during a weather or national emergency and 1 day celebratory events which must end by Midnight (birthday parties, holiday parties, special event parties).
- C. The municipality and all utilities shall be exempt from any and all restrictions as regards necessary maintenance, repairs, and any emergency response during a weather event or national emergency.

82-8 Enforcement (this remains the same)

82-9 Penalties for offenses (this remains the same)

82-10 Severability (this remains the same)