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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 City of Millville, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey

Our File No. 41000,3000

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

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 seg.

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 SOUTH JERSEY, LLC, FOR A
RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE
AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION
SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE CITY OF
MILLVILLE, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,
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 City of Millville, Cumberland County, New Jersey ("City" or "Millville"). 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 1250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd., Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034.
- 3. On or about June 23, 1982, in Docket No. 842C-6898, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(c), the Board issued a Certificate of Approval to Harron Cablevision of New Jersey, Inc. ("Harron") for the construction, operation and maintenance of the System in and for the City. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 4. On or about May 27, 1987, in Docket No. CM87030120, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval pertaining to the City, from Harron to Sammons Communications of New Jersey, Inc. ("Sammons").
- 5. On or about June 3, 1993, in Docket No. CE92050600, 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 City. A copy of said Renewal Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 6. On or about February 28, 1996, in Docket No. CM95080358, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval pertaining to the City, from Sammons to Lenfest Atlantic, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Cable ("Lenfest").
- 7. 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

- 13. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6, Comcast hereby requests approval and implementation of the automatic renewal provision of the 2004 Renewal Certificate of Approval granted in Docket No. CE03030239, to continue to construct, operate and maintain the System in the City.
- 14. 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 City, 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 City by Comcast.
- 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 an Automatic Renewal Certificate of Approval for the City to Comcast.
- 16. 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 City and the other municipalities in which it serves.

#### **COUNT TWO**

17. Comcast repeats paragraphs 1 through 16 of COUNT ONE as if set forth fully hereinafter.

- 18. As set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV&T, the System operated by Comcast in the City is part of larger regional cable television systems serving numerous other municipalities contiguous to and surrounding the City.
- 19. As also set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV&T, the City represents an integral part of the Comcast regional cable television systems serving the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem. In addition, the demographics of the City, as well as its location and other factors, mandate that cable television service be provided by Comcast as part of Comcast's regional systems.
- 20. The City portion of Comcast's Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, 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 City and the larger cable television systems generally. Further, continuation of Comcast's operating authority in the City will avoid an unreasonable duplication of services that would otherwise be detrimental to the development of adequate cable television service.
- 21. Comcast is entitled to a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the City, 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 an Automatic Renewal Certificate of Approval for the City of Millville 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 City;

The services provided by Comcast as set forth in its COA Application are b.

of great benefit to the citizens and residents of the City;

The financial strength and technical expertise of Comcast are more than C.

adequate to continue to construct, operate and maintain its cable television system in the City;

and

Comcast, its officers and its directors, have vast experience in all aspects d.

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 City, Comcast and other Comcast

Corporation 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 City of Millville.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Petitioner

Comcast of South Jersey, LLC

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Dated:

June 11, 2018

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VERIFICATION

Docket No.

### FRED DeANDREA hereby certifies as follows:

- I am Senior Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs of Comcast of South Jersey, 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 is willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

Fred DeAndrea

Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs

Dated: June 7, 2018