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Guidelines and suggested ordinances for cable television regulation by local governments are comprehensively discussed in this report. The emphasis is placed on franchising the cable operator. Seventeen legal aspects of franchising are reviewed, and an exemplary ordinance is presented. In addition, current statistics about cable franchising in California are given. The guide is intended for mayors, councilmen, chief administrative officers, and city attorneys. (MC)



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PREFACE

As a result of major changes of both a regulatory and technical nature in the field of cable television, the League has prepared the attached Cable Television Report and Suggested Ordinance. This document incorporates the Federal Communications Commission's Cable Television Regulations which became effective on March 31, 1972. These rules will be applied immediately to new franchises. Moreover, by 1977 the FCC has announced that it intends to extend these regulations to cover existing cable television systems.

This report and its accompanying procedural ordinance should be examined thoroughly before cities grant a cable television franchise. However, it is equally important that cities with existing cable television systems review this document, especially in light of the FCC's announced intention to extend its recently promulgated regulations to existing franchises.

The report was prepared under the direction of an Ad Hoc Cable Television Committee comprised of the following city officials: Donn Black, Councilman, Lafayette; Richard Brown; City Manager, El Cerrito; Robert Davis, Assistant City Manager, Anaheim, John Dever, City Manager, Sunnyvale; John Flitner, City Attorney, Santa Rosa; Allen Grimes, City Attorney, Beverly Hills; Larry Pennell, Assistant City Manager, Fairfield; Marvin Ray, Deputy City Manager, Modesto; Robert W. Russell, General Manager, Department of Public Utilities, Los Angeles; Wayne Wedin, City Manager, Brea; John Witt, City Attorney, San Diego and Richard Young, Councilman, Rolling Hills Estates. The League is indebted to each member of the Committee for the considerable amount of time each devoted to this project.

John C. Houlihan, Special Projects Director, Institute for Local Self Government, served as Consultant to the Committee and drafted the report. The ordinances have been reviewed and approved by Carlyn Reid, the League's Staff Attorney, and the undersigned.

One copy of the Report and Suggested Ordinance is being sent to City Managers and City Clerks in non-manager cities. Please bring this document to the attention of the Mayor, Council and City Attorney. Additional copies can be obtained from the League's Sacramento Office for \$10.00 plus tax.

Richard Carpenter Executive Director and General Counsel

September, 1972

FOREWORD

All Mayors, Councilmen, Chief Administrative Officers, and City Attorneys should read and become familiar with this report on cable television in California, and with the franchising procedure suggested by the League of California Cities, whether their cities have existing franchises, are considering renewal, or are contemplating cable television installation for the first time.

There is now an imperative need for this new franchising approach, especially in view of the new Federal Communications Commission regulations, and many variations from the League's 1965 suggested ordinance, disclosed by the report.

Concerned over unbridied, cutthroat competition for local franchises and noticing complaints, from other parts of the nation, about clandestine franchise awards, the Commission now requires cable operators, applying for Federal certification for retransmission of broadcast radio and television signals, to present local franchises which have been awarded only after public hearings involving due process and full and open disclosure.

Concerned, also, that cable development would be stifled by a growing tendency of local authorities to impose franchise fees in amounts "more for revenue than for regulatory purposes," the Commission will withhold certification where local fees exceed 3% of regular subscriber service revenues without a showing of special circumstances.

With these concerns, the League of California Cities, its Ad Hoc Cable Television Committee, and its Consultant, can only be in full agreement. This suggested new franchising procedure addresses both of these concerns.

It provides detailed steps, involving due process and public hearing, for cities to follow from the filing of an application for a franchise to the award, including special hearing procedures for rule and rate changes and for termination.

While this new franchise procedure accepts the Federal Communications Commission's new franchise fee limitation to 3% of revenues from regular subscribers for broadcast radio and television service, it does not accept any other interpretation of the new Federal rule which results in denying or impairing the full and exclusive exercise of the police power by California cities in granting franchises for qualified use of public streets. Accordingly, the suggested ordinance provides for granting a franchise, not only for use of public streets to retransmit broadcast radio and television signals, and cablecasting required by Federal rules, but for other uses of the system, viz., data transmission, pay television, fire and police alarm services, closed circuit programming, channel leasing and advertising.

Cities are cautioned, not only to comply with the new Federal rule limiting to 3% franchise fee payments based on regular subscriber revenues, but against imposing unreasonable and confiscatory franchise fees based on these other forms of revenue.

The League's Consultant acknowledges, especially, the assistance, advice and support of the Ad Hoc Television Committee, and the dedicated efforts of Carl Mukri and Gary Montrose, research assistants, and of Marjorie Perry, Mabel Bradway, and David Johnson, secretaries.

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Scope of the Report

I.

There are several cable television policy questions facing California city councils. By far, the most important issue is local franchising of cable television systems, utilizing the accumulated experience of cities throughout the state. Overlaying this experience is the 1972 intervention of Federal regulation.

Lesser issues are: municipal ownership and operation; public access regulations and funding; and "blue-sky" prospects for cable television. These are not only of substantially less importance in the total municipal picture, but can only be resolved after rational, workable and equitable franchising procedures are universally employed. This report, therefore, is primarily concerned with franchise revision, and only cursorily covers the other issues which, as the Bibliography shows, are the subject of voluminous studies, reports and publications.

Background

The League of California Cities, on December 1, 1965, issued its suggested ordinance for the use of cities to provide for the granting of franchises for community antenna television (CATV) systems and providing, also, suggested terms and conditions for the operation of such systems and establishment of fees.

On January 27, 1972, the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities adopted the report of its Ad Hoc Cable Television Committee recommending that the League revise the suggested CATV ordinance and that there be prepared an accompanying report to highlight the cable television policy issues facing municipal officials. The report also proposed the convening of a symposium or workshop to help transmit, and amplify the information contained in the suggested ordinance and report. In adopting the Ad Hoc Committee's report, the Board of Directors also authorized staff to employ a consultant for the study, report and preparation of the new suggested cable television ordinance.

This report, with its suggested ordinance, is now most timely in view of the myriad developments in cable television since the issuance of the League's model ordinance in 1965.

For some idea of the changes since then, consider this 1964 observation of the International City Managers Association as it distributed a 1 del ordinance prepared by the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers:

"CATV operations are not currently regulated by any governmental agency at least as far as their earnings are concerned. In no state has CATV been considered a public utility. By and large, the public utility commissions do not have jurisdiction because CATV systems provide a form of entertainment, and entertainment is not regarded in law as a public necessity ... The FCC has determined that it, too, has no direct jurisdiction over CATV systems. The FCC, however, does have control over the technical aspects of systems' electronic interference with other means of reception. . ." (1)

On February 2, 1972, seven years later, the Federal Communication Commission adopted its new rules and regulations, effective March 31, 1972, "for the certification of cable television systems and for their operation in conformity with standards for carriage of television breadcast signals, program exclusivity, cable casting, access channels, and related matters." (2)

Again, on July 14, 1972, the Commission issued a Reconsideration of Report and Order modifying, in some particulars, its February 2, 1972 ruling. (3)

Federal Register, July 14, 1972, Part II, Vol. 37, No. 136.

ICMA, Management information Service, Report No. 251, Municipal Regulation of Community Antenna Television System, Chicago, (1) Dec. 1964, p. 8.

Federal Register, Feb. 12, 1972, Part II, Vo 37, No. 30, Sec. 76.1, p. 3278. (3)

Two items of different importance, are noteworthy. First (and of rhetorical consequence only), the subject of this ruling and of this report is cable television, not community antenna television. This is a distinction with a difference because it aptly defines an industry substantially changed from its original form and function, namely, the capturing, "off-the-air," and retransmitting of broadcast television signals unavailable in good quality or sufficient quantity to its local subscribers.

But of major importance is the final role which the Federal Communications Commission now assumes, vis-a-vis cable television: its technical regulation and franchising; some observers call it "a whole new ball game."

