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**VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC FILING**

Louise E. Rickard  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Department of Public Utility Control  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

**Re: Applications of Cablevision of Connecticut, L.P. and Cablevision Systems of Southern Connecticut, L.P. for Certificate of Video Franchise Authority**

Dear Ms. Rickard:

Cablevision of Connecticut, L.P. ("Cablevision CT") and Cablevision Systems of Southern Connecticut, L.P. ("Cablevision SCT") (collectively, "Cablevision") herein respectfully submit to the Department of Public Utility Control ("Department") their **APPLICATION** for certificates of video franchise authority ("CVFA") covering the entire state of Connecticut except for each applicant's respective cable franchise area served pursuant to existing certificates of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN").<sup>1/</sup> This application is submitted pursuant to Section 2 of Public Act No. 07-253, *An Act Concerning Certified Competitive Video Service* ("the Act"). Also enclosed are two checks in the amount of \$1,000 each as required by the Act.

The Act sets forth the state's franchising authority to be implemented by the Department. Section 2(a) of the Act permits cable operators to apply for a video certificate for "any service area in which it was not certified to provide community antenna television service pursuant to section 16-331 of the general statutes on or before October 1, 2007." Neither Cablevision CT nor Cablevision SCT is certified to provide community antenna television service anywhere in the state of Connecticut outside of its

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<sup>1/</sup> Although Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT submit this application jointly, each entity seeks its own CVFA.

existing CPCN cable franchise areas.<sup>2/</sup> A certificate of video franchise authority carries with it certain requirements as provided in the Act with respect to such issues as customer service, PEG transmission, and service accessibility, to name a few.

Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT are pleased to file this application and look forward to their receipt of their respective CVFAs. The CVFA will ensure that Connecticut residents continue to have a choice for their video services and that robust competition in the video market unfolds according to a level regulatory playing field.<sup>3/</sup> Cablevision and its affiliates began providing its video service offerings in Connecticut in 1981, and now has over 250,000 customers in 24 towns. The Department has characterized Cablevision's performance as "very good," noting in particular its "excellent" system reliability and picture performance.<sup>4/</sup>

Cablevision has a long history of cutting-edge technology, quality customer service and a focus on investment and jobs that contribute to the state's economic development. Cablevision's many investments in Connecticut include its over 1,400 employees who live or work in the state. The state-of-the art network that Cablevision offers to every home it serves, along with the rich array of broadband services offered by Cablevision over that network -- including digital video, on-demand and HD offerings, high-speed Internet access and voice telephone service -- underscores Cablevision's commitment to Connecticut. The Company eagerly awaits the Department's determination that the instant application is complete,<sup>5/</sup> followed by the grant of certificates of video franchise authority to Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT.

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<sup>2/</sup> Grant of the instant application would be consistent with the Department's letter decision in *Application of Cablevision of Litchfield, Inc. for a Certificate of Video Franchise Authority*, Docket No. 08-01-14 (Feb. 1, 2008) (granting Cablevision of Litchfield, Inc. a CVFA for the state of Connecticut, except for its legacy Litchfield franchise area).

<sup>3/</sup> See Letter from Louise E. Rickard to Merrie Cavanaugh, Esq., Nov. 1, 2007 (Docket No. 07-10-04) (granting AT&T's application for a statewide certificate of video franchise authority).

<sup>4/</sup> *Application of Cablevision of Southern Connecticut, L.P. for Franchise Renewal*, Docket No. 05-04-09, Nov. 22, 2006, at 40-41; *Application of Cablevision of Connecticut, L.P. for Franchise Renewal*, Docket No. 05-04-10, Jan. 10, 2007, at 37-38.

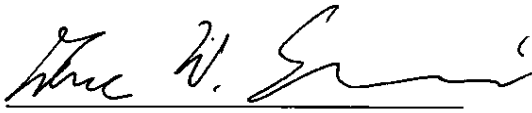
<sup>5/</sup> Section 2 (c) of the Act sets forth the requirements of the application:

The application shall include a completed affidavit submitted by the applicant and signed by an officer or general partner of the applicant, affirming: (1) The location of the applicant's principal place of business and the names of the applicant's principal executive officers; (2) that the applicant has filed or will timely file with the Federal Communications Commission all forms required by said commission in advance of offering video service in the state; (3) that the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and with all applicable orders of the department, including, but not limited to, those statutes, regulations and orders regarding the provision of video service by certified competitive video service providers and the use and occupation of public rights-of-way in the delivery of the video service by such providers; (4) that the applicant shall comply with the requirements of sections 4 to 12, inclusive, of this act. The affidavit shall also include a description of the service area

Service has been made pursuant to §16-1-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. This filing is being submitted as an electronic web filing and is complete.

