

NORTH SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 2, 2006

I. Call to Order

The Commission Chairman, Rick Talbot, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at CTV North Suburbs, Roseville facility.

II. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Craig Wilson, Arden Hills
Rick Talbot, Falcon Heights
Jeff Dains, Lauderdale
Rick Montour, Little Canada
Steve Larson, New Brighton
Jim Johnston, North Oaks
Tom Kough, Roseville
Hal Gray, St. Anthony
Ady Wickstrom, Shoreview

Others Present:

Coralie A. Wilson, Executive Director
Steve Guzzetta, Bradley & Guzzetta, LLC
Kathy Donnelly-Cohen, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Larson moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wickstrom moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Public Forum

No one was present to speak at the public forum.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Report

Ms. Wilson reported that she had received the new rate forms from Comcast for the 2006 rate request, which she forwarded to Mr. Guzzetta and to the consultant, Mr. Treich. She said that she would report on these forms at a future Commission meeting.

B. Attorney

Mr. Guzzetta reported that the subscribers should notice the refund from the cable company, which is a result of the rate settlement, beginning on their March cable bills.

Mr. Guzzetta reported he filed comments on the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Video Franchising, and he gave a brief synopsis

of the comments to the Commission. He stated he will be reviewing comments submitted to the FCC from the cable industry, telephone industry, broadband service providers and Fiber To the Home Coalition and will submit reply comments, which are due March 13, to the FCC.

C. Cable Company

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen announced Comcast will be launching the company's new telephone product late in March. She said she will provide a graphic at the Commission's next meeting showing the difference in the company's telephone services vs. switched voice service.

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported subscribers may notice that sun spots are causing an interruption in video service. She explained this is a result of the sun's position in relationship to the satellites, and it happens every March and October.

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen the new Family Tier service provided by Comcast. Customers need to subscribe to Basic I cable service and have a digital box installed in order to subscribe to the Family Tier.

VII. Consent Agenda

VIII. General Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Ms. Wickstrom, to approve the January 2006 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Discussion of State Legislation and Competitive Franchising

Ms. Wilson explained the State Legislation and Competitive Franchising

Mr. Montour requested staff take another look at franchising policies and procedures and bring back to the Commission a recommendation for the cities.

X. Announcements

Mr. Larson urged the Commissioners to remind residents in their cities of the upcoming Scholarship awards program. He added applications are available at city halls, libraries, financial aid offices and on the Commission web site and stated the deadline is April 15.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Doocy, Administration/Human Resource Manager

Craig Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer