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NJ Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor

Trenton, NJ 08625

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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of New Jersey LLC, for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Township of Lacey, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey
Our File No. 41000,3000

Dear Secretary Asbury:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and eleven (11) copies of the Verified Petition and Verification filed on behalf of Comcast of New Jersey LLC ("Comcast"), along with three (3) copies of Comcast's public Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("Application"), with respect to the above-referenced matter. Said copies of the Application have been redacted so as to protect certain confidential information contained therein. Confidential copies of the Application are being submitted simultaneously under separate cover, along with Comcast's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-12 et seq.

Kindly file the Petition and please return the extra copy of this letter and Petition stamped "RECEIVED" in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided herein.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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For the Firm

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY, LLC, FOR A RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LACEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**VERIFIED PETITION** 

Docket No.

Comcast of New Jersey, LLC (hereinafter "Comcast" or "Petitioner"), hereby petitions the Honorable Board of Public Utilities (the "Board"), pursuant to 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §546(c), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:5A-15, -16 and -17, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:17-6.9 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:18-13.1 <u>et seq.</u>, for renewal of a Certificate of Approval. In support of its Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

### COUNT ONE

- Comcast, a limited liability company duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, is a cable television company subject to the jurisdiction of the Office of Cable Television ("OCTV") and the Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.
- Comcast maintains its principal offices at 830 Highway 37 West, Toms River,
   New Jersey 08755.

- 3. On or about January 27, 1977, in Docket No. 7312C-5066, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b) and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28(c), the Board issued a Certificate of Approval to Cable Haven TV, Inc. ("Cable Haven") for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable television system ("System") in and for the Township of Lacey ("Township" or "Lacey"). A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV.
- 4. On January 29, 1981, in Docket No. 8012C-6736, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval pertaining to the Township, from Cable Haven to Clear Cable TV, Inc. ("Clear Cable").
- 5. On April 19, 1984, in Docket No. 8312C-7044, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval pertaining to the Township, from Clear Cable to Adelphia Cablevision, Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Adelphia").
- 6. On or about September 24, 1992, in Docket No. CE91121880, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Adelphia for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in and for the Township. A copy of said Renewal Certificate of Approval is on file with the OCTV.
- 7. On December 9, 1992, the Board issued an Order amending the Renewal Certificate of Approval issued in Docket NO. CE91121880. A copy of said Order is on file with the OCTV.
- 8. On December 21, 2000, in Docket No. CM00030127, the Board approved the transfer of the System, including the Certificate of Approval pertaining to the Township, from Adelphia to Petitioner (previously known as Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey, LLC), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Comcast Corporation.

- 9. On or about December 18, 2003, in Docket No. CE03070543, the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Petitioner for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in and for the Township. A copy of said Renewal Certificate of Approval is on file with the OCTV.
- 10. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.3(a)3, on or about March 18, 2013, Petitioner submitted an Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent (hereinafter the "Municipal Application") to continue to construct, operate and maintain the System in the Township.
- 11. On or about June 13, 2013, a public hearing was held by the Township with respect to Petitioner's Municipal Application, during which all interested persons desiring to be heard were so heard.
- 12. On or about February 26, 2015, the Township adopted Ordinance No. 2015-02 (the "Ordinance") granting to Petitioner renewal of its Municipal Consent ("Renewal of Municipal Consent") to continue to construct, operate and maintain the System in the Township. A copy of the Ordinance is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 13. On or about March 18, 2015, Comcast filed its formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Renewal of Municipal Consent granted by the Township, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-24. A copy of said letter of acceptance is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.
- 14. The information pertaining to Comcast on file with the OCTV, together with the information contained in its Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("COA Application") pertaining to the Township, simultaneously filed herewith, all of which is adopted by reference thereto, establishes the requisite criteria for the continued construction, operation and maintenance of the System in the Township by Comcast.

- 15. Comcast possesses the requisite character and suitability for the continued operation of the System. Further, as indicated in the COA Application and other information on file with the OCTV, Comcast possesses the necessary financial responsibility and the ability to perform efficiently the proposed services and those services that may be required by the public convenience and necessity during the renewal period. The public convenience and necessity generally support the appropriateness of the issuance of a Renewal Certificate of Approval for the Township to Comcast.
- 16. Comcast has complied, and will continue to comply, with all rules, regulations and laws applicable to the construction, operation and maintenance of the System and will continue to provide safe, adequate and proper cable television service in the Township and the other municipalities in which it serves.

#### **COUNT TWO**

- 17. Comcast repeats paragraphs 1 through 16 of COUNT ONE as if set forth fully hereinafter.
- 18. As set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV, the System operated by Comcast in the Township is part of larger regional Comcast and Comcast-affiliated cable television systems serving numerous other municipalities contiguous to and surrounding the Township.
- 19. As also set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV, the Township represents an integral part of the Comcast and Comcast-affiliated regional cable television systems serving the counties of Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean. In addition, the demographics of the Township, as well as its location and other factors, mandate

that cable television service be provided by Comcast as part of Comcast's and its affiliates' regional systems.

- 20. The Township portion of Comcast's and its affiliates' Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean County regional cable systems is necessary for the continued provision of safe, adequate and economical cable television service to the citizens and residents of the Township and the larger cable television systems generally. Further, continuation of Comcast's operating authority in the Township will avoid an unreasonable duplication of services which would otherwise be detrimental to the development of adequate cable television service.
- 21. Comcast is entitled to a renewal of its Municipal Consent and Certificate of Approval, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17(b) of the New Jersey Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.
- 22. Comcast believes that a Renewal Certificate of Approval for the Township of Lacey is necessary and proper for the public convenience and will serve the public interest for reasons which include, <u>inter alia</u>, the following:
- (a) The grant of a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Comcast will ensure the continued provision of safe, adequate and proper cable television service to the residents of the Township;
- (b) The services provided and to be provided by Comcast as set forth in its COA Application are and will be of great benefit to the citizens and residents of the Township;
- (c) The financial strength and technical expertise of Comcast are more than adequate to continue to construct, operate and maintain its cable television system in the Township of Lacey; and
- (d) Comcast, its officers and its directors, have vast experience in all aspects of cable television. In particular, they possess and represent the highest degree of technical and

engineering competence, significant administrative experience and a demonstrated

responsiveness to community needs. In addition to Lacey, Comcast and its affiliates hold

Certificates of Approval or other authorization to construct, operate and maintain cable

television systems in more than 340 municipalities in New Jersey, as well as additional

communities in 38 other states.

WHEREFORE, it is requested that this Honorable Board of Public Utilities issue to

Comcast of New Jersey, LLC, a Renewal Certificate of Approval to continue to construct,

operate and maintain a cable television system in the Township of Lacey.

Respectfully submitted,

SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC

Attorneys for Petitioner

Comcast of New Jersey, LLC

By: Dinken 14p

Dated: May 15 2015

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VERIFICATION

Docket No.

Robert D. Clifton, hereby certifies as follows:

- I am Senior Director of Government Affairs of Comcast of New Jersey,
   LLC, Petitioner in the within matter.
- 2. I am familiar with the nature and contents of the Petition to which this Verification is annexed.
- 3. The allegations of the Petition are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

Dated: May 13th, 2015

Robert D. Clifton