Should there be any questions concerning this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
CSH Paul Jamieson

Enclosures

cc: Service List

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footprint to be served within the state, and such description shall be updated by the applicant before the expansion of video service to a previously undesignated service area, and a general description of the type or types of technologies the applicant will use to provide video service in its service area footprint, which may include wire line, satellite or any other alternative technology.

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BICKHAM**

My name is John Bickham. My business address is 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York. I am the President, Cable & Communications for Cablevision Area 9 Corporation, which is the managing general partner of Cablevision of Connecticut, L.P. (“Cablevision CT”). I am also the President, Cable & Communications, for Cablevision Fairfield Corporation, which is the sole general partner of Cablevision Systems of Southern Connecticut, L.P. (“Cablevision SCT”).

I am familiar with the application requirements of Public Act No. 07-253, *An Act Concerning Certified Competitive Video Service* (the “Act”). In accordance with the Act and in support of the application of Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT to offer video service pursuant to certificates of video franchise authority granted under Section 2 of the Act: [1] I affirm that both Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT have a principal place of business at 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York. The principal executive officers of the managing general partner of Cablevision CT and of the sole general partner of Cablevision SCT are as shown on Exhibits A and B, respectively, to the Application which are attached hereto and made a part hereof; [2] I affirm that Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT have filed or will timely file with the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) all forms required by the FCC in advance of offering such video service in Connecticut; [3] I affirm that Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT agree to comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and with all applicable orders of the Department of Public Utility Control (the “Department”), including, but not limited to, those statutes, regulations and orders regarding the provision of video service by certified competitive video service providers and the use


and occupation of public rights-of-way in the delivery of the video service by Cablevision; and [4] I affirm that Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT will comply with the requirements of Sections 4 to 12, inclusive, of Public Act No. 07-253.

Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT's proposed service area for their competitive video service offering will be the state of Connecticut, with the exception of the franchise areas within which each entity currently offers service pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Currently, Cablevision and its affiliates have approximately 250,000 video customers in the following Connecticut cities and towns: Bridgeport, Cornwall, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Goshen, Greenwich, Litchfield, Milford, Morris, New Canaan, Norwalk, Orange, Redding, Stamford, Stratford, Thomaston, Torrington, Warren, Watertown, Weston, Westport, Wilton, and Woodbridge. Cablevision proposes to provide the Department with updates at the end of any calendar quarter where Cablevision has extended its network to offer service to any additional Connecticut cities and towns in the preceding three months.

Section 2(c) of the Act provides in relevant part that "[t]he affidavit shall also include . . . a general description of the type or types of technologies the applicant will use to provide video service in its service area footprint, which may include wire line, satellite or any other alternative technology." Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT thus provide a general description of the type or types of technologies it and its affiliates use to provide video service in its service area footprint. Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT currently provide video service offerings to their subscribers over a state-of-the-art, 750 MHz two-way fiber optic network. In order to provide the advanced network necessary to provide these services, Cablevision CT and Cablevision SCT have deployed

a hybrid fiber coaxial network that utilizes fiber optic and coaxial cable transmission technologies. The network relies upon fiber optics for distribution from the headend to “nodes” located in the various residential neighborhoods served by Cablevision CT’s and Cablevision SCT’s systems. Network electronics housed in the node convert downstream video signals from the optical format by which they are carried over the fiber portion of the network into the electrical signals that are carried over the coaxial portion of the network that leads into subscriber homes.

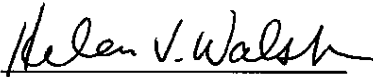
Cablevision CT’s and Cablevision SCT’s state-of-the art networks provide all subscribers with superior service reliability, enhanced picture quality, expanded channel capacity and advanced two-way capabilities. The networks are fully stand-by powered, which allows the systems to reduce service interruptions triggered by local power company outages or failures. The networks offer hundreds of channels in a variety of categories, innovative data and voice services and has provided a platform for the introduction of new technologies, such as switched video. Cablevision CT’s and Cablevision SCT’s networks have also permitted both companies to introduce many other new services, including digital video channels, video on demand, DVR and HDTV product offerings, and non-cable services such as high-speed Internet access and voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) service.

  
John Bickham  
President – Cable & Communications  
Cablevision Fairfield Corporation &  
Cablevision Area 9 Corporation

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Application for Certificates of Video Franchise Authority  
Affidavit of John Bickham*

STATE OF NEW YORK    )  
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COUNTY OF NASSAU    )    ss: Bethpage, New York

Personally appeared John Bickham and made oath to the truth of the matters contained in the foregoing Affidavit before me.

  
Notary Public

HELEN V. WALSH  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01WA5088009  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires Nov. 10, ~~2009~~

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