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Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 314 Trenton, NJ 08625

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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Comcast of Burlington County, LLC, for a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Continue to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in and for the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Our File No. 41000.3000

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and eleven (11) copies of the Verified Petition and Verification filed on behalf of Comcast of Burlington County, 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 Application and please return the extra copy of this letter, Petition and documents 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,

Lama M. Miller

Laura M. Miller For the Firm

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cc/w/enc. Lawanda R. Gilbert, Director (via Fedex Overnight Mail)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) COMCAST OF BURLINGTON COUNTY, LLC, ) RENEWAL **CERTIFICATE** FOR A APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT, ) A CABLE) AND MAINTAIN **OPERATE** TELEVISION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE ) BURLINGTON, COUNTY CITY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**VERIFIED PETITION** 

Docket No.

Comcast of Burlington County, LLC (hereinafter, "Comcast" or "Petitioner"), hereby petitions the Honorable Board of Public Utilities (the "Board"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-15, 16 and 17, and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.6, for renewal of a Certificate of Approval to continue to construct, operate and maintain its cable television system ("System") in the City of Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey ("City" or "Burlington"). In support of its Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

#### **COUNT ONE**

1. 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 & Telecommunications ("OCTV&T") and the Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

- Comcast maintains its principal offices at 1250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry
   Hill, New Jersey 08034.
- 3. On or about April 30, 1982, in Docket No. 803C-6662, 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 Futurevision Cable Enterprises, Inc. ("Futurevision"), to construct, operate and maintain the System in the City. A copy of said Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 4. On or about July 1, 1988, pursuant to authorization granted by the Board in its Order of Approval in Docket No. CM86050542, Storer Cable Communications of Burlington County, Inc. ("Storer"), succeeded to the rights of Futurevision as part of an internal corporate reorganization. A copy of said Order of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 5. On or about March 4, 1994, in Docket No. CE92010074, 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 Renewal Certificate of Approval to Storer, now known as Comcast, to construct, operate and maintain the System in the City. A copy of said Renewal Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 6. On or about October 25, 2007, in Docket No. CE02030203, 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 Renewal Certificate of Approval to Comcast, to construct, operate and maintain the System in the City. A copy of said Renewal Certificate of Approval is on file at the OCTV&T.
- 7. 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 July 27, 2016, Petitioner submitted an Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent (hereinafter the "Municipal Application") to continue to construct, operate and maintain the System in the City.

- 8. On or about September 4, 2018, a public hearing was held by the City with respect to Petitioner's Municipal Application, during which all interested persons desiring to be heard were so heard.
- 9. On or about April 9, 2019, the City adopted Ordinance No. 07-2019 (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 City. A copy of the Ordinance is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- On or about April 17, 2019, Comcast filed its formal acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Renewal of Municipal Consent granted by the City, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-24. A copy of said letter of acceptance is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.
- 11. The information pertaining to Petitioner on file with the OCTV&T, together with the information contained in Petitioner's Application for Renewal of a Certificate of Approval ("COA Application") pertaining to the City, simultaneously filed herewith, all of which is adopted by reference thereto, establish the requisite criteria for the continued construction, ownership, operation and management of the System in Burlington by Comcast.
- operation of the System. Further, as indicated in the COA Application and other information on file with the OCTV&T, Comeast possesses the necessary financial responsibility 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.
- 13. 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 Burlington and the other municipalities in which it serves.

#### **COUNT TWO**

- 14. Comcast repeats paragraphs 1 through 13 of COUNT ONE as if set forth fully hereinafter.
- 15. As set forth in the COA Application and other information on file at the OCTV&T, the System operated by Comcast in the City is part of larger cable television systems serving numerous other municipalities contiguous to and surrounding the City.
- 16. As also set forth in the COA Application, the City represents an integral part of the Comcast regional cable television systems serving the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem. In addition, the demographics of Burlington, 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.
- The City portion of Comcast's and its affiliates' Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem 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 City and the larger cable television systems generally. Further, continuation of Comcast's operating authority in the City will avoid an unreasonable duplication of services which would otherwise be detrimental to the development of adequate cable television service.
- 18. Comeast is entitled to a renewal of its 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.
- 19. Comeast believes that an Automatic Renewal Certificate of Approval for the City of Burlington is necessary and proper for the public convenience and will serve the public interest for reasons which include, inter alia, the following:

a. The grant of a Renewal Certificate of Approval to Comcast will ensure the

continued provision of cable television service to the residents of the City;

b. The services to be provided by Comcast set forth in its COA Application

are of great benefit to the citizens and residents of the City;

c. The financial strength and technical expertise of Comcast are more than

adequate to continue to construct, operate and maintain its System in the City; and

d. Comcast, its officers and 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 Burlington, 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 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Comcast of Burlington County, LLC, hereby requests that the

Honorable Board of Public Utilities issue to Petitioner a Renewal Certificate of Approval to

continue to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system in and for the City of

Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC

Attorneys for Petitioner

Comcast of Burlington County, LLC

Dated: May 28, 2019

By: Laura M. Miller

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

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CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF )
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**VERIFICATION** 

Docket No.

### Fred J. DeAndrea, hereby certifies as follows:

- I am Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs of Comcast Burlington County, 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.

Fred I DeAndrea

Dated: May <u>23</u>, 2019