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OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A SYSTEM-WIDE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FOR CSC TKR, LLC SYSTEM-WIDE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL

DOCKET NO. CE25020029

Parties of Record:

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BY THE BOARD:

On January 31, 2025, CSC TKR, LLC ("CSC TKR", "Cablevision" or "Petitioner") filed an application with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") for the renewal of a system-wide cable television franchise for its current system-wide franchise serving thirty-six (36) municipalities, and to extend its service territory to provide cable television service and for approval to construct a cable television system to extend service to the following seven (7) municipalities: Borough of Carteret ("Carteret"); Township of Clark ("Clark"); City of Linden ("Linden"); City of Perth Amboy ("Perth Amboy"); City of Rahway ("Rahway"); Borough of Roselle ("Roselle"); and the Township of Woodbridge ("Woodbridge")<sup>1</sup> (collectively, "seven (7) Townships") pursuant to P.L. 2006, c. 83 ("System-wide cable television franchise Act" or "Act"), which modified the existing state Cable Television Act ("CATV Act"), N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., to allow for competitive system-wide franchises.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC currently serves the above noted seven (7) Townships as the incumbent provider under its Cable Television Franchises previously approved by the Board in each docket: Borough of Carteret (CE18060648); Township of Clark (CE19050677): City of Linden (CE18020146); City of Perth Amboy (CE23030148); City of Rahway (CE15080978); Borough of Roselle (CE18020159); and the Township of Woodbridge (CE20100669).

# BACKGROUND

On February 11, 2010, the Board issued an order memorializing the conversion by CSC TKR of its municipal consent-based franchise in the Borough of Allentown to a System-wide cable television franchise for a term of seven (7) years.<sup>2</sup> CSC TKR has added an additional thirty-five (35) municipalities to its System-wide Cable Television Franchise.<sup>3</sup> On February 22, 2017, the Board issued a Renewal System-wide cable television franchise to Cablevision, for a term of seven (7) years which expired on January 10, 2024.<sup>4</sup> A list of the current thirty-six (36) municipalities, as well as the proposed seven (7) Townships are included in CSC TKR's System-wide cable television franchise is attached as Appendix "I".

On May 11, 2021, CSC TKR notified the Board of its intention to renew its System-wide Cable Television Franchise. On June 20, 2024, the Board Staff notified CSC TKR of its intention to review its performance under its system-wide cable television franchise pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 546, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19(b), and N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.16, and invited CSC TKR to file comments on its performance under its System-wide cable television franchise and to assess how it will meet the future needs of the communities listed in its franchise application. CSC TKR filed its Initial Comments with the Board on July 22, 2024. On September 25, 2024, the Board issued a report ("Ascertainment Report") on CSC TKR's performance under its system-wide cable television franchise needs of the State and the municipalities under the system-wide cable television franchise.

# APPLICATION

On December 23, 2024, CSC TKR filed a letter requesting an extension of time to file the application for renewal of its System-wide Cable Television Franchise with the Board. On January 31, 2025, Cablevision filed its application for renewal of a system-wide franchise with the Board. In addition to the renewal, CSC TKR is seeking approval to construct a cable television system to provide service to the seven (7) Townships. CSC TKR is a wholly owned subsidiary of Altice USA, Inc. ("Altice"), which collectively holds franchises in 179 New Jersey municipalities through its various affiliates.

Copies of the application were provided to the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel"), as well as to the clerks of all of the municipalities currently served, as well as to the clerks of the seven (7) Townships. Following its review of CSC TKR's application, Board Staff issued a request seeking additional follow-up information on February 20, 2025. CSC TKR filed its responses on February 27, 2025, which addressed Board Staff's concerns.

