

**NORTH SUBURBAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 1, 2007**

I. Call to Order

The Commission Chairman, Steve Larson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at CTV North Suburbs, Roseville facility.

II. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Craig Wilson, Arden Hills
Jeff Dains, Lauderdale
Rick Montour, Little Canada
Barb Haake, Mounds View
Steve Larson, New Brighton
Steve Beilke, North Oaks
Tom Kough, Roseville
Hal Gray, St. Anthony
Ady Wickstrom, Shoreview

Others Present:

Coralie Wilson, Executive Director
Steve Guzzetta, Attorney, Bradley & Guzzetta, LLC
Kathy Donnelly-Cohen, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast
Pat Doocy, Administration and Human Resource Manager

III. Public Forum

No one was present for public forum

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Beilke, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kough moved, seconded by Mr. Montour, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Reports**A. Executive Report**

Ms. Wilson announced that the FCC adopted a number of orders on October 31. One addressed exclusive contracts in called the MDUs or Multiple Dwelling Units. She said the exact language will be published in the Federal register, which usually takes 30-60 days, but she wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this issue because it may have some impact in their communities.

Ms. Wilson reported that another order established rules for franchises for incumbent video providers. Essentially, the Commission found that certain specified costs, fees and other compensation, including support for Public, Educational and Government (PEG) access channels and for Institutional Networks (I-NET) required by local franchising authorities must be counted extended to toward the statutory five percent cap on franchise fees, should be incumbents.

Ms. Wilson Said the Commission findings will be applicable 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Although the Commission's findings take effect immediately, the Order notes that franchise agreements involve contractual obligations, and the Order does not give incumbents any right to breach their existing contractual obligations.

Turning to state legislation, the Executive Director reported that Representative Sheldon Johnson had set the first meeting of the Cable Franchising Working Group for November 9. The agenda for the first meeting will cover franchise fees, gross revenues and I-Net. Ms. Wilson said she planned to attend the meeting.

B. Attorney

Mr. Guzzetta stated that the video franchise order could have significant negative ramifications for the Commission and the Access Corporation depending on how the text for the order reads. He added it is possible the cable industry could take the same action as it did on modem fees issue, and immediately begin deducting PEG support from the franchise fees. Mr. Guzzetta said counsel and staff will carefully analyze the order and face battles going forward for the future of community television

Mr. Guzzetta reported that Comcast will increases late fees from \$5 to \$7 effective January 2008. He added the Commission may or may not want to look at this issue due to the fact it may get consumer attention and the Commissioners may get some phone calls.

Regarding the franchise fee review, Mr. Guzzetta stated Mr. Treich is reviewing the boxes of data received from Comcast and will have a report for the December meeting.

C. Cable Company

Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported that Comcast has not had an increase in late fees since at least 1994 and the late fee period has been extended from 30 days to 38 days then to 68 days and 98 days.

Referring to the MDU order, Ms. Donnelly-Cohen reported that Comcast does not have exclusive contracts, but requires that only the company's service be provided over the wiring that Comcast has installed in apartment units. She added there are a number of multiple dwelling units where Qwest has exclusive contracts and Comcast cannot service customers in those buildings.

VII. General Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Montour moved, seconded by Ms. Haake, to approve the September 2007 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. 2008 Budget

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to adopt the 2008 Budget as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Model Franchise

Ms. Haake moved, seconded by Mr. Dains, to endorse the model franchise prepared by staff and recommended its use by member cities in the event that a company requests a competitive franchise. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Ms. Montour moved, seconded by Mr. Beilke, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7: 23 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Doocy, Administration/Human Resource Manager

Craig Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer