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Karen Charles Peterson, Commissioner
Department of Telecommunications & Cable
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118-6500

APPROVED

Date: 4/12/16

Re: City of Boston New CATV Process – Expedited Requests for Waivers of New Licensing
Notice Requirements in 207 CMR § 3.03(2)

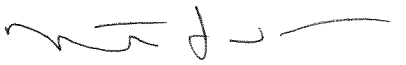
Dear Commissioner Peterson:

In conjunction with the notice separately filed today by the City of Boston (“City”) and undersigned Mayor Martin J. Walsh, as Cable Television (“CATV”) Issuing Authority, with the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”), the City hereby requests waivers, pursuant to 207 CMR § 2.04, of two CATV licensee notice requirements in Section 3.03(2) of the Department’s Rules, as follows: (1) waiver of the 60 day return period specified in Section 3.03(2) and, instead, authorizing responses to be filed within thirty (30) days after public notice; and (2) waiver of the requirement in Section 3.03(2) that the upcoming CATV licensing process be advertised in a national trade journal. The City also requests that both waivers be granted on an expedited basis, preferably not later than close of business tomorrow (April 13, 2016), so that the City can begin soliciting applications for cable television operators as promptly as possible.

As grounds for these requested waivers, the City understands that the Department has commonly granted both waivers upon request by municipal Issuing Authorities so that licensing can be expedited and pursued on a cost effective basis. The City believes both measures will reduce the time and expense associated with soliciting applications while still affording ample notice to any communications providers interested in pursuing CATV opportunities with the City.

Accordingly, for the above stated reasons, the City requests that the Department grant the requested waivers on an expedited basis.

CITY OF BOSTON


Martin J. Walsh
Mayor and CATV Issuing Authority

cc: Sara J. Clark, Secretary, DTC (by hand and email)
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