That the Federal Communications Commission is starting this new ball game, with new ground rules, it is not surprising in light of what has happened nationally in less than a decade.

"For cable television as with other new technologies, there are alternative futures. Each cable entrepreneur and media commentator conjures up a personal scenario. Such speculation intrigues journalists and stimulates the imagination. Unfortunately, it bears little relation to reality. The facts about CATV development today are not only disappointing in terms of the public interest, they are sometimes the examples of the deficiencies and even corruption of government regulation at the local level." (4)

Franchising ·

Cable television franchising procedures, in California, while thankfully free from the corruption of public officials which attended local franchising in New Jersey, have also varied widely, and sometimes dangerously, from the standards suggested by the League in 1965. (5)

A survey conducted in May, 1972 was addressed to 407 California cities of which 332 responded. Of these, 134 forwarded their city ordinances and franchises, which have been examined along with many model ordinances of other state municipal leagues and interested national organizations (See Bibliography).

Their variations in phraseology, terms and general content bare little resemblance to the 1965 California model. Wide differences in franchising techniques are employed from city to city. (6) About the only uniformity discernible is in the nearly universal attempt to extract bonus, or "lump sum" payments from franchisees and the fixing of franchise fees at a percentage of the systems' gross annual revenues, without concern for the advertising and auxiliary service revenues currently projected by the Federal Communications Commission and others as exceeding, both in importance and potential, the return from conventional television re-transmission.

Many smaller cities accomplished franchising through a single ordinance which defined the required system, set subscriber rates and franchise fees, fixed the term, and awarded the franchise. Others followed the League model with two ordinances, the second of which awarded the franchise.

Some larger cities have painstakingly assembled, under a general cable television ordinance, all of the "ground rules" for invitations to bid on optimum services and maximum financial payments. Still others, by separate ordinances, established procedural controls and administrative regulations covering the on-going operations of the system, as well as rate and installation charges.

Variation is seen in ordinance provisions for operational standards. While most smaller cities adopted the league model in toto, the several largest have spelled out intricate, technical requirements (research disclosed much expertise in this area, furnished either by municipally employed cable television consultants or by larger, more sophisticated bidders themselves).

(6) See Appendix A.

⁽⁴⁾ Center for Analysis of Public Issues, Crossed Wires-Cable Television in New Jersey, Princeton, New Jersey, 1971, p. 2.

⁽⁵⁾ League of California Cities, Suggested Model Ordinance, Dec. 1965.

Requirements for the number, kinds and uses of channels to be furnished also varied greatly. Existing franchises range from a minimum required service of five channels to twenty-seven, and as high as fifty-four. Twenty channel capacity is the average. Some cities specified the kinds of channel service to be provided, namely, VHF and UHF; but most did not.

Respecting uses of channels, only a handful required reservations of channels for education and local government programming; none provided for the public access uses now required by the FCC. Nor did any ordinances or franchises in California equire that cable television systems originate local programs as now required by the Federal Communications Commission.

Many recent franchises extracted commitments from system operators to provide studio, equipment, technical services and video installations for fire, police, educational and general municipal communications, without cost to the city. But most franchises do not address this question.

The Federal Communications Commission, noting franchise payments up to 36% and reacting thereto, charged that high local franchise fees, "bonus" and "lump-sum" payments, and demands for free local services (amounting to bonuses) resulted in levying indirect and regressive taxes on local subscribers. More importantly, the Commission concluded that these practices impair cable's development of its full potential of service, and burden the industry to the extent that it will be unable to perform its part in the national communications program, which the Commission envisions as "wiring the nation."

In addition, the Commission points out that the question of copyright payments by cable systems is yet to be resolved by the Congress, and systems overburdened with local payments and financial commitments will certainly be in financial jeopardy, leaving localities without service, or in need of renegotiation of franchises, when copyright payments are mandated.

Because it concluded that too many local authorities appear to have extracted high franchise fees, "more for revenue-raising than for regulatory purposes," the Commission now imposes the requirement that, before any new system can receive its certification to receive and retransmit television and radio broadcast signals, it must present a local franchis, the fee for which may not exceed 3 percent of gross subscriber revenues from cable television operations within the community. The Commission has further declared that systems franchised and operating prior to March 31, 1972 will be permitted to continue until March 31, 1977, or to the date of the termination of their franchise period, whichever occurs first.

Some city attorneys seriously question the authority of the Commission to declare the maximum franchise fees that cities may fix for the use of local streets and public easements. There is also serious doubt of the constitutionality of the Commission's avowed intent to impair or abrogate, within the next five years, contractual relations already existing between municipal corporations and cable system operators.

There is also manifest ambiguity in the Commission's language directed at limiting franchise fees, when it says that they "shall be reasonable, e.g., in the range of 3-5% of gross subscriber revenues."

In light, however, of the real concern of the Commission, and of the trend, in California franchises, toward revenue-raising rather than regulation, as the paramount objective, this suggested ordinance is designed to provide a uniform procedural approach to franchising, albeit with reasonable compensation to cities in payment for the privilege of using city facilities for those activities of cable television systems other than the conventional retransmission of television and radio broadcast signals, licensed under Federal laws relating to interstate commerce.

Conferring with the directors of California Community Television Association, and its counsel, the League committee and its consultant received valuable assistance and many worthwhile suggestions which have been incorporated in these suggested ordinances, and not a few objections to some of its provisions.

Chief among the contested issues was that involving the segregation of services and franchise fee payments.

This ordinance assumes that, for new franchises, the Commission will deny certification when local franchise fees exceed 3 percent of "gross annual subscriber revenues," and that fees in excess of this

percentage will be approved only under the conditions imposed by the Commission.

The issue turns on two questions: (1) what does the Commission mean by the term, "gross subscriber revenues?", and (2) if the Commission seeks to limit local fees for all cable television services franchised by local authorities, does it have any jurisdiction beyond regulating the conventional process of receiving "off the air" and retransmitting broadcast television and radio signals?

Parenthetically, origination cablecasting is mandated by the Commission, in certain areas, as a condition precedent to receipt and retransmission, and is not conclusive on the jurisdictional question.

From a reading of the Commission's Report and Order, from conversations with the Cable Television Bureau of the Commission, in reviewing deliberations of its Federal/State/Local Advisory.Committee, and on its own analysis, the League committee concluded that the Commission did not intend, by the term "gross annual subscriber revenues" to include revenues not obtained from subscribers for conventional television and radio broadcast retransmission, such as, advertising, channel leasing, data transmission and separately charged or billed pay television services.

Most California franchises, following the League's 1965 model, based franchise fees on "gross annual receipts." Interpreting the Commission's limitation as saying the same thing, cable television industry representatives argue against the segregation feature of this ordinance.

But, new franchises under this narrow interpretation will be faced with a decline in franchise fees substantially below the California general law cities' ceiling of 5 percent, and those of charter cities, at least for the next five years (assuming the right of the Commission to alter existing franchises).

Further, pay television, not permitted to California cable television systems heretofore, is now not only authorized by the new Federal rules, but state and local authorities are precluded, by court decision, from prohibiting franchisees from engaging in this profitable business.

Finally, a whole range of new services is now authorized by the Commission, namely, two-way capability and local government, education, public and leased access channels. By this new Federal action, in the Commission's words, there is "a future for cable in which the principal services, channel uses and potential sources of income will be from other than 'over-the-air' signals."⁽⁷⁾

For other than "over-the-air" signals this ordinance seeks to provide a fair and reasonable return to the city for the use of its streets and other public facilities; for, in legal effect, the franchise is more than a license to engage in this form of business activity; it is a qualifiable authorization to use the public streets in connection with it.

This suggested ordinance attempts, also, to provide local response to the Federal Communications Commission's solicitation of "dual" control over franchising, followed the Commission's own rejection of the concept of exclusive Federal franchising.

