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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF CSC TKR, LLC AND SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL OF SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC.	) ) ) ) ) )	Docket No. CM20030211
STATE OF NEW YORK :		
COUNTY OF QUEENS : ss:		

## AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ

- I, CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ, being first duly sworn according to law, hereby depose and say that:
- 1. I am Senior Counsel, Government Affairs for CSC TKR, LLC (hereinafter "Altice"). I am familiar with, among other things, operational, technical, and business issues relating to the planning, development, and implementation of Altice's business in New Jersey. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the same.
- 2. I submit this affidavit in support of Altice's request for confidential and proprietary treatment of information included in Altice's Franchise Renewal Chart (hereinafter

"Franchise Chart") sent on or about August 31, 2022 to Lawanda Gilbert, Director of the Board of Public Utilities' Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications.

- 3. The Franchise Chart sets forth the status of various franchise areas formerly part of Service Electric Cable T.V. of New Jersey, Inc.'s service territory, including information on upcoming franchise negotiations. This information is sensitive commercial information and not available to the public. Altice is concerned that release of this commercially sensitive information could allow access by competitors and, for this reason, has reducted information in the Franchise Chart.
- 4. The information regarding franchise negotiations is highly confidential and proprietary in nature. Armed with knowledge of the data set forth therein, a competitor could develop targeted market and investment strategies, including plans that could have a detrimental impact on Altice's competitive position. Therefore, public disclosure of the Franchise Chart would be of benefit to Altice's competitors because of its inherent commercial value, causing a potential substantial detrimental impact on Altice's financial position.
- 5. To my knowledge, the Franchise Chart has not been made available to the public or contained in materials which are routinely available to the general public. Altice will take precautions to make sure that this document does not enter the public domain.
  - 6. Maintaining the confidentiality of the Franchise Chart will not harm the public.
- 7. To the best of my knowledge, neither the Board nor any other state or Federal agency or court of competent jurisdiction has previously made a confidentiality determination relevant to the pending confidentiality claim.

8. In view of the foregoing, it is appropriate for the Board to limit access to such information. The confidential information being provided is for the use of the Board in exercising its governmental functions. There is no legitimate purpose to be served in disclosing this proprietary material to Altice's competitors or, indeed, to any person other than the appropriate staff of the Board.

I hereby affirm that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ

Sworn to and subscribe before

me this 31st day of

August, 2022

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