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**Re: Cable Franchise Agreement by and between the
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and Verizon New York Inc.**

Dear Ms. Maggiotto:

Please find enclosed the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement by and between the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and Verizon New York Inc.

Please contact Mac Kerbey at (617) 628-3436 or me at (212) 548-2136 should you have any questions.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



Pamela N. Goldstein

Enclosure

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Cable Franchise Agreement
by and between
the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
and
Verizon New York Inc.

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THIS CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (the “Franchise” or “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, a validly organized and existing political subdivision of the State of New York (the “Local Franchising Authority” or “LFA”) and Verizon New York Inc., a corporation duly organized under the applicable laws of the State of New York (the “Franchisee”).

WHEREAS, Franchisee wishes to obtain and the LFA wishes to grant Franchisee a nonexclusive franchise to construct, install, maintain, extend and operate a cable system in the Franchise Area as designated in this Franchise;

WHEREAS, the LFA is a “franchising authority” in accordance with Title VI of the Communications Act, (*see* 47 U.S.C. § 522(10)) and is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive cable franchises pursuant to Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law, as amended, and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended;

WHEREAS, Franchisee is in the process of completing the upgrading of its existing telecommunications and information services network through the installation of a Fiber to the Premise Telecommunications Network (“FTTP Network”) in the Franchise Area which transmits the Non-Cable Services pursuant to authority granted by Section 27 of the New York Transportation Corporations Law, as amended, and Title II of the Communications Act, which Non-Cable Services are not subject to the Cable Law or Title VI of the Communications Act;

WHEREAS, the FTTP Network occupies the Public Rights-of-Way within the LFA, and Franchisee desires to use portions of the FTTP Network to provide Cable Services (as hereinafter defined) in the Franchise Area;

WHEREAS, the LFA has found Franchisee to be financially, technically and legally qualified to operate the Cable System;

WHEREAS, the LFA has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the LFA and its community, has considered and approved the character and the financial, technical and legal qualifications of Franchisee, and has determined that Franchisee’s plans for its Cable System are adequate and feasible in a full public proceeding affording due process to all parties;

WHEREAS, the LFA has determined that the Franchise complies with the provisions of the Cable Law and with NY PSC’s franchise standards, and that the grant of a nonexclusive franchise to Franchisee is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the LFA and Franchisee have reached agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein and the parties have agreed to be bound by those terms and conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the LFA’s grant of a franchise to Franchisee, Franchisee’s promise to provide Cable Service to residents of the Franchise/Service Area of the LFA pursuant to and consistent with the Cable Law (as hereinafter defined), pursuant to the

terms and conditions set forth herein, the promises and undertakings herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and the adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged,

THE SIGNATORIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and word usages set forth in the Cable Law are incorporated herein and shall apply in this Agreement. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

1.1. *Access Channel*: A video Channel, which Franchisee shall make available to the LFA without charge for Public, Educational, or Governmental noncommercial use for the transmission of video programming as directed by the LFA.

1.2. *Affiliate*: Any Person who, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, the Franchisee.

1.3. *Basic Service*: The tier of Cable Service which includes, at a minimum, the retransmission of all local television broadcast signals provided to any Subscriber, any PEG Channels required by this Franchise or NY PSC rules, and any additional video programming signals as determined by Franchisee.

1.4. *Cable Law*: Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law, as amended, and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended, to the extent authorized under and consistent with federal law.

1.5. *Cable Service* or *Cable Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(6), as amended.

1.6. *Cable System* or *System*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(7), as amended.

1.7. *Channel*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(4), as amended.

1.8. *Communications Act*: The Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

1.9. *Control*: The ability to exercise *de facto* or *de jure* control over day-to-day policies and operations or the management of Franchisee's affairs.

1.10. *Educational Access Channel*: An Access Channel required by this Agreement and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Section 894.5, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended, to be designated by the Franchisee for noncommercial use by local public schools and public school districts in the Franchise Area

and other not-for-profit educational institutions chartered or licensed by the New York State Department of Education or Board of Regents in the Franchise Area as specified by the LFA in Exhibit C to this Agreement.

1.11. *FCC*: The United States Federal Communications Commission or successor governmental entity thereto.

1.12. *Force Majeure*: An event or events reasonably beyond the ability of Franchisee to anticipate and control that directly or indirectly results in Franchisee's non-compliance with, or delay in the performance of, any obligation hereunder. This includes, but is not limited to, severe or unusual weather conditions, strikes, labor disturbances, lockouts, war or act of war (whether an actual declaration of war is made or not), insurrection, riots, act of public enemy, incidences of terrorism, acts of vandalism, actions or inactions of any government instrumentality or public utility including condemnation, accidents for which the Franchisee is not primarily responsible, fire, flood, or other acts of God, or work delays resulting from unaffiliated utility providers' failure to service, monitor or maintain utility poles to which Franchisee's FTTP Network is attached, and unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

1.13. *Franchise Area*: The incorporated area (entire existing territorial limits) of the LFA.

1.14. *Franchisee*: Verizon New York Inc. and its lawful and permitted successors, assigns and transferees.

1.15. *Government Access Channel*: An Access Channel required by this Agreement and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Section 894.5, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended, to be designated by the Franchisee for noncommercial use of the LFA.

1.16. *Gross Revenue*: All revenue, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which is derived by Franchisee from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Service Area.

Gross Revenue includes, without limitation: all Subscriber and customer revenues earned or accrued net of bad debts including revenue for: (i) Basic Service; (ii) all fees charged to any Subscribers for any and all Cable Service provided by Franchisee over the Cable System in the Service Area, including without limitation Cable Service related program guides, the installation, disconnection or reconnection of Cable Service; revenues from late or delinquent charge fees; Cable Service related or repair calls; the provision of converters, remote controls, additional outlets and/or other Cable Service related Subscriber premises equipment, whether by lease or fee; (iii) revenues from the sale or lease of access channel(s) or channel capacity; and (iv) compensation received by Franchisee that is derived from the operation of Franchisee's Cable System to provide Cable Service with respect to commissions that are paid to Franchisee as compensation for promotion or exhibition of any products or services on the Cable System, such as "home shopping" or a similar channel, subject to the exceptions below. Gross Revenue

includes a pro rata portion of all revenue derived by Franchisee pursuant to compensation arrangements for advertising derived from the operation of Franchisee's Cable System to provide Cable Service within the Service Area, subject to the exceptions below. The allocation shall be based on the number of Subscribers in the Service Area divided by the total number of subscribers in relation to the relevant local, regional or national compensation arrangement. Advertising commissions paid to third parties shall not be netted against advertising revenue included in Gross Revenue.

