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RE:

Service Electric Cable T.V. of Hunterdon, Inc. Township of Lopatcong, Warren County, N.J.

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Enclosed for filing is a Petition filed in behalf of Service Electric Cable T. V. of Hunterdon, Inc., a cable television company of the State of New Jersey, for renewal of operating authority to continue to provide cable television service in the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren. The original and ten copies of the Petition together with a separately bound Exhibit C to the Petition are enclosed along with a \$200.00 check for the filing fee.

By copy of this letter I am submitting a copy of the Petition including Exhibit C to the Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong.

Please process this petition.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the above or the enclosed. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Kelly

c: with enclosure to:

Clerk, Township of Lopatcong

without enclosure:

Service Electric Cable T. V. of Hunterdon, Inc.

Lawanda Gilbert, Esq, Director, Office of Cable Television

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Attorney for Petitioner Service Electric Cable T.V. of Hunterdon, Inc.

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OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V.
OF HUNTERDON, INC. FOR THE RENEWAL
OF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR THE
CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF A CABLE TELEVISION AND
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

VERIFIED PETITION

DOCKET NO.

Service Electric Cable T.V. of Hunterdon, Inc.,

(hereinafter sometimes "Petitioner") a cable television company of
the State of New Jersey, with its principal place of business
being located at 2200 Avenue "A", Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017,
says in support of its petition for the Renewal of a Certificate
of Approval:

- authorized to provide cable television reception service and communication services in six Hunterdon County municipalities and in six Warren County municipalities. One of the Warren County municipalities is the Township of Lopatcong (hereinafter sometimes "Municipality" or "Lopatcong"), the subject of this petition. Petitioner is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Service Electric Television, Inc. which is a holding company that also owns the stock of a cable television entity serving a portion of Sussex County and the stock of non New Jersey companies engaged in providing cable television service in many municipalities in the State of Pennsylvania.
- 2. Petitioner holds a Certificate of Approval (hereinafter "Certificate") for the operation of a cable television and communications system in Lopatcong, Warren County, N.J. issued by Your Honorable Board of Public Utilities (hereinafter sometimes "Board") on January 31, 2001 in Docket No.CE00100797 which Certificate is part of the files of the Board of Public Utilities and is incorporated herein by reference as though set out in full herein.
- 3. That Certificate of Approval incorporated a municipal consent ordinance that had been adopted by the Municipality on or about November 1, 2000. That ordinance is part of the files of the Board of Public Utilities in Docket No CE00100797 and is incorporated herein by reference as though set

out in full herein.

- 4. On or about April 11, 2013 Petitioner gave notice of its intention to commence the renewal process as provided by Section 626 of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, (codified at 47 U.S.C.1 et seq) ("the Federal Act"). See Exhibit A.
- 5. Thereafter, the Office of Cable Television informed the Municipality of the procedures to be followed if the municipality wished to do so.
- 6. The Petitioner was not asked to participate in any formal ascertainment proceedings contemplated by the Federal Act.
- 7. On or about June 26, 2015 Petitioner filed an Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent together with the requisite filing fee with the Township of Lopatcong pursuant to the New Jersey Cable Television Act (N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.) A copy of that Application was provided to the Office of Cable Television. The application included provisions typically requested by municipalities conducting ascertainment proceedings in areas served by Petitioner.
- 8. Thereafter, the Municipality scheduled and conducted a public hearing on that application on September 22, 2015. The Municipality, Petitioner and members of the public

participated in the discussions at the hearing. The public hearing was concluded on the night it was held. The municipality adopted a resolution after the conclusion of the hearing indicating renewal of the municipal consent.

- 9. Thereafter the Municipality introduced an Ordinance renewing municipal consent to the Petitioner. It was introduced on first reading on November 12, 2015. Second and final reading for adoption would occur on December 2, 2015. A copy of that ordinance together with the letter of Petitioner accepting its terms and conditions are attached as Exhibit B.
- 10. Petitioner adopts by reference the records of the Office of Cable Television with respect to the Petitioner's legal, technical, financial and character qualifications.
- 11. Petitioner has in the past complied with and further agrees to comply in the future with all lawful Orders of the Board and all Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to the provision of cable television service.
- 12. Attached as Exhibit C is the OCTV form Application for a Cable Television Franchise Renewal.
- 13. Petitioner may continue its operations pursuant to N.J.S.A, 48:5A-25 during these renewal proceedings as this filing

precedes the expiration of the current municipal consent.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that Your Honorable Board of Public Utilities renew the Certificate of Approval, pursuant to law; by approving the municipal proceedings and ordinance and renew the authority of Petitioner to continue to operate its cable television and cable communications system in the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren; for a period of fifteen years from the issuance of the Renewal Certificate of Approval.

Law Office of Thomas C. Kelly

Dated: December 7, 2015

Thomas C. Kelly

Attorney for Service Electric Cable T.V. of Hunterdon, Inc.

All notices and communications with respect to this petition should be addressed to Thomas C. Kelly, Attorney for Petitioner, 175 Fairfield Ave., Unit 1C, West Caldwell, N.J. 07006, Telephone (973) 403 1661, email: tcklaw@aol.com.

Verification

State of Pennsylvania County of Lehigh

John Capparell, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the General Manager of the Petitioner's system in the within petition.
- 2. I have read the within petition and the exhibits attached thereto and state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained therein is true and correct.
- 3. I have not made independent inquiry with respect to the matters set forth in the petition.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of December , 2015

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL
Terese M. Cudwadie, Notary Public
City of Bethiehem. Lehigh County
My Commission Expires March 19, 2019
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

Exhibits

Exhibit A

Notice of Renewal-Request for Ascertainment Proceedings to OCTV and Township of Lopatcong

Exhibit B

Lopatcong Renewal Ordinance and Acceptance of Petitioner

Exhibit C

OCTV form Application for a Cable Television Franchise Renewal