Under the new regulation, where a local ordinance might omit requirements for minimum channel capacity, two-way capability and additional access channels, or fail to delineate performance standards, minimum requirements in these areas are now imposed on new systems in the top 100 markets, and will likely be imposed on existing systems within the next five years.

Therefore, the ordinance suggests that cities set a minimum twenty (20) channel capacity, although greater channel capacity may be desirable, depending upon local public interest and, especially, the intensity of the cable television use contemplated by the city, its schools and local organizations interested in public access. Since new systems, and existing systems within five years, must increase channel capacity in these areas, city councils and administrators should anticipate these needs as far as possible. Two-way installations are now Federally required for new systems, but only in a rudimentary form, i.e., capability only, as against

(7) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 3269, par. 120.

actual transmission and the suggested ordinance proposes the all cities opt for two-way capability, at the very least.

Provision for two-way audio and audio-visual capacity, or their installation as operating elements, is not yet mandated by Federal regulations; but, the "hardware" for such services is already developed and rapidly being refined. And while the ordinance does not address itself to these more sophisticated forms of return communications, over the simple digital two-way capacity, the Commission itself has stated:

"Where a franchising authority has a plan for actual use of a more sophisticated two-way capability and the cable operator can demonstrate its feasibility both practically and economically, we will consider in the certificating process allowing such equipment." (8)

The Commission has also emphasized, in its Report and Order, three other areas in which it expects action by local franchising authorities: (1) the elimination of public bidding; (2) affording due process and public hearings in franchise awards and rate setting; and (3) attention to customer complaints. On these issues, the suggested ordinance differs considerably, not only from the 1965 model, but from many extant in California, by providing these specific procedures.

Finally, the Commission urged local franchising authorities to so prepare their ordinances as to insure, as far as possible, that cable system operators are bound to construction schedules and prevented from the speculation and trafficking which has all too often occurred in the past. In addition to the suggestions contained in the ordinance, 'equiring a scheduled plan of construction, cities are cautioned to examine carefully and thoroughly the performance, competency and capability of the applicants, a process which the Commission will also examine when certification is later sought. Therefore, from the League survey, and with assistance from the industry, there is also compiled in the Appendix, (9) pertinent information on California cable television system operations.

Municipal ownership

Following a feasibility report submitted by its city manager in 1968, (10) the City of San Bruno began municipal operation of a cable television system. Its experience was recently reported in Western City Magazine. (11)

Portola, in Plumas county, also owns and operates a cable television system; and the City of Palo Alto is presently considering municipal ownership. (12)

The League of California Cities is not making policy recommendations for or against municipal ownership of cable television systems. However, this study reviewed the pros and cons of this issue.

Proponents argue that a municipally observed system is good for a city if "properly controlled, guided and set up;" that the financial rewards and benefits of such an operation can be example into the community in the form of additional services; that municipal ownership is good for the advancement of the cable television industry as a whole, particularly because, they argue, private operators are under current financial constraints inhibiting the additional expense of investment in two-way systems.

As in the case of electric power and water supply, municipal ownership has also provided an invaluable "yardstick" for other cities where such services are provided by private companies. Without the knowledge and experience in such municipal operation, other cities, and the League, would be literally "in the dark," substantially handicapped in representing the public interest in these areas.

⁽⁸⁾ op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13858, par. 79, ff. 25.

⁽⁹⁾ See Appendix B.

⁽¹⁰⁾ City of San Bruno, Cable T.V. Feasibility Report, Gerard Vergeer, City Manager, Nov. 1968.

⁽¹¹⁾ Western City Magazine, Municipal Ownership, May, 1972, p. 25.

⁽¹²⁾ City of Palo Alto, Cable Television System-Engineering Feasibility Study, Hammett & Edison Consulting Engineers, San Francisco, June, 1970.

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Opponents of municipal ownership caution cities to seriously and thoroughly study the new Federal regulations mandating educational and public use. Particularly perilous is the potential municipal liability inherent in management and content control of the "public access" channel which, under private operation, devolves upon the system operator who is charged, by the Federal Communications Commission, with promulgating, filing and enforcing rules respecting defamation, obscenity, and "fairness." Also, in face of the new regulations respecting the provision of educational channels, municipalities may well find themselves involved with many problems, costly and alien to conventional city operation, e.g., allocating channel time to competing institutions, public and private; and meeting their demands for financial support of studio and technical services.

The California Constitution provides sufficient authority to cities to own and operate a municipal cable television system. This view has been confirmed by a 1971 opinion of the Attor..ey General (54 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 135). The constitutional reference is Article XI, section 9 (formerly section 19) which provides that "a municipal corporation may establish, purchase, and operate public works to furnish its inhabitants with light, water, power, heat, transportation, or means of communication ..."

The phrase "means of communication" would readily apply to a municipally owned and operated cable television system. State courts have long held that this provision of the Constitution is self-executing and cities need no further authority to finance such a system.

The Attorney General has issued an opinion to the same effect and " is further elaborated that a California city would be authorized to issue general obligation bonds to finance a cable television system under Government Code sections 43600 et. seq., as well as use other traditional methods of financing municipal projects out of tax and other revenue sources. The Attorney General has also mentioned the availability of Public Utilities Code section 10001 for this purpose. This section simply provides, "Any municipal corporation may acquire, construct, own, operate, or lease any public utility." While the reference here is to a public utility, which might, at first glance, render the statute inapplicable to a cable television system, the Attorney General's analysis is to the contrary.

Public Access Funding

With the new Federal requirement for provision of the "public access" channels has come an increasing demand that local government so structure new franchises as to provide funding for their use. National organizations have been formed and are actively campaigning, at all governmental levels, for imposition, in franchises, or segregation out of franchise fees, of sums to meet studio and technical service costs of public access channel users.

This is an area also recommended to serious municipal consideration. Franchise fee return, based on subscriber revenues, is now federally limited to 3%, with an indicated approval of fees up to 5%, under certain vague conditions. Public access funding proponents argue that the Federal Communications Commission ought to approve franchise fees of 4-5% when committed, by the franchise, to this objective. To this proposal, the Chief of the Commission's Cable Television Bureau has responded:

"There is no hard and fast answer to this question at present. Clearly, however, the factors that would bear neavily in the Commission's consideration of any such scheme would include the amount of excess fee the danger that, through funding, local governments would control public access programming, and the possibility of other alternatives."⁽¹³⁾

Aside from the questionable validity of this argument, consideration must be given to the problem inherent in the management and disposition of such segregated funds. This suggested ordinance could not be so extended to anticipate and provide for the detail so obviously involved in the public access funding concept. But, in this era of "consumerism" and segmented "community participation," some cities, and even urban regions, will have to face this demand. Unfortunately, the bridge between ideas and action in this area is only in the early design stage.

⁽¹³⁾ Letter, from Sol Schildhause, Chief, Calife Television Bureau, FCC, to Edward M. Allen, President, Western Communications, Inc., Aug. 11, 1972.

"Blue-Sky" prospects

No newly developing technique is the object or more fanciful projections for manifold applications and uses than cable television. However, practicality dictates narrowing the limits of municipal franchising to the economically possible, rather than the technologically probable commercial uses of cable television. Because of its high "capital-intensive" structure⁽¹⁴⁾, and the Federal policy for "wiring" the nation with all possible speed, cities should avoid franchise attempts to include the universe of cable television uses.

Federal Regulation

The most concise summary of the role of the Federal Communications Commission in the area of cable television, prior to the issuance of its new regulations, is that presented by the Center for Analysis of Public Issues in its publication: "Crossed Wires":⁽¹⁵⁾

"The Federal Communications Commission has played an uneven, sometimes perplexing role as regulator of CATV development. Its relationship to the cable industry and its views on the extent and substance of federal regulation have been subject to sudden changes. Descriptions of FCC policy regarding CATV quickly become out-of-date. This survey of Commission action is offered simply as a partial explanation of the past as a guide to the possible range of future FCC conduct.