Gross Revenue shall not include: revenues received by any Affiliate or other Person in exchange for supplying goods or services used by Franchisee to provide Cable Service over the Cable System; bad debts written off by Franchisee in the normal course of its business (provided, however, that bad debt recoveries shall be included in Gross Revenue during the period collected); refunds, rebates or discounts made to Subscribers or other third parties; any revenues classified, in whole or in part, as Non-Cable Services revenue under federal or state law including, without limitation, revenue received from Telecommunications Services; revenue received from Information Services, including, without limitation, Internet Access service, electronic mail service, electronic bulletin board service, or similar online computer services; charges made to the public for commercial or cable television that is used for two-way communication; and any other revenues attributed by Franchisee to Non-Cable Services in accordance with FCC or NY PSC rules, regulations, standards or orders, as may be amended from time to time; any revenue of Franchisee or any other Person which is received directly from the sale of merchandise through any Cable Service distributed over the Cable System, however, that portion of such revenue which represents or can be attributed to a Subscriber fee or a payment for the use of the Cable System for the sale of such merchandise shall be included in Gross Revenue; the sale of Cable Services on the Cable System for resale in which the purchaser is required to collect cable Franchise Fees from purchaser's customer; the sale of Cable Services to customers, which are exempt, as required or allowed by the LFA including, without limitation, the provision of Cable Services to public institutions as required or permitted herein; any tax of general applicability imposed upon Franchisee or upon Subscribers by a city, state, federal or any other governmental entity and required to be collected by Franchisee and remitted to the taxing entity (including, but not limited to, sales/use tax, gross receipts tax, excise tax, utility users tax, public service tax, communication taxes and non-cable franchise fees); any foregone revenue which Franchisee chooses not to receive in exchange for its provision of free or reduced cost cable or other communications services to any Person, including without limitation, employees of Franchisee and public institutions or other institutions designated in the Franchise (provided, however, that such foregone revenue which Franchisee chooses not to receive in exchange for trades, barter, services or other items of value shall be included in Gross Revenue); sales of capital assets or sales of surplus equipment; program launch fees, i.e., reimbursement by programmers to Franchisee of marketing costs incurred by Franchisee for the introduction of new programming; directory or Internet advertising revenue including, but not limited to, yellow page, white page, banner advertisement and electronic publishing; or any fees or charges collected from Subscribers or other third parties for any PEG Grant payments.

1.17. *Information Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(20), as amended.

1.18. *Internet Access*: Dial-up or broadband access service that enables Subscribers to access the Internet.

1.19. *Local Franchise Authority (LFA)*: The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, or the lawful successor, transferee, or assignee thereof.

1.20. *Non-Cable Services*: Any service that does not constitute the provision of Video Programming directly to multiple Subscribers in the Franchise Area including, but not limited to, Information Services and Telecommunications Services.

1.21. *Normal Business Hours*: Those hours during which most similar businesses in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, “normal business hours” must include some evening hours at least one night per week and/or some weekend hours.

1.22. *NY PSC*: The New York Public Service Commission.

1.23. *PEG*: Public, Educational, and Governmental.

1.24. *Person*: An individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.

1.25. *Public Access Channel*: An Access Channel required by this Agreement and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Section 895.4, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended, to be designated by the Franchisee for noncommercial use by the residents in the Franchise Area on a first-come, first-served, nondiscriminatory basis.

1.26. *Public Rights-of-Way*: The surface and the area across, in, over, along, upon and below the surface of the public streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks, lanes, courts, ways, alleys, and boulevards, including, public utility easements and public lands and waterways used as Public Rights-of-Way, as the same now or may thereafter exist, which are under the jurisdiction or control of the LFA. Public Rights-of-Way do not include the airwaves above a right-of-way with regard to cellular or other nonwire communications or broadcast services.

1.27. *Service Area*: All portions of the Franchise Area where Cable Service is being offered, as described in Exhibit B to this Agreement.

1.28. *Subscriber*: A Person who lawfully receives Cable Service over the Cable System with Franchisee’s express permission.

1.29. *Telecommunication Services*: Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 3 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(46), as amended.

1.30. *Title VI*: Title VI of the Communications Act, Cable Communications, as amended.

1.31. *Transfer of the Franchise:*

1.31.1. Any transaction in which:

1.31.1.1. a fifty percent ownership or other interest in Franchisee is transferred, directly or indirectly, from one Person or group of Persons to another Person or group of Persons, so that Control of Franchisee is transferred; or

1.31.1.2. the rights held by Franchisee under the Franchise and the certificate of confirmation issued therefor by the NY PSC are transferred or assigned to another Person or group of Persons.

1.31.2. However, notwithstanding Sub-subsections 1.31.1.1 and 1.31.1.2 above, a Transfer of the Franchise shall not include transfer of an ownership or other interest in Franchisee to the parent of Franchisee or to another Affiliate of Franchisee; transfer of an interest in the Franchise or the rights held by the Franchisee under the Franchise to the parent of Franchisee or to another Affiliate of Franchisee; any action which is the result of a merger of the parent of the Franchisee; or any action which is the result of a merger of another Affiliate of the Franchisee.

1.32. *Video Programming:* Shall be defined herein as it is defined under Section 602 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 522(20), as amended.

2. **GRANT OF AUTHORITY; LIMITS AND RESERVATIONS**

2.1. *Grant of Authority:* Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Cable Law, the LFA hereby grants the Franchisee the right to own, construct, operate and maintain a Cable System along the Public Rights-of-Way within the Franchise Area, in order to provide Cable Service. No privilege or power of eminent domain is bestowed by this grant; nor is such a privilege or power bestowed by this Agreement.

2.2. *The FTTP Network:* Notwithstanding that, upon delivery of Cable Service, Franchisee's mixed-use facilities become subject to the NY PSC's minimum franchise standards and the LFA's police power, the parties acknowledge that the LFA is not granted, as a consequence thereof, any new, additional or broader authority over the construction, placement and operation of Franchisee's mixed-use facilities.

2.3. *Term:* This Franchise shall become effective on the date that the NY PSC issues a certificate of confirmation for this Franchise (the "Effective Date"), following its approval by the LFA's governing authority authorized to grant franchises and its acceptance by the Franchisee. The term of this Franchise shall be ten (10) years from the Effective Date unless the Franchise is earlier revoked as provided herein. The Franchisee shall memorialize the Effective Date by notifying the LFA in writing of the same, which notification shall become a part of this Franchise.