In its application, CSC TKR seeks to renew its existing system-wide franchise, and add the seven (7) Townships, which will be served via an extension of CSC TKR's incumbent cable television system which provides service. CSC TKR will configure the system to be an extension of the existing network which is a 750MHz hybrid-fiber coaxial, fiber-to-node digital design, and the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re CSC TKR, LLC for the Conversion to a System-wide Franchise in the Borough of Allentown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, BPU Docket No. CE10010024, Order dated February 11, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Board Orders memorializing the additional conversions were issued on: August 4, 2010; September 16, 2010; December 6, 2010; February 10, 2011; September 21, 2011; December 18, 2013; February 24, 2016; and on December 19, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In re the Application of CSC TKR, LLC for the Renewal of its System-wide cable television franchise, BPU Docket No. CE16090920, Order dated February 22, 2017.

entire system will be two-way capable. CSC TKR has agreed to complete all proposed construction within the service areas of the seven (7) Townships, as described in its application.

While CSC TKR has existing municipal consents from the municipalities under the thirty-six (36) converted franchises, they do not have municipal consents for the seven (7) Townships. As evidence that CSC TKR has authority from the seven (7) Townships allowing the use of the public rights-of way to construct or extend its proposed cable television system, CSC TKR provided Resolutions or Right-of-Way Use Agreements approved by the governing bodies of the seven (7) Townships.

CSC TKR confirmed that it would abide by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(h) through (n), as required by the System-wide cable television franchise Act. Specifically, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 (h) through (n) imposes requirements on all cable television companies operating under a system-wide franchise and includes commitments as to: line extensions; public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access channels; interconnection with other cable television companies; free cable and Internet service to public schools and municipal buildings; training and equipment for access users; PEG access return feeds; and compliance with customer protection regulations.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(h) requires a cable television system-wide franchise operator to meet or exceed the line extension policy ("LEP") commitments of the cable television company operating under a municipal consent ordinance-based franchise at the time the franchise is granted, which in this instance is Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC for the seven (7) Townships. CSC TKR is required to continue to provide, at a minimum, service to any residence or business along any public right-of-way in the Primary Service Area ("PSA") in each of the municipalities at no cost beyond the installation rates contained in its schedule of prices, rates, terms and conditions filed with the Board as applicable. For any extension outside the PSA, CSC TKR shall provide service in accordance with the LEP attached to this order as Appendix "II", utilizing a homes per mile ("HPM") figure of thirty-five (35) for all of the municipalities and the Townships.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(i) requires a cable television company operating under a system-wide franchise to provide two (2) PEG access channels upon request of a municipality. CSC TKR has agreed to provide two (2) PEG access channels for all of the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships; such channels will be made available within a reasonable timeframe after CSC TKR begins offering cable television service within the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships. Further, upon written request of any municipality, CSC TKR will provision the access channels in the same manner and quality as commercial channels, and will provide notice of the PEG channel designations as required by applicable statute and rules. Pursuant to this section, the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships would be responsible for the management, operation and programming of the PEG access channels that are under their control. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.4(b), either CSC TKR or any of the municipalities may request assistance from the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications ("OCTV&T") for resolution of any disputes regarding the terms and conditions of the provision of the access channels. N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(i) also requires all cable television companies operating in a municipality to provide PEG access interconnection on reasonable terms and conditions with all other cable television companies.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(j) and (k) require a cable television operator under a system-wide franchise to provide a single outlet of free basic cable television service and free Internet service to any fire station, public school, police station, public library, or other building used for municipal purposes. CSC TKR will continue to provide these services to the municipalities and has committed to install cable and Internet services to any qualified building within ninety (90) days of written request by the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships, free of charge, provided that the location is