"Federal Regulation of the electromagnetic spectrum (including radio and television) dates from 1927, and today the FCC jurisdiction over the spectrum supersedes any state or local control. Court opinions have consistently limited the role of other governments to those areas ignored or delegated by the Commission.

"Despite this background, the FCC ruled in 1959 that it did not have jurisdiction to regulate cable TV. The industry's rapid growth, however, resulted in substantial litigation, pressures from Congress, and perhaps most importantly, cries of pain from the FCC's major constituency, the over-the-air broadcasters. By 1965, the Commission had reversed its position, issuing a 'First Report and Order' which dealt with general regulation for cable systems served by microwave relays. In 1966, the agency issued a 'Second Report and Order' setting minimum importation of distant signal requirements for all cable systems in the country. The Commission now believes that it has the legal authority to shape nearly every aspect of cable TV development.

"The two regulatory orders indicated that the Commission was more concerned with protecting the competitive position of over-the-air broadcasting than with creating a clear regulatory framework for a new medium.

"Under the First Order systems were required to carry all local stations, an eminently reasonable regulation since most television sets are unable to receive over-the-air broadcasting once connected to the cable. A non-duplication provision also was introduced which prohibited use of programs imported from distant stations on the same day that they were available locally over the air, an attempt to protect the competitive position of local stations.

"The principal provisions of the Second Report and Order applied to the nation's hundred largest markets. In these markets, a cable system could import signals only if it proved that such importation would not harm local stations. Over-the-air stations (or even groups intending to develop over-the-air stations), on the other hand, could prevent cable importations simply by objecting without the necessity of proving harm. The burden was on the cable operator to prove that he caused no harm. The Second Report and Order retarded the growth of cable TV in the hundred largest markets comprising nearly 90 percent of the nation's population. Without distant program importation, cable operators confronted very difficult marketing problems.

⁽¹⁵⁾ op. cit., Crossed Wires, pp. 25-29, ff. 3.

"While emphasizing the need to protect the over-the-air broadcasters, the FCC claimed a special concern for UHF channels. UHF always has been the poor relation in over-the-air broadcasting. UHF stations without network affiliations rarely turn a profit. The FCC, in hopes of promoting greater diversity over the air, has argued that the interests of such stations must be protected. Since nearly all available VHF channels are in use, only the UHF band offers any potential for growth in over-the-air broadcasting.

"Some observers of the Commission are cynical about the avowed aim of 'protecting' UHF from cable. They point out that many objections to CATV development come not from UHF operators, but from the large and profitable VHF broadcasters. These broadcasters are concerned that CATV – by putting all channels on an equal clear-signal footing over the cable – will help, not hurt, UHF stations.

"Since 1966, the FCC has placed further restrictions on CATV growth. The Commission made it necessary, both in and outside the hundred largest markets, for a cable operator wishing to extend services and import a distant signal to give notice to all television stations within whose contour the service would be located. In 1968, the Commission, distinguishing again between the hundred largest markets and others, 'proposed' that the limitation on importation of distant signals be imposed within a 35-mile radius of major market communities. The prohibition is absolute in the sense that it is not subject to a hearing or waiver as in the earlier reports. In fact, the only basis on which a cable company could import a signal was to obtain permission from the originating station. More importantly, the FCC ruled that until this 1968 proposal was adopted formally, cable companies had to operate as though it were in fact a regulation. This amounted, in effect, to a freeze on the importation of distant signals within the 35-mile radius. (The Commission did exempt operations in existence on the effective date of the notice.) In 1970, in a Second Further Notice, the FCC continued the 1968 freeze and the requirement for retransmission consents. (In a recent Congressional appearance, the Commission acknowledged that the requirement that program-by-program retransmission consents be obtained was unworkable and indicated that it would be eliminated.)

"The FCC has moved in several other areas since its Second Report and Order, particularly with regard to ownership of cable systems. There was for a time the real possibility that cable development would be controlled by telephone companies. Several FCC actions culminated in a ruling that such companies could not operate in areas which they provided with telephone service. The Commission, in addition, has prohibited networks from cable TV ownership anywhere. Independent and affiliated TV stations are prohibited from CATV ownership within the locality in which they operate. There are no rules yet as to radio and newspaper ownership."

The new regulations have been effective since March 31, 1972, and are applicable to all new systems not actually transmitting energized signals before that date. Although the new regulation purports to afford "grandfather" status to systems operating on the effective date, they enjoy exemption only until March 31, 1977, or to termination of their present franchises, whichever occurs first.

New systems, and those under franchise but not certified by FCC prior to March 31, 1972, must now present, together with the certification application, a copy of their local franchise. All systems franchised, but not operating before March 31, 1972, must file their franchises and receive certification. As the rule now stands, within the next five years all cable television franchises will be examined by the Federal Communication Commission for compliance with its regulations.

"Franchising: We are requiring that before a cable system commences operation with broadcast signals, it must obtain a certificate of compliance from the Commission. The application for such a certificate must contain a copy of the franchise and a detailed statement showing that the franchising authority has considered in a public proceeding the system operator's legal, character,

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financial, technical, and other qualifications, and the adequacy and feasibility of construction arrangements.

"We expect that franchising authorities will publicly invite applications, that all applications will be placed on public file, that notice of such filings will be given, that where appropriate a public hearing will be held to afford all interested persons an opportunity to testify on the qualifications of the applicants, and that the franchising authority will issue a public report setting forth the basis for its action. Such public participation in the franchising process is necessary to assure that the needs and desires of all segments of the community are carefully considered."⁽¹⁶⁾

Under its present regulation, the Federal Communication Commission rejected exclusive federal franchising of cable television systems. While retaining regulatory standards and requiring its certification for system operation, the Commission leaves initial franchising authority with state and local governments, subject to minimum federal standards.

"Dual Jurisdiction: The comments (made by various industry and local government interests during our cable television deliberations) advance persuasive arguments against federal licensing (of cable television systems).

"We agree that conventional licensing would place an unmanageable burden on the commission. Moreover, local governments are inescapably involved in the process because cable makes use of streets and ways and because local authorities are able to bring a special expertness to such matters, for example, as how best to parcel large urban areas into cable districts. Local authorities are also in better position to follow up on service complaints. Under the circumstances, a deliberately structured dualism is indicated; the industry seems uniquely suited to this kind of creative federalism.

"We are also persuaded that because of the limited resources of states and municipalities and our own obligation to insure an efficient communications service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges, we must set at least minimum standards for franchises issued by local authorities. These standards relate to such matters as the franchise selection process, construction deadlines, duration of the franchise, rates and rate changes, the handling of service complaints, and the reasonableness of franchise fees. The standards will be administered in the certificating process."⁽¹⁷⁾

On applications for certification, i.e., authority to operate the system, franchises will be examined by the Federal Communications Commission for compliance with its standards in the following areas:

- (1) The Selection Process. Franchising authorities must consider, in a public proceeding affording due process, the applicant's character, legal, financial, technical, and other qualifications. In addition, franchising authorities must have determined upon the adequacy and feasibility of the franchisee's construction arrangements.
- (2) Construction of the System. Franchising authorities must establish general timetables for construction and operation of systems to insure that franchises not lie fallow or become subject to trafficking. As a minimum, franchises should require the cable system to accomplish significant construction within one year from federal certification; significant construction the Commission considers to be 20% of the franchised area per year, with completion accomplished within five years. Finally, although not specifically spelled out in the regulation, but expressed in its preamble, the Commission emphasized that provision must be made for cable television service to develop equitably and reasonably in all parts of the community saying:

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⁽¹⁶⁾ loc. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 3276, par. 178.

⁽¹⁷⁾ op. cit., Fed. Rog., p. 3276, par. 177.