2.4. *Grant Not Exclusive:* The Franchise and the rights granted herein to use and occupy the Public Rights-of-Way to provide Cable Services shall be non-exclusive, and the LFA has granted and reserves the right to grant other franchises for similar uses or for other uses of the Public Rights-of-Way, or any portions thereof, to any Person, or to make any such use itself, at any time during the term of this Franchise. Any such rights which are granted shall not adversely impact the authority as granted under this Franchise and shall not interfere with existing facilities of the Cable System or Franchisee's FTTP Network.

2.5. *Franchise Subject to Federal and State Law:* Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, this Franchise is subject to and shall be governed by all applicable lawful provisions of federal law and state law and FCC and NY PSC rules, regulations, standards and orders, as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the Communications Act.

2.6. *No Waiver:*

2.6.1. The failure of the LFA on one or more occasions to exercise a right under this Franchise, the Cable Law, or other applicable state or federal law, or to require compliance or performance under this Franchise, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of compliance or performance of this Agreement, nor shall it excuse Franchisee from compliance or performance, unless such right or such compliance or performance has been specifically waived in writing by the LFA.

2.6.2. The failure of the Franchisee on one or more occasions to exercise a right under this Franchise, the Cable Law, or other applicable state or federal law, or to require performance under this Franchise, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of performance of this Agreement, nor shall it excuse the LFA from performance, unless such right or such performance has been specifically waived in writing by the Franchisee.

2.7. *Construction of Agreement:*

2.7.1. The provisions of this Franchise shall be liberally construed to effectuate their objectives.

2.7.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the scope or applicability of Section 625 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 545, as amended.

2.7.3. The LFA and the Franchisee each acknowledge that they have received independent legal advice in entering into this Agreement. In the event that a dispute arises over the meaning or application of any term(s) of this Agreement, such term(s) shall not be construed by the reference to any doctrine calling for ambiguities to be construed against the drafter of the Agreement.

2.8. *Police Powers:* Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prohibit the LFA's reasonable, necessary and lawful exercise of its police power including, without limitation, in addition to the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this

Agreement and existing applicable laws and regulations, the enactment, adoption, implementation and enforcement of such additional laws and regulations as the LFA may deem necessary in the exercise of its police power; provided, however, that such laws and regulations are reasonable and not materially in conflict with applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and orders, and this Agreement.

2.9. *Restoration of Municipal Property:* Any municipal property damaged or destroyed shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the Franchisee and restored to serviceable condition.

2.10. *Restoration of Subscriber Premises:* The Franchisee shall ensure that Subscriber premises are restored to pre-existing condition if damaged by the Franchisee's employees or agents in any respect in connection with the installation, repair, or disconnection of Cable Service.

3. **PROVISION OF CABLE SERVICE**

3.1. *Service Area:*

3.1.1. *Service Area:* Subject to the issuance of all necessary permits by the LFA, Franchisee shall offer Cable Service to significant numbers of Subscribers within residential areas of the Service Area and may make Cable Service available to businesses in the Service Area, within twelve (12) months and shall offer Cable Service to all residential areas of the Service Area within five (5) years, of the Effective Date of this Franchise, or, in both instances, such longer period as may be permitted by the Cable Law, except: (A) for periods of Force Majeure; (B) for periods of delay caused solely by the LFA; (C) for periods of delay resulting from Franchisee's inability to obtain authority to access rights-of-way in the Service Area; (D) in developments or buildings that are subject to claimed exclusive arrangements with other providers; (E) in areas, developments or buildings where Franchisee cannot gain access after good faith efforts, in accordance with NY PSC rules and regulations; (F) in areas, developments or buildings where the provision of Cable Service is economically infeasible because such provision requires nonstandard facilities which are not available on a commercially reasonable basis, in accordance with NY PSC rules and regulations; and (G) in areas where the occupied residential dwelling unit density does not meet the density and other requirements set forth in Sub-subsection 3.1.1.1. and Section 3.2.

3.1.1.1. *Density Requirement:* Franchisee shall make Cable Services available to residential dwelling units in all areas of the Service Area where the average density is equal to or greater than twenty-five (25) occupied residential dwelling units per mile as measured in strand footage from the nearest technically feasible point on the active FTTP Network trunk or feeder line. If, as a result of new construction, an area within the Service Area meets the density requirements after the time stated for providing Cable Service as set forth in Subsection 3.1.1, then Franchisee shall provide Cable Service to such area within twelve (12) months of receiving notice from the LFA that the density requirements have been met.

3.2. *Availability of Cable Service:*

3.2.1. *Availability of Cable Service Generally:* Franchisee shall make Cable Service available to all residential dwelling units and may make Cable Service available to businesses within the Service Area in conformance with Section 3.1, and Franchisee shall not discriminate between or among any individuals in the availability of Cable Service or based upon the income in a local area. In the areas in which Franchisee shall provide Cable Service, Franchisee shall be required to connect, at Franchisee's expense, other than a standard installation charge, all residential dwelling units that are within one hundred fifty (150) feet of aerial trunk or feeder lines not otherwise already served by Franchisee's FTTP Network. Franchisee shall be allowed to recover, from a Subscriber that requests such connection, the actual costs incurred for residential dwelling unit connections that exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet or are in an area with a density of less than twenty-five (25) occupied residential dwelling units per mile and the actual costs incurred to connect any non-residential dwelling unit Subscriber, provided, however, that Franchisee may seek a waiver of any requirement that it extend service to any party requesting the same in an area with a density of less than twenty-five (25) occupied residential dwelling units per mile if such would not be possible within the limitations of economic feasibility. For underground installations, Franchisee shall charge the Subscriber Franchisee's actual cost. Such costs shall be submitted to said Subscriber in writing, before installation is begun.

3.2.2. *No Discrimination in the Availability of Cable Service:* Franchisee shall not deny access to Cable Service to any group of potential residential Subscribers because of the income of the residents of the local area in which such group resides.