passed by active cable television plant. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.5(b), either party may request assistance from the OCTV&T for resolution of any disputes regarding the provision of these services.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(I) requires a cable television company operating under a system-wide franchise to provide equipment and training for PEG access users, without charge, on a schedule to be agreed upon between the municipality and the cable television company. CSC TKR has committed to provide use of video production equipment, without charge, for qualified access users to create access content, and provide training in accordance with a schedule agreed upon by the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships and CSC TKR, but in a number not to exceed four (4) times per year, in conformance with N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.6. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.6(d), either party may request assistance from the OCTV&T for resolution of any disputes regarding the provision of these services.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(m) requires a cable television company operating under a system-wide franchise to provide a return line. Cablevision has committed to provide a return line, upon written request, from any one (1) location in the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships to CSC TKR's cable television system for PEG access use, which, at a minimum, will provide the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships with the ability to cablecast live or taped access programming in real time to CSC TKR customers. Furthermore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.4(c), either party may request assistance from the OCTV&T for resolution of any disputes regarding the provision of these services.

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(n) requires CSC TKR to continue to "meet any consumer protection requirements applicable, pursuant to board regulations, to cable television companies operating under certificates of approval." CSC TKR has certified in its application that it will meet the requirements of this Section.

CSC TKR has also committed to maintaining, under its system-wide franchise, the same liability limits required under N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(f). CSC TKR will continue to maintain commercial general liability insurance coverage with respect to claims related to bodily injury, property damage or other claims arising out of CSC TKR's construction and operation of its cable television system in amounts that are at least: 1) \$150,000 for bodily injury or death to any one person, within the limit, however, of \$500,000 for bodily injury or death resulting from any one accident, 2) \$100,000 for property damage resulting from any one accident, and 3) \$50,000 for other commercial general liability claims.

Consistent with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-30, cable television companies operating under a system-wide franchise are required to pay increased franchise fees from 2% of basic cable television service revenues to 3.5% of gross cable television service revenues, as well as an amount not to exceed 0.5% of gross revenues for a CATV Universal Access Fund.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1, all cable television operating companies are required to maintain "in or within reasonable proximity of its service area, a local business office, the current location of which shall be furnished to the Office where applications for service, complaints, service inquiries, bill payments, and so forth will be received." CSC TKR currently maintains local offices at the following locations: 536 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey; 825 Route 33, Block Plaza, Hamilton, New Jersey; 461 Route 10 East, Ledgewood,<sup>5</sup> New Jersey; 275 Centennial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Roxbury, New Jersey.

Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey; and 1028 US Route 9, South Parlin, New Jersey,<sup>6</sup> and any modification to the locations of the offices will be subject to the approval process specified at N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1(c).

Finally, the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.2(a) are not applicable to CSC TKR, as CSC TKR does not provide more than forty percent (40%) of the local exchange telephone service market in the State.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16(f), two (2) virtual public hearings were held by the Board in this matter on February 27, 2025. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-18(a), notice of the public hearings was posted on the Board's website and in newspapers of general circulation throughout the State more than ten (10) days in advance of the hearings. The notice indicated that written comments could be filed until March 4, 2025, or five (5) days following the public hearings. At the hearings, the public was invited to provide oral and/or written comment on the application, and the hearings were transcribed by a court reporter, with the transcripts included in the record of this matter. At both hearings, CSC TKR discussed company highlights and the positive benefits the application will have for the municipalities and the seven (7) Townships. Rate Counsel noted the importance of public comment and stated that it would provide written comments to the Board regarding the application and the issuance of the System-wide Cable Television Franchise.

During the hearing, CSC TKR also provided several letters from the subject municipalities indicating support for the application: November 12, 2024, from Linden's Mayor, Derek Armstead; on November 25, 2024, from Clark's Mayor, Sal Nonaccorso; on December 30, 2024, from Roselle's Mayor, Donald Shaw; on January 13, 2025, from Rahway's Mayor, Raymond Giacobbe; and an undated letter from Woodbridge Mayor, John McCormac.

On March 3, 2025, Rate Counsel filed a letter with the Board discussing the process and stating that it is satisfied the system-wide franchise Renewal Application, together with the supplemental information filed by the applicant provided meets the statutory and regulatory requirements under N.J.S.A.48:5A-28 to provide service for the forty-three (43) municipalities and accordingly supports approval of the Petitioner's system-wide franchise Renewal Application and the expansion of the system to the new Townships. No other comments were made at either public hearing or filed electronically thereafter.

