November 30, 2016

Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue 3rd Floor, Suite 314 Trenton, NJ 08625



In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of Central New Jersey II, LLC, for a Renewal Re: Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Municipality of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey

Our File No. 41000.3000

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and eleven (11) copies of the Verified Petition and Verification filed on behalf of Comcast of Central New Jersey II, LLC ("Comcast"), along with three (3) copies of Comcast's public Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("Application"), with respect to the above-referenced matter. Said copies of the Application have been redacted so as to protect certain confidential information contained therein. Confidential copies of the Application are being submitted simultaneously under separate cover, along with Comcast's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-12 et seq.

Kindly file the Petition and please return the extra copy of this letter and Petition stamped "RECEIVED" in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided herein.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
COMCAST OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY II, LLC,
FOR A RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF
APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE
TELEVISION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON, COUNTY OF
MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VERIFIED PETITION

Docket No. CE/612/146

Comcast of Central New Jersey II, LLC (hereinafter "Comcast" or "Petitioner"), hereby petitions the Honorable Board of Public Utilities (the "Board"), pursuant to 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §546(c), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:5A-15, -16 and -17, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:17-6.9 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:18-13.1 *et seq.*, for renewal of a Certificate of Approval. In support of its Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

COUNT ONE

- 1. Comcast, a limited liability company duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, is a cable television company subject to the jurisdiction of the Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications ("OCTV&T") and the Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.
- Comcast maintains its principal offices at 100 Randolph Road, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

- 3. In or about 1982, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(c), the Board issued Certificates of Approval to Home Link Communications ("Home Link") with respect to the provision of cable television service in the Township of Princeton ("Township") and the Borough of Princeton ("Borough"). Copies of said Certificates are on file with the OCTV&T.
- 4. Through subsequent transactions approved by the Board, said Certificates of Approval were transferred to RCN of New Jersey, Inc. ("RCN").
- In or about 1994, the Board issued Renewal Certificates of Approval with respect to the Township and the Borough.
- 6. On or about February 6, 2003, in Docket No. CM02090653, the Board approved the sale and transfer of RCN's cable system (the "System"), including the Certificates of Approval with respect to the Borough and the Township, from RCN to Patriot Media & Communications CNJ, LLC ("Patriot").
- 7. On or about May 12, 2004, in Docket Nos. CE03121021 and CE03121023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(c), the Board issued Renewal Certificates of Approval to Patriot to continue to provide cable television service in the Township and the Borough, respectively. Copies of said Certificates are on file with the OCTV&T.
- 8. On or about August 31, 2007, pursuant to authorization set forth by the Board in its Order of Approval dated August 24, 2007, in Docket No. CM07040250, Comcast Cable Communications Holdings, Inc., acquired control of Patriot's parent company, as a result of which Patriot become a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Comcast Corporation. Patriot was subsequently renamed Comcast of Central New Jersey II, LLC, Petitioner herein.
- 9. Effective January 1, 2013, the Township and the Borough consolidated and are now known as the municipality of Princeton (the "Municipality" or "Princeton")
- 10. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.3(a)3, on or about January 13, 2014, Petitioner submitted an Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent

- 21. Comcast is entitled to a renewal of its Municipal Consent and Certificate of Approval, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17(b) of the New Jersey Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.
- 22. Comcast believes that a Renewal Certificate of Approval for the Municipality of Princeton is necessary and proper for the public convenience and will serve the public interest for reasons which include, *inter alia*, the following:
- (a) The grant of a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Comcast will ensure the continued provision of safe, adequate and proper cable television service to the residents of the Municipality;
- (b) The services provided and to be provided by Comcast as set forth in its Municipal Application and its COA Application are and will be of great benefit to the citizens and residents of the Municipality;
- (c) The financial strength and technical expertise of Comcast are more than adequate to continue to construct, operate and maintain its cable television system in the Municipality of Princeton; and
- (d) Comcast, its officers and directors, have vast experience in all aspects of cable television. In particular, they possess and represent the highest degree of technical and engineering competence, significant administrative experience and a demonstrated responsiveness to community needs. In addition to Princeton, Comcast and its affiliates hold Certificates of Approval or other authorization to construct, operate and maintain cable television systems in more than 340 municipalities in New Jersey, as well as additional communities in 38 other states.

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VERIFICATION

Docket No.

Robert D. Clifton, hereby certifies as follows:

- I am Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs of Comcast of Central New Jersey II, LLC, Petitioner in the within matter.
- I am familiar with the nature and contents of the Petition to which this
 Verification is annexed.
- The allegations of the Petition are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

Robert D. Clifton

Dated: November 3rd, 2016