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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of South Jersey, LLC, for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey
Docket No. CE18020192
Our File No. 41000.3000

Dear Ms. Camacho:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and eleven (11) copies of the Verified Petition and Verification filed on behalf of Comcast of South Jersey, 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,

Dennis Linken/dp

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COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC, FOR A)
RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL)
TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE)
AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION)
SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF)
HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC,)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
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VERIFIED PETITION

Docket No.

Comcast of South Jersey, LLC (hereinafter, “Comcast” or “Petitioner”), hereby petitions the Honorable Board of Public Utilities (the “Board”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-15, 16 and 17, and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6, for renewal of a Certificate of Approval to continue to construct, operate and maintain its cable television system (“System”) in the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey (“Town” or “Hammonton”). 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.

2. Comcast maintains its principal offices at 1250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034.

3. On December 17, 1981, in Docket No. 8011C-6734 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b), the Board issued a Certificate of Approval to Garden State TV Cable Corporation (“Garden State”), a subsidiary of Teleprompter Cable Communications Corporation (“Teleprompter”), to own, operate and maintain the System in the Town. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

4. On June 3, 1981, pursuant to an Order of Approval in Docket No. 814C-6777, the Board approved the merger of Teleprompter with and into Group W Cable, Inc. (“Group W”). A copy of said Order of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

5. On December 30, 1982, pursuant to an Order of Approval in Docket No. 8211C-6951, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval to operate in the Town, from Group W to Cablentertainment of New Jersey-V (“Cablentertainment”). A copy of said Order of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

6. On December 18, 1986, pursuant to an Order of Approval in Docket No. CM86101185, Sammons Communications of New Jersey, Inc. (“Sammons”) acquired the assets of Cablentertainment, including the Certificate of Approval to operate in the Town. A copy of said Order of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

7. On or about January 26, 1993, in Docket No. CE91101641, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16 and 17, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Sammons for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in and for the Town. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

8. On March 1, 1996, pursuant to an Order of Approval issued by the Board on February 28, 1996, in Docket No. CM95080358, Lenfest Atlantic, Inc. (“Lenfest”), acquired Sammons’ System, including the Certificate of Approval to operate in the Town. A copy of said Order of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

9. On January 18, 2000, pursuant to the Order of Approval issued by the Board in Docket No. CM99110855, Lenfest became an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Comcast Corporation. Subsequently, on or about September 13, 2000, Lenfest’s name was formally changed to Comcast Cablevision of South Jersey, Inc., which, effective May 13, 2004, was converted to Comcast of South Jersey, LLC, Petitioner herein.

10. On or about January 13, 2005, in Docket No. CE04060457, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16 and 17, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Petitioner (the “2005 Certificate of Approval”) for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in and for the Town. A copy of said 2005 Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.

11. The 2004 Renewal Certificate of Approval, in accordance with its underlying municipal consent ordinance, reflected and included an automatic renewal provision, pursuant to which the Folsom franchise would be subject to automatic renewal for a period of ten (10) years following its scheduled expiration date of January 26, 2018.

12. As set forth under N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6, applicable to ordinances which provide for automatic renewal, in the absence of notice at least 60 days prior to expiration of the initial term of a franchise from either the cable television company or the municipality of its intention to not renew, a franchise will be deemed to automatically renew.

13. Neither the Borough nor Comcast provided notice of its intention to not renew the Hammonton franchise pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6 prior to the deadline set forth therein for such action, as confirmed in Comcast's letter to the Town dated December 26, 2017, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A. As set forth therein, Comcast further confirmed its intention to exercise its rights under the automatic renewal provision of the 2005 Renewal Certificate of Approval.

14. As a result of the foregoing, Comcast's franchise in Hammonton shall be deemed to automatically renew.

15. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6, Comcast hereby requests approval and implementation of the automatic renewal provision of the 2005 Renewal Certificate of Approval granted in Docket No. CE04060457, to continue to construct, operate and maintain the System in the Town.

16. The information pertaining to Comcast on file with the OCTV&T, together with the information contained in its Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("COA Application") pertaining to the Town, simultaneously filed herewith, all of which is adopted by reference thereto, establishes the requisite criteria for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in the Town by Comcast.

17. Comcast possesses the requisite character and suitability for the continued operation of the System. Further, as indicated in the COA Application and other information on file with the OCTV&T, Comcast possesses the necessary financial responsibility and the ability to perform efficiently the proposed services and those services that may be required by the public convenience and necessity during the renewal period. The public convenience and necessity

generally support the appropriateness of the issuance of a Renewal Certificate of Approval for the Town to Comcast.

18. Comcast has complied, and will continue to comply, with all rules, regulations and laws applicable to the construction, operation and maintenance of the System and will continue to provide safe, adequate and proper cable television service in the Town and the other municipalities in which it serves.

COUNT TWO

19. Comcast repeats paragraphs 1 through 18 of COUNT ONE as if set forth fully hereinafter.

20. As set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV&T, the Systems operated by Comcast in the Town is part of larger regional cable television systems serving numerous other municipalities contiguous to and surrounding the Town.

21. As also set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV&T, the Town represents an integral part of the Comcast regional cable television systems serving the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem. In addition, the demographics of the Town, as well as its location and other factors, mandate that cable television service be provided by Comcast as part of Comcast's regional systems.

22. The Town portion of Comcast's Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem County regional cable systems is necessary for the continued provision of safe, adequate and economical cable television service to the citizens and residents of the Town and the larger cable television systems generally. Further, continuation of

Comcast's operating authority in the Town will avoid an unreasonable duplication of services that would otherwise be detrimental to the development of adequate cable television service.

23. Comcast is entitled to a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17(b) of the New Jersey Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

24. Comcast believes that a Renewal Certificate of Approval for the Town of Hammonton 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 an Automatic Renewal Certificate of Approval to Comcast will ensure the continued provision of cable television service to the residents of the Town;

b. The services provided by Comcast as set forth in its COA Application are of great benefit to the citizens and residents of the Town;

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 Town; and

d. Comcast, its officers and its 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 the Town, Comcast and other Comcast 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 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREFORE, Comcast hereby requests that the Honorable Board of Public Utilities issue to Petitioner an Automatic Renewal Certificate of Approval to continue to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in and for the Town of Hammonton.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 23, 2018