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Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary NJ Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

CE15080959

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC, for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the Township of Cranford, County of Union, 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 II, 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,

Dennis Linken Idp

Dennis C. Linken For the Firm

DCL:dp

cc:w/enc. Lawanda R. Gilbert, Acting Director (via first class mail)

Maria T. Novas-Ruiz, Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel (via first class mail)

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Charles L. Smith III, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs (via first class mail)

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File No. 41000.3000

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

VERIFIED PETITION

Docket No.

Comcast of New Jersey II, 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 *et seg.*, 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.

- Comeast maintains its principal offices at 800 Rahway Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.
- 3. On or about August 3, 1979, 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 in Docket No. 796C-6487 to Suburban Cablevision ("Suburban") to provide cable television service in the Township of Cranford ("Township" or "Cranford"). A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file with the OCTV.
- 4. On or about December 5, 1990, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b), the Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Suburban in Docket No. CE89120988 to provide cable television service in Cranford. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file with the OCTV.
- 5. On or about November 30, 1994, pursuant to authorization granted by the Board in its Order of Approval in Docket No. CM94080365, Suburban became a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Comcast Corporation; Suburban subsequently changed its name to Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC, Petitioner herein.
- On or about April 19, 2000, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b), the
  Board issued a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Petitioner in Docket No. CE99120911 to
  provide cable television service in Cranford. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file
  with the OCTV.
- 7. On or about June 10, 2002, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and (b), the Board issued an Order of Amendment of a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Petitioner in Docket Nos. CE99120911 and CE 02040255 to provide cable television service in Cranford. A copy of said Order is on file with the OCTV.

- 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 October 29, 2013, Petitioner submitted an Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent (hereinafter the "Municipal Application") to continue to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system ("System") in the Township.
- On or about January 13, 2014, 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.
- 10. On or about May 19, 2015, the Township adopted Ordinance No. 2015-20 (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.
- On or about June 2, 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.
- 12. The information pertaining to Petitioner on file with the OCTV, together with the information contained in its Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("COA Application"), simultaneously submitted herewith, all of which is adopted by reference thereto, establishes the requisite criteria for the continued construction, ownership, operation and management of the System in Cranford by Comcast.
- 13. 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 integrity and the ability to perform efficiently the proposed services and those services which 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 to Petitioner.

14. Petitioner 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 of Cranford and the other municipalities in which it serves.

#### COUNT TWO

- Comcast repeats paragraphs 1 through 14 of COUNT ONE as if set forth fully hereinafter.
- 16. As set forth in the Municipal Application, 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.
- 17. As also set forth in the Municipal Application, 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 Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union. 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.
- 18. The Township portion of Comcast's and its affiliates' Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union 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

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

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

construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in the Township of Cranford.

Respectfully submitted,

SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC Attorneys for Petitioner

Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC

Dennis C. Linken

Dated: August 11, 2015

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VERIFICATION

Docket No.

Charles L. Smith III hereby certifies as follows:

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

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

Pharles I Smith III

Dated: August 6, 2015