"A plan that would bring cable only to the more affluent parts of a city, ignoring the poor areas, simply could not stand. No broadcast signals would be authorized under such circumstances. While it is obvious that a franchisee cannot build everywhere at once within a designated franchise area, provision must be made that he develop service reasonably and equitably. There are a variety of ways to divide up communities; the matter is one for local judgment." ⁽¹⁸⁾

(3) Franchise Duration. After first saying that the initial franchise period or any renewal period should be of a reasonable duration, not exceeding 15 years, the Commission, five months later, concluded:

"While there may be situations where a 15-year franchise period is inappropriate, it appears to be a reasonable point of departure. Because our requirement of "reasonable duration' seems to have confused some parties, we have decided that our rules should more directly reflect the statements made in the report and have therefore now set 15 years as the standard to be followed. If good cause can be shown in a particular instance for some other franchise period, we will of course entertain such a documented showing in a petition for special relief."⁽¹⁹⁾

(4) Subscriber Rates. While the Federal Communications Commission will not review the actual rates, nevertheless, it will examine franchises to insure that they specify or provide for approval of initial charges to subscribers for installation and regular service; and that no changes in rates charged to subscribers shall be made except as authorized by the franchising authority, after appropriate public proceedings involving due process.

Respecting actual rates, the Commission indicates that it will judge the rates found in franchises by what it calls "an appropriate standard," namely, the maintenance of rates that are fair to the system and to the subscribing public -a matter that will turn on the facts of each particular case ... "and the accumulated experience of other cable communities."

- (5) Service Complaints. Franchises will be examined to see that they provide for the investigation and resolution of local service complaints and also that franchisees maintain a local business office or agent for these purposes. Complaints which concern the Commission are those regarding the quality of the service.
- (6) Franchise fees. The franchise fees shall be reasonable (e.g., in the range of 3-5% of the franchisee's gross subscriber revenues per year from cable television operation in the community), including all forms of consideration such as initial lump sum payments. If the franchise fee exceeds 3% of such revenues, the cable television system shall not receive Commission certification until the reasonableness of the fee is approved by the Commission on showings, by the franchisee, that it will not interfere with the effectuation of Federal regulatory goals in the field of cable television and, by the franchising authority, that it is appropriate in light of its planned local regulatory program.
- (7) Channel capacity. Except for systems franchised in the top 100 markets, the new Federal Communication rules do not require a minimum channel capacity in franchises.

New systems in the top 100 markets must provide a minimum 20-channel capacity and, in addition, shall be capable of providing additional channels (6 HMz in width suitable for transmission of Class II and Class II signals)* for each broadcast signal carried.

In the top 50 markets new cable television systems must provide a "minimum service quota" of three (3) network stations and three (3) independent stations licensed to communities within 35 miles. Systems in the second 50 top markets must carry three (3) network and two (2) independent stations. In all other markets, the requirement is for three (3) network and one (1) independent station. (Independent stations may be VHF or UHF.)

(18) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 3276, par. 180

⁽¹⁹⁾ loc. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13862, par. 111.

If, after carriage of stations within 35 miles, those from the same market, and those meeting the Commission's significant viewing test, the service authorized is not available, distant signals are permitted to be imported, not "leap-frogged," to make up the defined level of service.

Further, in the top 100 markets, systems may carry two additional signals beyond the "minimum service quota" (less the network or independent signals to meet the quota). In all other markets, cable systems are not permitted to import network or independent signals beyond the designated 3-1 service level.

Systems in all markets may carry all educational signals and foreign language stations (absent the broadcasters' objection); these signals are not counted against the "minimum service quota."

Finally, all new cable television systems in the major markets carrying broadcast channels must also provide, for each broadcast channel carried, an additional channel for the following uses:

- (a) Two-way communication, i.e. technical capacity for non-voice (digital) return communication.
- (b) Public access: At least one specifically designated, non-commercial public access channel available on a first-come, non-discriminatory basis. The system shall maintain and have available for public use at least minimal equipment and facilities necessary for production of programming for such a channel.
- (c) Education access: At least one specifically designated channel for use by local educational authorities.
- (d) Local government access: At least one specifically designated channel for local government uses.
- (e) Lease access: After providing public access, education access and local government access, the system shall offer other portions of its nonbroadcast bandwidth, including unused portions of the specially designated channels, for lease access services.

These specifically designated access channels (public; education; local government; lease access) aresubject to what is known as the "N-plus-1" rule which requires that whenever any one of these chanels is in use during 80% of weekdays (Monday-Friday) for 80% of the time during any consecutive three-hour period for six consecutive weeks, the system shall, within six months, make a new channel available for any or all of the specific purposes excepting, however, that the lease access channel shall assume the burden for the requirement for additional services on the other three channels. Under certain defined circumstances, systems are bound, in adding access channels, to the following priority: first, public access; second, education access; third, local government access; fourth, leased access. ⁽²⁰⁾

Class I Cable Channel: this is the Commission's designation for those cable channels devoted to delivering standard broadcast television signals picked up off-the-air at the head-end, or delivered to the cable network by micro-wave, or provided by direct connection to a local television broadcast station. These channels are subject to technical standards imposed by the Commission.

(20) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13867, Sec. 76.251, subd. c.

Class II Cable Channel: this is the Commission's designation for those cable channels used for the delivery of cablecast programming. These channels are mose used for television signals not obtained from television broadcast stations, but that are intended to display pictures on subscribers' television receivers without the use of decoding devices. Channels carrying television pictures purposely encoded or processed to permit reception by only selected subscribers are not included in this category. There are no technical standards now

Class III Cable Channel: "In addition to television pictures, cable systems are likely to deliver to subscribers other forms of communication. We recognize the potential for a wide diversity of communications, some of which will require terminal equipment in subscriber homes. No technical standards are provided for application to the Class III cable channels at this time."

Class IV Cable Channel: this class will apply to "return" and "response" channels. At this time plans for use of those channels envision a relatively narrow band of frequencies that will be used to return limited amounts of information from subscriber to the control point. Again, no technical standards are developed for this channel.

The education and local government access channels must be made available without charge for five (5) years from completion of the system's basic trunk line.

One public access channel shall always be made available without charge, except for production cost for live-studio presentation exceeding five minutes.

These additional channel requirements are not mandated for systems located wholly outside of all major television markets; however, where they are imposed by local agencies, the requirements shall not exceed the Commission's provisions concerning the availability and administration of access channels required of the system's operation in the major markets.

(8) Local regulation of channel uses. Except for the local government access channel, the Commission's new regulation precludes local regulation of the other access channels; specifically, local entities are not permitted to require that channels be assigned for purposes other than those specified in the regulations.

However, a different and more serious question is involved for state and local franchising authorities in exercising control over these channel uses in the Federal Communications Commission's attempt to charge only the operator with responsibility for rule-making governing the use of the public, educational, and lease access channels. Silent on local government channel use, the Commission requires that the private operator promulgate rules to apply to access services; that they be kept on public file at the system's local office, and with the Commission in Washington, D.C. In addition, no local entity may prescribe any other rules concerning the number or manner of operation of access channels; but, local agency franchise specifications concerning the number of such channels for systems in operation prior to March 31, 1972 may continue in effect.

(9) Cablecasting. The new Federal Communications Commission regulation requires all cable television systems having 3,500 or more subscribers, and which carry any television broadcast signal, to operate to a "significant" extent as a local outlet by original cablecasting, having available facilities for local production and presentation of programs, other than automated services, and using one or more designated (Class II) channels which may be used for no other purpose.

This requirement for original cablecasting is phrased as a condition precedent to the retransmission of any television broadcast signal, and is not exempted by "grandfather" status. Since issuance of the regulation this "original cablecasting" provision has been upheld in the courts.