3.3. *Cable Service to Public Buildings:* Subject to Section 3.1, Franchisee shall provide, without charge within the Service Area, one service outlet activated for Basic Service to each public library and educational institution chartered or licensed by the New York State Department of Education or Board of Regents, and such other buildings used for municipal purposes as designated initially by the LFA in Exhibit A to this Agreement ("Exhibit A") and, thereafter, during the Franchise term, as designated in writing upon the earlier to occur of (a) thirty (30) business days prior written notice to Franchisee or (b) approval of any amendment to Exhibit A in accordance with NY PSC rules; provided, however, that if it is necessary to extend Franchisee's trunk or feeder lines more than five hundred (500) feet solely to provide service to any such school or public building, the LFA shall have the option either of paying Franchisee's direct costs for such extension in excess of five hundred (500) feet, or of releasing Franchisee from the obligation to provide service to such school or public building. Furthermore, Franchisee shall be permitted to recover, from any school or public building owner entitled to free service, the direct cost of installing, when requested to do so, more than one outlet, or concealed inside wiring, or a service outlet requiring more than five hundred (500) feet of drop cable; provided, however, that Franchisee shall not charge for the provision of Basic Service to the additional service outlets once installed. For underground installations, Franchisee shall charge the recipient Franchisee's actual cost. Such costs shall be submitted to said recipient in writing, before installation is begun. Cable Service may not be resold or otherwise used in

contravention of Franchisee's rights with third parties respecting programming. Equipment provided by Franchisee, if any, shall be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

3.4. *Contribution in Aid:* Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall comply at all times with the requirements of Section 895.5 of the NY PSC rules and regulations.

4. **SYSTEM FACILITIES**

4.1. *Quality of Materials:* Franchisee shall construct and maintain its System using materials of good and durable quality, and all work involved in the construction, installation, maintenance and repair of the Cable System shall be performed in a safe, thorough and reliable manner.

4.2. *System Characteristics:* During the term hereof Franchisee's Cable System shall meet or exceed the following requirements:

4.2.1. The Cable System shall be designed and operated with an initial analog and digital carrier passband between 50 and 860 MHz and shall provide for a minimum channel capacity of not less than 77 channels on the Effective Date.

4.2.2. The Cable System shall be designed to be an active two-way plant for Subscriber interaction, if any, required for the selection or use of Cable Service.

4.3. *Interconnection:* The Franchisee shall design its Cable System so that it may be interconnected with other cable systems in the Franchise Area. Interconnection of systems may be made by direct cable connection, microwave link, satellite, or other appropriate methods.

4.4. *Emergency Alert System:* Franchisee shall comply with the Emergency Alert System ("EAS") requirements of the FCC and the State of New York, including the NY PSC's rules and the New York EAS Plan, as amended from time to time, in order that emergency messages may be distributed over the System.

5. **PEG SERVICES**

5.1. *PEG Set Aside:*

5.1.1. In order to ensure universal availability of public, educational and government programming, Franchisee shall provide capacity on its Basic Service tier for one (1) full time, dedicated Public Access Channel, one (1) full-time, dedicated Educational Access Channel, and one (1) full-time, dedicated Government Access Channel (each, individually, a "PEG Channel" and, collectively, "PEG Channels").

5.1.2. The PEG programming to be carried on each of the PEG Channels set aside by Franchisee is reflected in Exhibit C to this Agreement. The LFA hereby authorizes Franchisee to transmit such programming within and without LFA jurisdictional boundaries.

Franchisee specifically reserves the right to make or change channel assignments in its sole discretion. If a PEG Channel provided under this Article is not being utilized by the LFA, Franchisee may utilize such PEG Channel, in its sole discretion, until such time as the LFA elects to utilize the PEG Channel for its intended purpose. In the event that the LFA determines to use PEG capacity, the LFA shall provide Franchisee with prior written notice of such request in accordance with NY PSC rules and regulations.

5.1.3. Franchisee shall provide the technical ability to play back pre-recorded programming provided to Franchisee consistent with this Section. Franchisee shall transmit programming consistent with the dedicated uses of PEG Access Channels. Franchisee shall comply at all times with the requirements of Section 895.4 of the NY PSC rules and regulations.

5.2. *PEG Access Interconnection:*

5.2.1. LFA shall designate in its sole discretion not more than three (3) sites within the Franchise Area for the interconnection of PEG access facilities with the Cable System (each, a “PEG Access Interconnection Site”).

5.2.2. Franchisee shall, without charge to the LFA, provide links between its video channel aggregation point and each PEG Access Interconnection Site in order to permit the signals to be correctly routed from the PEG Access Interconnection Sites to the appropriate PEG access channel for distribution to Subscribers.

5.2.3. The LFA shall provide to Franchisee at each PEG Access Interconnection Site a suitable video signal for each PEG Channel. Franchisee, upon receipt of the suitable video signal, shall provide, install and maintain in good working order the equipment necessary for transmitting the PEG signal to the channel aggregation site for further processing for distribution to Subscribers. Franchisee’s obligations with respect to such upstream transmission equipment and facilities shall be subject to the availability, without charge to Franchisee, of suitable required space, environmental conditions, electrical power supply, access, pathway, and other facilities and such cooperation of the LFA as is reasonably necessary for Franchisee to fulfill such obligations.

5.2.4. Such upstream transmission provided by Franchisee shall comply with applicable FCC standards governing the transport and distribution of PEG signals to Subscribers.

5.2.5. If Franchisee makes changes to the Cable System that require improvements to the access facilities or equipment in order to permit the PEG access equipment and facilities to continue to be used as they were intended under the terms of this Agreement, then Franchisee shall, without charge to the LFA, make such changes in either the equipment and facilities referred to in Subsection 5.2.3 or in the Franchisee’s video channel aggregation point and distribution equipment and facilities in order to permit the continuation of such intended use.

5.3. *Backup Facilities and Equipment:* Subject to Section 5.2, Franchisee shall design, build, and maintain all PEG upstream feeds, connection, and distribution facilities in order that such feeds function as reliably as Franchisee's Cable System as a whole within the Franchise Area, and are no more likely to fail than is Franchisee's Cable System as a whole within the Franchise Area.

5.4. *PEG Grants:*

5.4.1. Franchisee shall provide to the LFA financial contributions for use in support of the production of local PEG programming. The financial contributions shall consist of the following two grants: (a) a one-time grant in the amount of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$61,983.00) (the "Initial PEG Grant"); and (b) an annual grant in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.75) per month, per Subscriber to Franchisee's Basic Service tier in the Service Area (the "Annual PEG Grant").

5.4.2. Franchisee shall pay to the LFA the Initial PEG Grant no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date. In the event that the LFA does not require all cable service providers in the Service Area to provide substantially equivalent PEG financial contributions, then Franchisee shall, after a sixty (60) day notice to the LFA, offset any Franchise Fees due to the LFA hereunder by any greater amount of the Initial PEG Grant that has been paid to the LFA.