# DISCUSSION

In determining whether to issue CSC TKR a renewal of its System-wide Cable Television Franchise, and to add the seven (7) Townships to its System-wide Cable Television Franchise, the Board may only consider that which is allowed by the State Cable Act, which provides, at N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16(f), that "[i]n determining whether a system-wide cable television franchise should be issued, the board shall consider only the requirements of sections 17 and 28 of P.L. 1972, c.186 (C. 48:5A-17 and C. 48:5A-28)."

N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17 permits the Board to issue a system-wide cable television franchise following its review of the application, where it finds the applicant has complied or is ready, willing and able to comply with all applicable rules and regulations imposed or pursuant to State or federal law as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sayreville, New Jersey.

preconditions for providing cable television service. N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 sets forth the elements in the application for a system-wide cable television franchise and the required commitments of a system-wide cable television franchise applicant. The Board's review of the application ensures that CSC TKR's application satisfies the requirements set forth by the Legislature.

# CONCLUSION

Based upon these findings, the Board <u>HEREBY CONCLUDES</u> that, pursuant to the System-wide cable television franchise Act and the Cable Television Act, CSC TKR has complied or is ready to comply with all applicable rules and regulations imposed by or pursuant to State and federal law as preconditions for engaging in the proposed cable television operations, that the CSC TKR has sufficient financial and technical capacity, meets the legal, character and other qualifications necessary to construct, maintain and operate the necessary installations, lines and equipment, and is capable of providing the proposed service in a safe, adequate and proper manner.

Therefore, CSC TKR is <u>**HEREBY ISSUED**</u> this Renewal System-wide Cable Television Franchise, with the addition of the seven (7) Townships, for a period of seven (7) years, as evidence of CSC TKR's authority to operate a cable television system within the jurisdiction set forth in its application, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All of the commitments, statements and promises contained in the application for renewal of this System-wide cable television franchise and any amendments thereto submitted in writing to the Board, except as modified herein, are hereby adopted and binding upon CSC TKR as terms and conditions of this Renewal System-wide Cable Television Franchise, and included as conditions as if fully set forth herein. The application and any other relevant writings submitted by CSC TKR shall be considered a part of this System-wide cable television franchise and made part hereof by reference.
- 2. CSC TKR may convert and add existing municipal consent-based franchises and affected municipalities to its system-wide franchise authorization, pursuant to the requirements set forth at N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.1.
- 3. The Petitioner shall be required to complete all proposed construction within the service area as described in its application within one (1) year of the effective date of the System-wide franchise. Upon completion, the Petitioner shall submit proof to the OCTV&T indicating its compliance with this provision. The Petitioner shall provide the OCTV&T with construction status reports every thirty (30) days beginning within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this franchise. The reports shall include, but not be limited to: a) account of the total miles of plant projected, both aerial and underground; b) the total miles of plant yet to be built, both aerial and underground; c) the number, dates of submission, and a percentage of the total make-ready surveys submitted to the utilities; d) the number, dates received, and a percentage of the total make-ready (e.g. total miles released by utilities); e) licenses received; f) miles of fiber stranded; g) miles of cable stranded; h) miles of aerial plant constructed; i) miles of underground fiber constructed; j) miles of underground plant constructed; k) total plant constructed; and l) miles of activated plant.
- 4. With regard to a system-wide franchise under N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(h), a cable television company is required to meet or exceed the operative LEP commitments at the time the franchise is granted. Therefore, because CSC TKR, LLC was authorized to operate cable television systems under municipal franchises in the City of Elizabeth, the Borough of Milltown, and the City of New Brunswick, it is required to continue to provide, at a