- (10) Technical standards. Until this new regulation, some ordinances and/or franchises included both installation and performance standards; they are now a part of the Federal Communications Commission regulation and they are set forth in the Appendix⁽²¹⁾; also, in the Appendix, are technical and maintenance standards recommended in the Palo Alto study.⁽²²⁾
- (11) Pay-TV. Although the 1965 League model ordinance (and those of other state municipal leagues) suggested provisions prohibiting cable television systems from engaging in "Pay-TV" operation, the Federal Communications Commission declared, in 1971, that its own 1968 rules authorized this use and preempted local regulation of pay cable (FCC Rule 74.1121).

Again, in the new regulation (Section 76.225), the Commission sets forth additional requirements for "per-program" or "per-channel" charges for reception of cablecasts, and sets forth detailed restrictions on the showing of certain feature films and sports event films.

(21) See Appendix D.

State regulation

In California there is broad enabling authority for cities to franchise or license community antenna television systems. Government Code Sections 53066 reads as follows:

"53066. Any city or county or city and county in the State of California may, pursuant to such provisions as may be prescribed by its governing body, authorize by franchise or license the construction of a community antenna television system. In connection therewith, the governing body may prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems advisable to protect the individual subscribers to the services of such community antenna television system. The award of the franchise or license may be made on the basis of quality of service, rates to the subscriber, income to the city, county or city and county, experience and financial responsibility of the applicant plus any other consideration that will safeguard the local public interest, rather than a cash auction bid. The maximum franchise fee for any franchise or license hereafter awarded pursuant to this section or pursuant to any ordinance adopted under authority of this section by any city or county or city and county shall be 5 percent of the grantee's gross receipts from its operations within such city or county or city and county. Any cable television franchise or license awarded by a city or county or city and county pursuant to this section may authorize the grantee thereof to place wires, conduits and appurtenances for the community antenna television system along or across such public streets, highways, alleys, public properties, or public easements of said city or county or city and county. Public easements, as used in this section, shall include but shall not be limited to any easement created by dedication to the city or county or city and county for public utility purposes or any other purpose whatsoever."

(Unless their charters expressly prohibit this activity, charter cities have the authority to franchise cable television systems, and are not subject to the 5 percent limitation.)

The only other statutory provisions on cable television are contained in Public Utilities Code Sections 215.5 and 768.5. These sections read as follows:

"212.5 'Cable television corporation' shall mean any corporation or firm which transmits television programs by cable to subscriber for a fee."

"768.5. The Commission may, after a hearing, by general or special orders, rules, or otherwise, require every cable television corporation to construct, maintain, and operate its plant, system, equipment, apparatus, and premises in such manner as to promote and safeguard the health and safety of its employees, customers, and the public, and may prescribe, among other things, the installation, use, maintenance, and operation of appropriate safety or other devices or appliances, establish uniform or other standards of construction and equipment, and require the performance of any other act which the health or safety of its employees, customers, or the public may demand.

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to either grant or deny a cable antenna television corporation the right to use the easement of a public utility."

Pending State Legislation

During recent years the state legislature has considered proposed legislation which would establish a state cable television commission or empower the state Public Utilities Commission to regulate cable television franchises in California. For example, 1972 Senate Bill No. 663, which was referred to an interim study committee, would have enacted the Cable Television Act of 1972, created a state Cable Television Commission, established a non-exclusive system of state regulation of cable television companies, and provided for issuance of local cable television franchises subject to approval of the Commission. The League will continue to oppose all such attempts to transfer municipal governments' franchising authority to the state.

II. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF FRANCHISES FOR CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

The City Council of the City of ______ does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words abbreviations, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number:

- (a) "City" shall mean the city of ______, a municipal corporation of the State of California, in its present incorporated form or in any later reorganized, consolidated, enlarged or re-incorporated form.
- (b) "Council" shall mean the present governing body of the City of ______ or any future board constituting the legislative body of the City.
- (c) "Chief Administrative Officer" shall mean the city manager, city administrator, or other designation of the city's chief executive officer, or any designee thereof.
- (d) "Franchise" shall mean and include any authorization granted hereunder in terms of a franchise, privilege, permit, license or otherwise to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within all or a specified area in the City. Any such authorization, in whatever form granted, shall not mean and include any license or permit required for the privilege of transacting and carrying on a business within the City as required by other ordinances and laws of this City.
- (e) "Person" shall mean any natural person and all domestic and foreign corporations, associations, syndicates, joint stock corporations, partnerships of every kind, clubs, business or common law trusts, and societies.
- (f) "Grantee" shall mean the person, firm or corporation granted a franchise by the Council under this ordinance, and the lawful successor, transferee or assignee of said person, firm or corporation.
- (g) "Street" shall mean the surface, the air space above the surface and the area below the surface of any public street, other public right of way or public place, including public utility easements.
- (h) "Property of Grantee" shall mean all property owned, installed, or used within the City by a Grantee in the conduct of a cable television system business under the authority of a franchise granted pursuant to this ordinance.
- (i) "Subscriber" or "User" shall mean any person or entity receiving for any purpose any service of the Grantee's cable television system including, but not limited to, the conventional cable television system service of retransmission of television broadcast, radio signals, Grantee's original cablecasting, and the local government, education and public access channels; and other services, such as leasing of channels, data and facsimile transmission, pay television, and police, fire and similar public service communication.
- (j) "Cable television system;" "CATV;" and "CTV," for the purpose of this ordinance, are terms describing a system employing antennae, micro-wave, wires, wave-guides, coaxial cables, or other conductors, equipment or facilities, designed, constructed or used for the purpose of:
 - (1) collecting and amplifying local and distant broadcast television or radio signals and distributing and transmitting them;

- (2) transmitting original cablecast programming not received through television broadcast signals;
- (3) transmitting television pictures, film and video-tape programs, not received through broadcast television signals, whether or not encoded or processed to permit reception by only selected receivers;
- (4) transmitting and receiving all other signals: digital, voice and audio-visual:

provided, however, that any of the services, permitted hereunder to be performed, as described above, shall be those performed by the Grantee for subscribers, as herein defined, in the operation of a cable television or CATV system franchised by the City and not otherwise.

<u>COMMENT</u>: There are two kinds of cable television systems which the Federal Communications <u>Commission</u> exempts from its requirement for certification: (1) those serving fewer than fifty subscribers; and (2) those in apartment houses under common ownership, management and control, together with the commercial establishments located therein.

This suggested ordinance, therefore, would not require franchising of any system which serves only the residents, without respect to number, of any one or more apartment buildings, and the commercial establishments therein, under common ownership, management and control, and located on a single parcel or adjoining parcels, and not involving the use of streets.

With respect to mobilehome park and condominium systems, the Federal Communications Commission requires their certification when they serve more than fifty subscribers.

Where mobilehome park and condominium systems use the streets, local franchises will be required, without respect to the number of subscribers. Such systems, however, may use private streets, offered for public dedication; when such private street dedications are accepted by the city, a franchise will be required.

- (k) "Gross receipts," as used in the following categories, shall mean any and all compensation, in whatever form, grant, subsidy, exchange, or otherwise, directly or indirectly received by a grantee, not including any taxes or services furnished by the Grantee imposed directly on any subscriber or user by a city, county, state or other governmental unit, and collected by the Grantee for such entity.
- (1) "Gross Annual Basic Subscriber Receipts" shall mean any and all compensation and other consideration received directly or indirectly by the Grantee from subscribers in payment of the regularly furnished service of the cable television system in the transmission of broadcast television, radio signals and original cablecast programming of the Grantee.
- (m) "Gross Annual Non-basic Service Receipts" shall mean any and all compensation and other consideration received directly or indirectly by the Grantee from subscribers or users in payment for the receipt of signals other than broadcast television, radio, or original cablecast programming of the Grantee, whether for "pay television," "facsimile" transmission, "return" or "response" communication, and whether or not transmitted encoded or processed to permit reception by only selected subscribers.
- (n) "Gross Annual Advertising Receipts" shall mean any income, compensation and other consideration received by Grantee derived from any form of advertising.
- (0) "Gross Annual Lease Receipts" shall mean any fees or income received by Grantee for the lease or rental, and compensation for any service in connection therewith, such as studio and equipment rental and production costs, of any channel permitted or designated by the Federal Communications Commission to be so leased or rented.