5.4.3. The Annual PEG Grant shall become due and payable on the date (the "First Annual PEG Grant Payment Date") that the earlier of the following events occurs: either (i) Franchisee has recovered from Subscribers pursuant to Section 5.6 an amount equal to the full amount of the Initial PEG Grant; or (ii) the third anniversary of the Effective Date. The amount of the first Annual PEG Grant shall be determined by calculating the total number of Subscribers from the Effective Date to the First Annual PEG Grant Payment Date multiplied by the number of months elapsed from the Effective Date to the First Annual PEG Grant Payment Date. After the First Annual PEG Grant Payment Date, Annual PEG Grant payments shall be due and payable on each anniversary of the Effective Date until the Franchise expires.

5.4.4. For purposes of determining the First Annual PEG Grant Payment Date, Franchisee's rate of recovery from Subscribers to its Basic Service Tier in the Service Area shall be no less than SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.75) per Subscriber per month, without regard to Franchisee's right to pass through such amount to Subscribers in accordance with Section 5.6.

5.4.5. Each Annual PEG Grant payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of Franchisee showing in detail the Subscriber information upon which it is based, including, but not limited to, the number of Subscribers to Franchisee's Basic Service tier in the Service Area for each period for which an Annual PEG Grant Payment was calculated and the amount of such payment attributable to each such period.

5.4.6. The Initial PEG Grant and the Annual PEG Grant shall be used solely by the LFA for PEG access equipment, including, but not limited to, studio and portable

production equipment, editing equipment and program playback equipment, or for renovation or construction of PEG access facilities.

5.4.7. Franchisee shall provide to the LFA an additional one-time grant in the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) (the “PEG Channel Assignment Grant”). The PEG Channel Assignment Grant shall be payable to the LFA solely in the event that Franchisee makes a PEG Channel assignment change pursuant to Subsection 5.1.2.

5.4.8. Notwithstanding the foregoing Subsections 5.4.3 and 5.4.7, no Annual PEG Grant or PEG Channel Assignment Grant shall be payable by Franchisee unless and until the LFA requires all cable service providers in the Service Area to provide substantially equivalent PEG financial contributions.

5.4.9. The grants identified above in this Section 5.4, specifically, the Initial PEG Grant, the Annual PEG Grant and the PEG Channel Assignment Grant shall be collectively referred to as the “PEG Grants.”

5.4.10. The LFA shall provide Franchisee with an annual report setting forth a summary of all expenditures for PEG access equipment and facilities from the PEG Grants paid to the LFA and the amounts, if any, reserved for future capital expenditures for such purposes.

5.5. *Indemnity for PEG:* The LFA shall require all local producers and users of any of the PEG facilities or Channels to agree in writing to authorize Franchisee to transmit programming consistent with this Agreement and to defend and hold harmless Franchisee and the LFA from and against any and all liability or other injury, including the reasonable cost of defending claims or litigation, arising from or in connection with claims for failure to comply with applicable federal laws, rules, regulations or other requirements of local, state or federal authorities; for claims of libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or the infringement of common law or statutory copyright; for unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark; for breach of contractual or other obligations owing to third parties by the producer or user; and for any other injury or damage in law or equity, which result from the use of a PEG facility or Channel. The LFA shall establish rules and regulations for use of PEG facilities, consistent with, and as required by, 47 U.S.C. § 531.

5.6. *Recovery of Costs:* To the extent permitted by federal law, the Franchisee shall be allowed to recover the costs of PEG Grants or any other costs arising from the provision of PEG services from Subscribers and to include such costs as a separately billed line item on each Subscriber’s bill. Without limiting the foregoing, if and to the extent permitted under federal and state law, Franchisee may externalize, line-item, or otherwise pass-through interconnection and any franchise-related costs to Subscribers.

6. **FRANCHISE FEES**

6.1. *Payment to LFA:* Franchisee shall pay to the LFA a Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenue (the “Franchise Fee”). In accordance with Title VI, the twelve (12) month period applicable under the Franchise for the computation of the Franchise Fee shall be a calendar year. Such payments shall be made no later than forty-five (45) days following the end of each calendar quarter. Franchisee shall be allowed to submit or correct any payments that were incorrectly omitted, and shall be refunded any payments that were incorrectly submitted, in connection with the quarterly Franchise Fee remittances within ninety (90) days following the close of the calendar year for which such payments were made.

6.2. *Supporting Information:* Each Franchise Fee payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of Franchisee showing in detail the basis for the computation.

6.3. *Limitation on Franchise Fee Actions:* The parties agree that the period of limitation for recovery of any Franchise Fee payable hereunder shall be six (6) years from the date on which payment by Franchisee is due.

6.4. *Bundled Services:* If the Franchisee bundles Cable Service with Non-Cable Service, the Franchisee agrees that it will not intentionally or unlawfully allocate any discount associated with purchasing bundled services for the purposes of evading the Franchise Fee payments under this Franchise. The parties agree that tariffed telecommunication service rates that cannot be discounted by law or regulation are to be excluded from the bundled discount allocation basis. Where pro rata allocation of bundled discounts is commercially practical for any bundled offering, the Franchisee will allocate the bundled discount such that the discount allocated to Cable Service revenues will not exceed the amount which would be allocated to Cable Service revenue on a pro rata basis.

7. **REPORTS AND RECORDS**

7.1. *Open Books and Records:* Upon reasonable written notice to the Franchisee and with no less than thirty (30) business days written notice to the Franchisee, the LFA shall have the right to inspect Franchisee’s books and records pertaining to the operation of the Cable System or Franchisee’s provision of Cable Service in the Franchise Area at any time during Normal Business Hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Franchise. Such notice shall specifically reference the section or subsection of the Franchise which is under review, so that Franchisee may organize the necessary books and records for appropriate access by the LFA. Franchisee shall make the necessary books and records available for such inspection at a location within the state or at another mutually agreed upon site. Franchisee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for Franchise compliance purposes longer than three (3) years. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Franchisee shall not be required to disclose information that it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose any of its or an Affiliate’s books and records not relating to the provision of Cable Service in the Service Area. Subject to the requirements of the New York Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”), the LFA

shall treat any information disclosed by Franchisee as confidential under Section 87(2)(d) of the New York Public Officers Law, and shall disclose it only to employees, representatives, and agents thereof who have a need to know and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information, or only as necessary in order to enforce the provisions hereof. For purposes of this Section, “proprietary or confidential” information includes, but is not limited to: information related to the Cable System design; trade secrets; Subscriber lists; marketing plans; financial information unrelated to the calculation of Franchise Fees; or other information that is reasonably determined by the Franchisee to be competitively sensitive. If the LFA receives a request under FOIL or similar law for the disclosure of information that Franchisee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the LFA shall notify Franchisee of such request and cooperate with Franchisee to enforce the provisions of this paragraph to the fullest extent permitted by law. LFA shall not make public disclosure of such information if it is exempt from mandatory disclosure under FOIL or unless required by court order. Franchisee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of Section 631 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 551.