minimum, service to any residence in the City of Elizabeth, the Borough of Milltown and the City of New Brunswick in accordance with its LEP policies in effect at the time of conversion. Accordingly, in the City of Elizabeth, CSC TKR, LLC shall provide service to all residents along any public right-of-way at no cost beyond its standard and non-standard installation charges. Installations to commercial establishments shall be constructed in accordance with CSC TKR, LLC's commercial installation rates on file with the Board. In the Borough of Milltown and the City of New Brunswick, CSC TKR, LLC shall provide service outside its PSA in accordance with the LEP attached with a HPM of twenty-five (25). CSC TKR shall comply with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(h) and shall provide service at no cost beyond the installation rates contained in its schedule of prices, rates, terms and conditions filed with the Board. For any extension of plant outside the primary service area, the company shall provide service to all residents and businesses passed by cable television service in accordance with the LEP included in its application (Appendix "II"), with a HPM of no greater than thirty-five (35). Where the existing cable television company maintains a policy whereby residents of a municipality shall be offered service without application of an LEP, the Petitioner shall provide service to all residents likewise. Additionally, the terms and conditions associated with the LEP shall meet or exceed those provided by the incumbent cable operator in each municipality, and limitations or restrictions imposed in the LEP beyond those that exist in the incumbent's LEP shall be null and void, and instead shall be modified to match those provided by the incumbent's LEP. In this application, the seven (7) Townships' homes per mile figure is thirty-five (35).

- 5. Under N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1(a), Cablevision shall maintain a local business office where applications for service, complaints, service inquiries, bill payments, and so forth will be received. Currently, CSC TKR maintains local offices at: 536 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey; 825 Route 33, Block Plaza, Hamilton, New Jersey; 461 Route 10 East, Ledgewood,<sup>7</sup> New Jersey; 275 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey; and 1028 US Route 9, South Parlin, New Jersey,<sup>8</sup> and any modification to the locations of the offices will be subject to the approval process specified at N.J.A.C. 14:18-5.1(c). CSC TKR shall maintain local offices in accordance with applicable law.
- 6. The designated complaint officer for all municipalities in CSC TKR's System-wide cable television franchise is the OCTV&T. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with applicable rules.
- CSC TKR shall pay a franchise fee to each municipality served in the amount of 3.5% of its gross revenues, as defined by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-3(x) and 30(d), paid by subscribers in the municipalities and the Townships.
- 8. CSC TKR shall pay to the State Treasurer, in accordance with its CATV Universal Access Fund now existing or as will exist in the future, an amount of up to 0.5% of its gross revenues, as defined by N.J.S.A. 48:5A-3(x) and 30(d), paid by subscribers in the municipalities and the Townships.
- 9. CSC TKR shall maintain an informational schedule of prices, rates, terms and conditions for unregulated service and promptly file any revisions thereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Roxbury, New Jersey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Sayreville, New Jersey.

- 10. Upon written request of a municipality served by its System-wide Cable Television Franchise, CSC TKR shall provide or continue to provide and maintain a return line or other method of interconnection from any one location in the municipality, without charge, to a location of interconnection in its cable television system in order to allow live or taped cablecasting of PEG access programming by the municipality. The return line or interconnection shall be provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.4(c).
- 11. Upon written request of a municipality served by its System-wide Cable Television Franchise, CSC TKR shall provide and maintain up to two (2) PEG access channels. If a municipality requests more than two (2) PEG access channels, the municipality shall demonstrate the need for the additional PEG access channels in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.4(a)(1). The municipality shall assume all responsibility for the management, operations and programming of the PEG access channels in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.4(a)(4).
- 12. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(I), CSC TKR shall continue to provide equipment and training for municipalities covered by the system-wide cable television franchise without charge, for use in the development of local programming content that can be shown on PEG access channels. Cablevision currently maintains a studio location at 352 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The hours of operation are from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, by appointment, on a first come, first served basis CSC TKR provides training at the access studio upon request. A municipality or its designee wishing to use the studio must have an access user application on file and submit a completed studio time user application. A municipality or its designee wishing to receive training must have an access user application on file and submit a completed access training application.
- 13. Upon written request of a municipality served by its System-wide Cable Television Franchise, CSC TKR shall install and maintain, without charge, one service outlet activated for basic cable television service and, as set forth in the application, Internet service, to each fire station, public school, police station, public library and any other such building used for municipal purposes, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(j) and N.J.A.C. 14:18-15.5.
- 14. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(d) and N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.3, CSC TKR shall maintain sufficient bond for the faithful performance of all undertakings by the applicant as represented in the application; and shall have sufficient insurance including the Board, all municipalities served and the applicant as insureds, with respect to all liability for any death, personal injury, property damage or other liability arising out of the applicant's construction and operation of its cable television system.
- 15. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(n), CSC TKR shall continue to comply with any applicable consumer protection requirements.