<u>COMMENT</u>: The Federal Communications Commission has defined four (4) categories of cable television use. Two of these (Class I and Class II) constitute the basic subscriber service consisting of retransmission of radio and television broadcast signals and original, unscrambled cablecasting delivered to all subscribers for a uniform charge.

The franchising procedure, herein suggested, is an exercise of the city's authority, under its police powers, to permit cable television systems to use public streets, and to fix the conditions of any such permitted use. Consequently, the city (without regard to Federal Communications Commission's authority to certify cable television systems) can either deny the franchise or grant it only for the purpose of transmitting of radio and television broadcast signals, or for any or none of the additional uses set forth in these definitions.

It is only with respect to the financial aspect of these "regularly furnished" services that the Commission has attempted regulation.

As to the rates (charges) for these regularly furnished services, the Commission permits their exclusive regulation by local franchising authorities under its suggested standard that they be "fair to the system and, to the subscribing public."

As to the franchise fee (the local percentage of such rates) the Commission states that they "shall be reasonable (e.g., in the range of 3-5% of the franchisee's gross subscriber revenues per year from cable television operations in the community, including all forms of compensation, such as initial lump sum payments.)"

These categories of cable television use are clearly defined. Since the Commission attempts to regulate only the fee based upon the regularly furnished subscriber rates, it is strongly recommended that the local franchising authority adopt these definitions of other functions which cable television systems may be allowed to perform under local franchises.

Section 2 – Franchise to install and operate.

(a) A non-exclusive franchise to install, construct, operate, and maintain a cable television system on streets within all or a specific portion of the City may be granted by the Council to any person, whether operating under an existing franchise, who or which offers to furnish and provide such system under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of this ordinance.

No provision of this ordinance may be deemed or construed as to require the granting of a franchise when in the opinion of the Council it is in the public interest to restrict the number of Grantees to one or more.

(b) When and in the event that the Grantee of any franchise granted hereunder uses in his cable television system distribution channels furnished to the Grantee by a telephone company pursuant to tariff or contract on file with a regulatory body having jurisdiction and said Grantee makes no use of the streets independent of such telephone company-furnished facilities, said Grantee shall be required to comply with all of the provisions hereof as a "Licensee" and in such event whenever the term "Grantee" is used herein it shall be deemed to mean and include "Licensee."

<u>COMMENT:</u> By the inclusion of the definition of "Franchise," this procedural ordinance is adaptable for use in granting any type of cable television permit to operate, whether in terms of a "Franchise" or a "License," the two alternatives set forth in Section 53066, Government Code.

The language of subsection (b) above, is provided to meet any objection to the grant of a "Franchise" when telephone company facilities are to be used exclusively by the cable system Grantee. In this cose, it is preferable that the cable television grant be made in terms of a "License;" the "Franchise" term is preferable in all other cases.

In any event, both provisions clearly distinguish the cable television grant from the ordinary business license

and negate any assertion that it is amenable only to less restrictive provisions of a city business license tax ordinance.

Section 3 - Cable television service.

(a) Basic Service. The cable television system permitted to be installed and operated hereunder shall:

- (1) be operationally capable of relaying to subscriber terminals those television and radio broadcast signals for the carriage of which the Grantee is now or hereafter authorized by the Federal Communications Commission;
- (2) be constructed with the potential of two-way digital signal transmission;
- (3) distribute color television signals which it receives in color;
- (4) provide at least one (1) channel, without charge, for exclusive use of the City;
- (5) provide at least one (1) channel each for those educational and public access uses as now or hereafter required by the Federal Communications Commission for systems operating in the top 100 markets;
- (6) have a minimum capacity of channels.

COMMENT: A minimum 20 channel capacity is required by FCC of systems in the major markets. (See Appendix B for listing of the top-100 markets.)

Cities outside the major markets may also specify a minimum channel capacity of 20 channels.

All cities may specify the access channels mandated by FCC for major market systems.

"In our rules dealing with channel capacity, our goal was to insure that cable systems in major markets would not underbuild. We urge cable operators and franchising authorities to consider that future demand may significantly exceed current projections, and we put them on notice that it is our intention to insist on the expansion of cable systems to accommodate all reasonable demands. We believe this consideration to be controlling and find it difficult to believe that cable operators will not carry all the broadcast signals available to them."

"We believe that our requirement for expansion of channel capacity will insure that cable systems will be constructed with sufficient capacity. However, if a local governmental entity considers that greater channel capacity is needed than is required under the rules, we would not foreclose a system from meeting local requirements upon a demonstration of need for such channel capacity and the system's ability to provide it. A similar question has been raised with respect to two-way capability. We find no reason why a cable operator wishing to experiment with a more sophisticated two-way capability than that which we have required should be precluded from doing so. However, we do not believe that franchising authorities should require more than we have provided for in our rule because it is possible that any such requirement will exceed the state of the art or place undue burdens on cable operators in this stage of cable development in the major markets. Where a franchising authority has a plan for actual use of a more sophisticated two-way capability and the cable operator can demonstrate its feasibility both practically and economically we will consider, in the certificating process, allowing such a requirement."⁽²³⁾

The minimum channel requirements of the Federal Communications Commission are:

(1) for systems in the top 50 markets "a minimum service quota" of three (3) network and three (3) independent stations;

(23) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13858, par. 79, ff. 25.

(2) for the next 50 markets "the minimum service quota" is three (3) network and two (2) independent stations.

All systems in the top 100 markets must provide a minimum twenty (20) channel capacity with an additional channel 6 MHz in width suitable for transmission of Class II or Class III signals for each broadcast signal carried.

These top 100 market systems must also be so constructed as to be able to provide iwo-way communication capacity and, for each broadcast channel carried, an additional channel for local government, for educational institutions and for "public access." After having provided these channels, these systems shall offer other unused portions of their non-broadcast bandwidth, including unused portions of the specially designated channels, for leased access services.

Systems in the lesser market areas must carry three (3) network stations and one (1) independent station and are prohibited from importing more, although they may carry educational and foreign language stations, absent station owner objection.

All systems in all markets, having more than 3,500 subscribers must originate cablecasting and provide a channel for that purpose.

It is important to note that the requirement for the special access channels is imposed by the Federal Communications Commission only on those systems operating in the major markets. But, cities in the lesser markets may require these same access channels, but are prohibited from assigning such channels for purposes other than those specified, and may not require more special access channels than FCC demands in major market areas.

Channel capacity, therefore, is for local determination since the Federal standards are minimul. Consequently, cities in the smaller market areas can require that number of channels sufficient to provide two-way capability; original cablecasting; network, independent, educational and foreign language television retransmission; and the types of access channels required in the major market areas.

Finally, all cities should require sufficient channel capacity to meet market demands for channel leasing.

- (b) Non-basic services. The cable television system permitted to be installed and operated hereunder, may also engage in the business of:
 - (1) transmitting original cablecast programming not received through television broadcast signals;
 - (2) transmitting television pictures, film and video-tape programs, not received through broadcast television signals, whether or not encoded or processed to permit reception by only selected receivers or subscribers;
 - (3) transmitting and receiving all other signals: digital, voice and audio-visual.
- (c) Subscriber complaints. In addition to other service regulations adopted by the Council, and excepting circumstances beyond Grantee's control, such as Acts of God, riots and civil disturbances, and in providing the foregoing services, the Grantee shall:
 - (1) limit system failures to minimum time duration by locating and correcting malfunctioning promptly, but in no event longer than twenty-four (24) hours after occurrence, irrespective of holidays or other non-business hours.
 - (2) upon complaint by a subscriber, make a demonstration satisfactory to the chief administrative officer that a signal is being delivered which is of sufficient strength and quality to meet the standards set forth in the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, or in regulations hereafter adopted by the Council;
 - (3) render efficient service, making repairs promptly and interrupting service only for good cause and

for the shortest time possible. Planned interruptions, insofar as possible, shall be preceded by notice given to subscribers twenty-four (24) hours in advance and shall occur during periods of minimum use of the system.