7.2. *Records Required:* Franchisee shall at all times maintain:

7.2.1. Records of all written complaints for a period of three (3) years after receipt by Franchisee. The term “complaint” as used herein refers to complaints about any aspect of the Cable System or Franchisee’s cable operations, including, without limitation, complaints about employee courtesy. Complaints recorded will not be limited to complaints requiring an employee service call;

7.2.2. Records of outages for a period of three (3) years after occurrence, indicating date, duration, area, and the number of Subscribers affected, type of outage, and cause;

7.2.3. Records of service calls for repair and maintenance for a period of three (3) years after resolution by Franchisee, indicating the date and time service was required, the date of acknowledgment and date and time service was scheduled (if it was scheduled), and the date and time service was provided, and (if different) the date and time the problem was resolved;

7.2.4. Records of installation/reconnection and requests for service extension for a period of three (3) years after the request was fulfilled by Franchisee, indicating the date of request, date of acknowledgment, and the date and time service was extended; and

7.2.5. A map showing the area of coverage for the provisioning of Cable Services and estimated timetable to commence providing Cable Service.

7.3. *System-Wide Statistics:* Subject to the requirements of Section 895.1(t) of the NY PSC rule and regulations, any valid reporting requirement in the Franchise may be satisfied with system-wide statistics, except those related to Franchise Fees and consumer complaints.

8. **INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

8.1. *Insurance:*

8.1.1. Franchisee shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the Franchise Term, the following insurance coverage:

8.1.1.1. Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) combined single limit for property damage and bodily injury per occurrence and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the aggregate. Such insurance shall cover the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System, and the conduct of Franchisee's Cable Service business in the LFA.

8.1.1.2. Automobile Liability Insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage coverage.

8.1.1.3. Workers' Compensation Insurance meeting all legal requirements of the State of New York.

8.1.1.4. Employers' Liability Insurance in the following amounts: (A) Bodily Injury by Accident: one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and (B) Bodily Injury by Disease: one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per employee limit; five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) policy limit.

8.1.1.5. Excess liability or umbrella coverage of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

8.1.2. The LFA shall be designated as an additional insured under each of the insurance policies required in this Article 8 except Worker's Compensation Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance and excess liability or umbrella coverage. Such additional insured requirement shall be indicated on the original Certificates of Insurance.

8.1.3. Each of the required insurance policies shall be noncancellable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the LFA. Franchisee shall not cancel any required insurance policy without submitting documentation to the LFA verifying that the Franchisee has obtained alternative insurance in conformance with this Agreement.

8.1.4. Each of the required insurance policies shall be with sureties qualified to do business in the State of New York, with an A- or better rating for financial condition and financial performance by Best's Key Rating Guide, Property/Casualty Edition.

8.1.5. Franchisee shall deliver to LFA original Certificates of Insurance showing evidence of all required coverages under this Agreement on or before the Effective Date and providing for at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to be given to LFA of cancellation, intent not to renew or any adverse material change.

8.2. *Indemnification:*

8.2.1. Franchisee agrees to indemnify the LFA for, and hold it harmless from, all liability, damage, cost or expense arising from claims of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by reason of any conduct undertaken pursuant to the Franchise, or by reason of any suit or claim for royalties, programming license fees or infringement of patent rights arising out of Franchisee's provision of Cable Services over the Cable System other than PEG facilities and Channels as provided in Section 5.5, provided that the LFA shall give Franchisee written notice of the LFA's request for indemnification within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall not indemnify the LFA for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the LFA, its officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties or for any activity or function conducted by any Person other than Franchisee in connection with PEG Access or EAS.

8.2.2. With respect to Franchisee's indemnity obligations set forth in Subsection 8.2.1, Franchisee shall provide the defense of any claims brought against the LFA by selecting counsel of Franchisee's choice to defend the claim, subject to the consent of the LFA, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the LFA from cooperating with the Franchisee and participating in the defense of any litigation by its own counsel at its own cost and expense, provided however, that after consultation with the LFA, Franchisee shall have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claim or action arising hereunder, and Franchisee shall have the authority to decide the appropriateness and the amount of any such settlement. In the event that the terms of any such proposed settlement includes the release of the LFA and the LFA does not consent to the terms of any such settlement or compromise, Franchisee shall not settle the claim or action but its obligation to indemnify the LFA shall in no event exceed the amount of such settlement.

8.2.3. The LFA shall be responsible for its own acts of willful misconduct, negligence or breach, subject to any and all defenses and limitations of liability provided by law. The Franchisee shall not be required to indemnify the LFA for acts of the LFA which constitute willful misconduct or negligence on the part of the LFA, its officers, employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, independent contractors or third parties.

9. **TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE**

9.1. *LFA Consent Required:* Subject to Section 617 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 537, as amended, no Transfer of the Franchise shall occur without the prior consent of the LFA, provided that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. In considering an application for the Transfer of the Franchise, the LFA may consider the applicant's: (i) technical ability; (ii) financial ability; (iii) good character; and (iv) other qualifications necessary to continue to operate the Cable System consistent with the terms of the Franchise.

9.2. *LFA Consent Not Required for Certain Transactions:* No prior consent of the LFA shall be required for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, by

assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Franchisee in the Franchise or Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or for transactions otherwise excluded under Section 1.31 above.

9.3. *Each Transfer of the Franchise Subject to this Article:* Each Transfer of the Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of this Article 9.

10. **RENEWAL OF FRANCHISE**

10.1. *Governing Law:* The LFA and Franchisee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the LFA that relate to the renewal of this Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 12.12 below, the Cable Law, and Section 626 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 546, as amended.

10.2. *Needs Assessment:* In addition to the procedures set forth in Section 626 of the Communications Act, the LFA shall notify Franchisee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of Franchisee under the then current Franchise term. Such assessments shall be provided to Franchisee by the LFA promptly so that Franchisee will have adequate time to submit a proposal under 47 U.S.C. § 546 and complete renewal of the Franchise prior to expiration of its term.