Additionally, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.2(b), and for good cause shown, the Board <u>HEREBY</u> <u>GRANTS</u> CSC TKR's December 23, 2024, request seeking a waiver of the ninety (90) day period for filing an application for renewal of its System-wide Cable Television Franchise imposed by N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.18.

This Renewal of CSC TKR's System-wide cable television franchise is subject to all applicable State and federal laws, the rules and regulations of the OCTV&T, and any such lawful terms,

conditions and limitations as currently exist or may hereafter be attached to the exercise of the privileges granted herein. On March 11, 2025, CSC TKR sent correspondence to the Board memorializing their agreement to extend the deadline for the Board to act on this matter until March 19, 2025. CSC TKR shall adhere to the applicable operating standards set forth by the Federal Communications Commission's rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. §76.1 et seq. including but not limited to, the technical standards 47 C.F.R. §76.601 through §76.630. Any modifications to the provisions thereof shall be incorporated into this Renewal System-wide Cable Television Franchise.

Failure to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of the Board or the OCTV&T and/or the terms, conditions and limitations set forth herein may constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of this Renewal System-wide Cable Television Franchise.

This Renewal System-wide cable television franchise is issued on the representation that the statements contained in CSC TKR's application are true, and the undertakings therein contained shall be adhered to and be enforceable unless specific waiver is granted by the Board or the Office of Cable Television pursuant to the authority contained in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, et seq.

CSC TKR's Renewal System-wide cable television franchise shall expire on January 10, 2031.

This Order shall be effective on March 26, 2025.

DATED: March 19, 2025

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

**DR. ZENON CHRISTODOULOU** 

CHRISTINE GUHL-SADOVY

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ATTEST:

COMMISSIONER

BOARD SECRETARY I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities.

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# **APPENDIX "I"**

CSC TKR, LLC System-wide cable television franchise Municipalities

#	Municipality	County
1	Aberdeen Township	Monmouth
2	Allentown Borough	Monmouth
3	Bernards Township	Somerset
4	Bound Brook Borough	Somerset
5	Bridgewater Township	Somerset
6	Chatham Borough	Morris
7	Denville Township	Morris
8	Dover Town	Morris
9	East Hanover Township	Morris
10	Elizabeth City	Union
11	Florham Park Borough	Morris
12	Hamilton Township	Mercer
13	Hanover Township	Morris
14	Highland Park Borough	Middlesex
15	Keansburg Borough	Monmouth
16	Keyport Borough	Monmouth
17	Madison Borough	Morris
18	Manville Borough	Somerset
19	Matawan Borough	Monmouth
20	Milltown Borough	Middlesex
21	Mine Hill Township	Morris
22	Morris Plains Borough	Morris
23	Morris Township	Morris
24	Morristown Town	Morris
25	New Brunswick City	Middlesex
26	Randolph Township	Morris
27	Raritan Borough	Somerset
28	Rockaway Borough	Morris
29	Rockaway Township	Morris
30	Somerville Borough	Somerset
31	South Bound Brook Borough	Somerset
32	Union Beach Borough	Monmouth
33	Victory Gardens Borough	Morris
34	Warren Township Some	
35	Watchung Borough Somerset	
36	Wharton Borough	Morris

#	Municipality	County
37	Carteret Borough	Middlesex
38	Clark Township	Union
39	Linden City	Union
40	Perth Amboy City	Middlesex
41	Rahway City	Union
42	Roselle Borough	Union
43	Woodbridge Township	Middlesex

# APPENDIX "II" Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications Line Extension Policy

Company: CSC TKR, LLC

A cable operator is required to absorb the cost of extensions to the system in the same proportion that the extension is to the remainder of the system.