10.3. *Informal Negotiations:* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, Franchisee and the LFA agree that at any time during the term of the then current Franchise, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment, the LFA and Franchisee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current Franchise and the LFA may grant a renewal thereof.

10.4. *Consistent Terms:* Franchisee and the LFA consider the terms set forth in this Article 10 to be consistent with the express provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 546 and the Cable Law.

11. **ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF FRANCHISE**

11.1. *Notice of Violation:* If at any time the LFA believes that Franchisee has not complied with the terms of the Franchise, the LFA shall informally discuss the matter with Franchisee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem in a reasonable time, the LFA shall then notify Franchisee in writing of the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance in a reasonable time (for purposes of this Article, the “Noncompliance Notice”).

11.2. *Franchisee’s Right to Cure or Respond:* Franchisee shall have sixty (60) days from receipt of the Noncompliance Notice to: (i) respond to the LFA, if Franchisee contests (in whole or in part) the assertion of noncompliance; (ii) cure such noncompliance; or (iii) in the event that, by its nature, such noncompliance cannot be cured within such sixty (60) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such noncompliance and notify the LFA of the steps being taken and the date by which Franchisee projects that it will complete cure of such

noncompliance. Upon cure of any noncompliance, the LFA shall provide written confirmation that such cure has been effected.

11.3. *Public Hearing:* The LFA shall schedule a public hearing if the LFA seeks to continue its investigation into the alleged noncompliance (i) if Franchisee fails to respond to the Noncompliance Notice pursuant to the procedures required by this Article, or (ii) if Franchisee has not remedied the alleged noncompliance within sixty (60) days or the date projected pursuant to Section 11.2(iii) above. The LFA shall provide Franchisee at least sixty (60) business days prior written notice of such public hearing, which will specify the time, place and purpose of such public hearing, and provide Franchisee the opportunity to be heard.

11.4. *Enforcement:* Subject to Section 12.12 below and applicable federal and state law, in the event that the LFA, after the public hearing set forth in Section 11.3, determines that Franchisee is in default of any provision of this Franchise, the LFA may, without limitation of any other lawful rights or remedies it may have:

11.4.1. Seek specific performance of any provision, which reasonably lends itself to such remedy, as an alternative to damages; or

11.4.2. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief; or

11.4.3. In the case of a substantial noncompliance with a material provision of this Franchise, seek to revoke the Franchise in accordance with Section 11.5.

11.5. *Revocation:* If the LFA seeks to revoke this Franchise after following the procedures set forth above in this Article, including the public hearing described in Section 11.3, then the LFA shall give written notice to Franchisee of such intent. The notice shall set forth the specific nature of the noncompliance. The Franchisee shall have ninety (90) days from receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the LFA has not received a satisfactory response from Franchisee, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a second public hearing. The LFA shall cause to be served upon the Franchisee, at least thirty (30) business days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke the Franchise.

11.5.1. At the designated public hearing, Franchisee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the rights to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the LFA, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question and/or cross examine witnesses. A complete verbatim record and transcript shall be made of such hearing.

11.5.2. Following the second public hearing, Franchisee shall be provided up to thirty (30) days to submit its proposed findings and conclusions to the LFA in writing and thereafter the LFA shall determine (i) whether an event of default has occurred under this Franchise; (ii) whether such event of default is excusable; and (iii) whether such event of default

has been cured or will be cured by the Franchisee. The LFA shall also determine whether it will revoke the Franchise based on the information presented, or, where applicable, grant additional time to the Franchisee to effect any cure. If the LFA determines that it will revoke the Franchise, the LFA shall promptly provide Franchisee with a written determination setting forth the LFA's reasoning for such revocation. Franchisee may appeal such written determination of the LFA to an appropriate court, which shall have the power to review the decision of the LFA de novo. Franchisee shall be entitled to such relief as the court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within sixty (60) days of Franchisee's receipt of the written determination of the LFA.

11.5.3. The LFA may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action that it deems appropriate to enforce the LFA's rights under the Franchise in lieu of revocation of the Franchise.

11.6. *Abandonment of Service:* Franchisee shall not abandon any Cable Service or portion thereof without the LFA's prior written consent as provided in the Cable Law.

12. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

12.1. *Actions of Parties:* In any action by the LFA or Franchisee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

12.2. *Binding Acceptance:* This Agreement shall bind and benefit the parties hereto and their respective heirs, beneficiaries, administrators, executors, receivers, trustees, successors and assigns, and the promises and obligations herein shall survive the expiration date hereof.

12.3. *Preemption:* In the event that federal or state law, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this Agreement, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent, and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required by law. In the event such federal or state law, rule or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the LFA.

12.4. *Force Majeure:* Franchisee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by a Force Majeure; provided, however, that in the event of a Force Majeure, the time specified for performance of Franchisee's obligations hereunder shall extend for such reasonable time thereafter as may be agreed by the LFA and Franchisee.

12.4.1. Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the LFA's intention to subject Franchisee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of the Franchise for violations of the Franchise where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on Subscribers, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship being placed upon Franchisee that outweigh the benefit to be derived by the LFA and/or Subscribers.

12.5. *Notices:* Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, notices required under the Franchise shall be mailed first class, postage prepaid, to the addressees below. Each party may change its designee by providing written notice to the other party.

12.5.1. Notices to Franchisee shall be mailed to:

Verizon New York Inc.
Jack White, Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Verizon Telecom
One Verizon Way
Room VC43E010
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920-1097

12.5.2. Notices to the LFA shall be mailed to:

Deputy Treasurer/Technical Director
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
Village Hall
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

12.5.3. with a copy to:

Brian D. Murphy, Esq.
Stecich Murphy & Lammers
828 Broadway, Suite 201
Tarrytown, New York 10591

12.6. *Entire Agreement:* This Franchise and the Exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between Franchisee and the LFA and they supersede all prior or contemporaneous agreements, representations or understandings (whether written or oral) of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.

12.7. *Amendments:* Amendments to this Franchise shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

12.8. *Captions:* The captions and headings of articles and sections throughout this Agreement are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to the articles, sections and

provisions of this Agreement. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

12.9. *Severability:* If any section, subsection, sub-subsection, sentence, paragraph, term, or provision hereof is determined to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of the Franchise.

12.10. *Recitals:* The recitals set forth in this Agreement are incorporated into the body of this Agreement as if they had been originally set forth herein.

12.11. *Modification:* This Franchise shall not be modified except by written instrument executed by both parties.

12.12. *FTTP Network Transfer Prohibition:* Under no circumstance including, without limitation, upon expiration, revocation, termination, denial of renewal of the Franchise or any other action to forbid or disallow Franchisee from providing Cable Services, shall Franchisee or its assignees be required to sell any right, title, interest, use or control of any portion of Franchisee's FTTP Network including, without limitation, the Cable System and any capacity used for Cable Service or otherwise, to the LFA or any third party. Franchisee shall not be required to remove the FTTP Network or to relocate the FTTP Network or any portion thereof as a result of revocation, expiration, termination, denial of renewal or any other action to forbid or disallow Franchisee from providing Cable Services. This provision is not intended to contravene leased access requirements under Title VI or PEG requirements set out in this Agreement.

12.13. *NY PSC Approval:* This Franchise and any amendment or modification hereof is subject to the approval of the NY PSC. Franchisee shall file an application for such approval with the NY PSC within sixty (60) days after the date hereof. Franchisee shall also file any necessary notices with the FCC.

12.14. *Rates and Charges:* The rates and charges for Cable Service provided pursuant to this Franchise shall be subject to regulation in accordance with federal law.

12.15. *Publishing Information:* LFA hereby requests that Franchisee omit publishing information specified in 47 C.F.R. § 76.952 from Subscriber bills.

12.16. *Employment Practices:* Franchisee will not refuse to hire, nor will it bar or discharge from employment, nor discriminate against any person in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, or sex.

12.17. *Customer Service:* Franchisee shall comply with the consumer protection and customer service standards set forth in Parts 890 and 896 of the NY PSC rules and regulations.

12.18. *LFA Official:* The Deputy Treasurer/Technical Director of the LFA is the LFA official that is responsible for the continuing administration of this Agreement.

12.19. *No Waiver of LFA's Rights:* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the LFA's rights under applicable federal and state law.

12.20. *No Third Party Beneficiaries:* Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits on behalf of any Person other than the parties to this Agreement.

AGREED TO THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

LFA:

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

By: _____
Title

FRANCHISEE:

VERIZON NEW YORK INC.

By: _____
Title

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Municipal Buildings to be Provided Free Cable Service

Exhibit B: Service Area

Exhibit C: PEG Channels

Exhibit List

Hastings-on-Hudson/Verizon New York Inc.
Franchise Agreement/September 2006

EXHIBIT A

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO BE PROVIDED FREE CABLE SERVICE

Village Hall
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings Police Department
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings Public Library
7 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Public Works Garage
69 Southside Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings Recreation Department
7 Farragut Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

New Community Center 2007
44 Main Street
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Chemka Pool
1 Chemka Road (intersection Hillside Avenue)
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings Ambulance Corps
49 Main Street
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Protection Engine Co. No. 1
573 Warburton
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Uniontown Hose Co. No. 2
25 Rose Street
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Riverview Manor Hose Co. 3
83 Euclid Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1
50 Main Street
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings High School
1 Mt. Hope Boulevard
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hastings Middle School
29 Farragut Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Hillside Elementary School
120 Lefugy Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

EXHIBIT B

SERVICE AREA

The Service Area shall be the Franchise Area. The construction of the Franchisee's FTTP Network has been substantially completed throughout the Franchise Area subject only to Subsection 3.1.1. and Section 3.2 of the Franchise, and accordingly it is not necessary to provide any additional details concerning the construction and/or deployment time tables and areas within the Service Area. A map of the Service Area is attached hereto.

EXHIBIT C
PEG CHANNELS

The Franchisee will transmit PEG programming as provided by the LFA and the public, as directed.

Marie C. Lasota
Assistant General Counsel
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Re: Cable Franchise Agreement by and between the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and Verizon New York Inc. ("Verizon") (the "Verizon Franchise")

Dear Mr. Perlstein:

In accordance with discussions over the past several weeks between the Village and representatives for Verizon, Mac Kerbey and Pamela Goldstein, I am writing to provide clarification with respect to a number of the provisions set forth in the Verizon Franchise Agreement with the Village of Hastings on Hudson. As noted in your letter dated July 25, 2006, the comments set forth herein are directed specifically to Verizon's agreement with the Village rather than the Greenburgh Consortium as a whole. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Verizon Franchise.

1. In response to Item #5 from your July 25 letter, dealing with Section 1.27 of the Verizon Franchise (Service Area definition), as stated in that letter, the Village seeks assurances that subscribers outside of the boundaries of Hastings, but otherwise served by the Hastings School District, would be able to receive the Hastings Educational Access Channel. As I understand has been previously reviewed with you, an attribute of Verizon's system architecture makes the signal potentially available to subscribers outside of Hastings, including the School District, so long as Verizon has a franchise in the affected communities and can therefore lawfully provide the signal to those communities.

It is also my understanding that you have previously indicated that it is your understanding that all portions of the Hastings School District outside of the boundaries of the Village are within the boundaries of the Town of Greenburgh ("Greenburgh"). Verizon is seeking a franchise from Greenburgh contemporaneous with its application in Hastings, and so it would appear that the Hastings Educational Access Channel will be available to all subscribers within the Hastings School District, again so long as Verizon has an approved franchise in that municipality.

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2. As stated in the Verizon Franchise at Section 2.3 (Term), Verizon will formally notify Hastings in writing of the effective date of the agreement. As a courtesy, Verizon will also provide a copy of the NY PSC's "Order and Certificate of Confirmation."

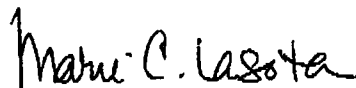
3. With respect to Article 3 of the Verizon Franchise (Provision of Cable Service), Verizon's engineers have confirmed that the entire Service Area (the Village) is comprised of occupied residential dwelling unit densities of equal to or greater than that set forth as a minimum in Article 3, and service will be provided in accordance with the terms of that Article.

4. With respect to Subsection 5.1.2 of the Verizon Franchise (PEG Set Aside), Verizon acknowledges that PEG programming content referenced in that subsection constitutes the property of the Village and shall not be transmitted beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village other than as stated and consistent with Verizon's specific obligations under the Verizon Franchise.

I believe that the above information addresses the items of concern identified in your letters of July 25 and August 29, 2006, as well as conversations with Mac Kerbey and Pamela Goldstein over the past several weeks.

On behalf of Verizon, we look forward with proceeding to the public hearing scheduled for September 19, 2006. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Mac Kerbey and Pamela Goldstein, who remain available to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Susan Maggiotto, Village Clerk/Deputy Village Manager, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
Verizon New York Inc.