Actual subscribers served by the extension are required to absorb the remainder of the cost.

If new subscribers are added to the extension, the cost is adjusted and those who previously paid receive an appropriate rebate.

1.	# of homes in extension mileage of extension	=	homes per mile ("HPM") of extension
2.	HPM of extension Minimum HPM that company actually constructs in the system*	=	ratio of the density of the extension to the minimum density that the company constructs in the system ("A")
3.	Total cost of building the extension times "A"	=	company's share of extension cost
4.	Total cost of building extension less company's share of extension cost	=	total amount to be recovered from subscribers
5.	Total amount to be recovered from subs Total subscribers in extension	=	each subscriber's share

In any case, the company shall extend its plant along public rights of way to:

- 1. All residences and businesses within 150 aerial feet of the operator's existing plant at no cost beyond the normal installation rate.
- 2. All residences and businesses within 100 underground feet of the operator's plant at no cost beyond the normal installation rate.

\* The minimum HPM that the company actually constructs in the system or municipality is the minimum number of homes that the company has historically constructed at its own cost. This is a function of the operator's breakeven point and its rate of return. Unbuilt systems will use the primary service area rather than construction.

The operator's installation policies shall apply to construction beyond the public right of way.

Detailed accounting or financial information to support the minimum HPM shall be supplied to the Office for its approval in such form as required. The minimum HPM shall be updated as appropriate.

When a request for service is received, and unless good cause is shown, cable companies shall:

- 1. Provide a written estimate within thirty (30) days of such a request.
- 2. Begin construction within sixty (60) days of receipt of any deposit monies from potential subscribers.
- 3. Complete construction within six (6) months of receipt of any deposit monies from potential subscribers.
- 4. Inform each home passed along the extension of the potential costs for subscribers.

Subscribers who pay for an extension shall be entitled to rebates in the following manner:

- 1. If the company acquires new subscribers subsequent to the initial calculation of step 5 above, the formula will be adjusted and those who have previously paid for the extension will be entitled to an appropriate rebate. In no event shall the amount of the rebate exceed the subscriber's contribution.
- 2. The company shall keep accurate records of the cost of the extension, the amounts paid by subscribers, and any appropriate adjustments.
- 3. The company shall notify subscribers in the extension of their rights and responsibilities concerning the extension.
- 4. Once an individual dwelling has paid its share of the extension cost, future reconnections or installations shall be made at the company's standard rates.
- 5. After a period of five (5) years from the installation of the first dwelling unit in the extension, no further adjustments shall be made. Installations after five (5) years shall be at the company's standard rate.
- 6. Once a subscriber is installed, that person shall not normally be entitled to a refund of any monies paid for the installations, except in accordance with the rebate procedure outlined in this policy.

# Definitions

## **Primary Service Area**

The Primary Service Area ("PSA") can be an entire municipality, but in many instances the PSA is a limited area within a community outside of which a line extension policy may apply. The PSA is depicted by a franchise map and narrative, presented and recorded during the franchise proceedings. It normally remains a fixed geographic area throughout the life of the franchise.

## Line Extension Survey

Potential subscribers residing outside the PSA who request service are entitled to an estimate of their share of the cost to secure service. When conducting a survey and estimating costs, a cable company should factor in all potential subscribers who could practicably be included in the extension and give consideration to apparent residential construction in areas contiguous to the proposed extension.

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