(4) maintain an office in the city, which office shall be open during all the usual business hours, with its telephone listed in directories of the telephone company serving the city, and be so operated that complaints and requests for repairs or adjustments may be received at any time, day or hight, seven days a week.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Where the Grantee operates in other areas, the Council may eliminate the local office requirement providing, instead, for the telephone directory listing and for "toll-free" telephone service maintained on a seven-day, twenty-four (24) hour basis.

(5) maintain a written record, or "log," listing date of customer complaints, identifying the subscriber and describing the nature of the complaint, and when and what action was taken by Grantee in response thereto; said record shall be kept at Grantee's local office, for a period of five (5) years from the date when the system is first energized, and shall be available for inspection during regular business hours, without further notice or demand, by the chief administrative officer.

<u>COMMENT</u>: The foregoing is a minimal customer service requirement. Many ordinances and franchises contain more specific, detailed language concerning "outages" of service and provide penalty refunds to subscribers for failure to correct faulty transmission or for service interruption. This can be covered by the adoption of additional rules and regulations as provided in the suggested ordinance (Section 11).

- (d) Municipal service.
 - (1) With respect to the local government channel, the Grantee shall provide, at the request of the chief administrative officer, and upon City reimbursement of Grantee's actual cost, use of Grantee's studio, equipment and technical services for production of live and video-tape municipal programs, subject to scheduling requirements of the Grantee;
 - (2) With respect to the basic television services, the Grantec shall provide all subscriber services, and a tie-in connection, without cost, when the system passes such facilities and as designated by the Council, to
 - (i) public schools and community colleges within the City, and
 - (ii) buildings owned and controlled by the City, used for public purposes and not for residential use (fire and police stations excepted.)
- (c) Compatibility and connectibility.
 - (1) It is the desire of the City that all cable television systems franchised hereunder shall, insofar as financially and technically possible, be compatible one with another and with systems adjacent to the City.
 - (2) Wherever it is financially and technically feasible, the Grantee shall so construct, operate and modify the system so as to tie the same into all other systems within and adjacent to the City.

<u>COMMENT:</u> Among other criteria to be considered in awarding the franchise, cities should consider the compatibility of proposed systems with those adjacent to the city and those already franchised within the city.

(f) Uses permitted. Any franchise granted pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall authorize and permit the Grantee to engage in the business of operating and providing a cable television system in the City, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain and retain in, on, over, under, upon, across and along any street, such poles, wires, cable, conductors,

ducts, conduit, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, and appliances, attachments, and other property as may be necessary and appurtenant to the cable television system; and, in addition, so to use, operate, and provide similar facilities or properties rented or leased from other persons, firms or corporations, including but not limited to any public utility or other Grantee franchised or permitted to do business in the City.

Section 4 – Franchise payments.

- (a) In consideration of the granting and exercise of a franchise to use the streets, as herein defined, for the operation of a cable television system, any Grantee shall pay to the City, during the life of the franchise the following:
 - (1) a percentage of its Gross Annual Basic Subscriber Receipts;
 - (2) a percentage of its Gross Annual Non-basic Service Receipts;
 - (3) a percentage of its Gross Annual Advertising Receipts;
 - (4) a percentage of its Gross Annual Lease Receipts.
- (b) The percentage payments shall be made in the manner, amounts and at times directed in said franchise or in a Council resolution fixing franchise fees and adopting rules for service and rate regulation.

<u>COMMENT</u>: This suggested ordinance provides a breakdown of franchise fees in accordance with those services of cable television systems defined in the new Federal Communications Commission regulation. Although no specific mention is made therein of Federal limitations on advertising or lease receipts, nevertheless, these are franchised commercial activities which should be subject to franchise fee payment. But, referring to its control of advertising insertions on origination cablecasting programs, the Commission, significantly, commented:

"At this stage, however, we have not received enough information in this experimental area to enable us to ascertain the likely source and extent of a cable operator's revenues. It may be, for instance, that the revenues derived from leased operations will more than suffice to offset whatever losses are incurred as a result of our advertising limitations on the origination cablecasting channel. It is too early to determine. We expect to be watching developments in the non-broadcast area closely and, should it become necessary or desirable, we will revisit this problem."⁽²⁴⁾

The Federal Communications Commission's 3% limitation applies only to the regularly furnished subscriber services defined, in this suggested ordinance, as "basic subscriber services." Where this fee exceeds 3% of the franchisee's gross subscriber revenues, the cable television system will not receive Federal Communications Commission certification until the reasonableness of the fee is approved by the Commission on showings, by the system, that it will not interfere with the effectuation of Federal regulatory goals in the field of cable television, and, by the City, that is is appropriate in light of the City's planned regulatory program.

But, the Federal Communications Commission envisions "a future for cable in which the principal services, channel uses, and potential sources of income will be from other than 'over-the-air' signals." This, too, is the position of the League Committee in endorsing segregation of these other sources of income from conventional re-transmissions and mandated cablecasting.

For general law cities, however, there is the limitation spelled out in Government Code Section #53066:

"The maximum franchise fee for any franchise or license hereafter awarded pursuant to this section or pursuant to any ordinance adopted under authority of this section by any city or county or city and county shall be 5% of the Grantee's gross receipts from its operations within such city or county or city and county."

(24) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13857, par. 71.

This limitation is not applicable to charter cities, but the League committee strongly recommends that cities avoid the imposition of unreasonable and confiscatory fee payments in categories (2), (3) and (4) above.

While the Government Code limits general law cities to 5% of the Grantee's gross receipts, this is a cumulative limitation, not applicable to each category here suggested. Thus, various percentage fees may not exceed, in total, the 5% limitation.

Even if the city decides on a maximum of 3% for all services, or on all gross receipts, it is recommended that the fees by separately assigned to the services defined therein to preserve the city's right to later rate changes, as provided in the suggested ordinance.

- (c) The City shall have the right to inspect the Grantee's revenue records under the franchise and the right of audit and recomputation of any and all amounts payable under this ordinance; the cost of said audit shall be borne by Grantee when the same results in increasing, by more than 2%, the Grantee's annual payment to the City.
- (d) No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as a release or as an accord and satisfaction of any claim the City may have for further or additional sums payable under this ordinance or for the performance of any other obligation hereunder.

Section 5 – Franchise term: duration and termination.

(a) The franchise granted by the Council under this ordinance shall be for a term of fifteen (15) years from the date of its acceptance by the Grantee.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Federal Communications Commission franchising standards (Sec. 76.31-a-3) state that, for federal certification, the initial franchise period shall not exceed fifteen (15) years and any renewal franchise period shall be of "reasonable" duration.

"While there may be situations where a 15-year franchise period is inappropriate, it appears to be a reasonable point of departure. Because our requirement of 'reasonable duration' seems to have confused some parties, we have decided that our rules should more directly reflect the statements made in the report and have therefore now set 15 years as the standard to be followed."⁽²⁵⁾

In view of the uncertainty of the Commission's position respecting renewals, however, no renewal procedure is suggested; rather, the city should notify the Grantee, at least one year in advance of expiration, of its intention to seek new proposals. Preference, of course, should be given to the Grantee who has provided satisfactory service and up-graded the system, during his franchise term, offering improved and additional services consistent with increased technological development.

This situation is further complicated by the following Commission observation:

"Questions have been also received by the Commission regarding our power to require a cable system to remain operational during a period when the operator's local franchise has expired and a new applicant has been selected by the locality. The problem arises in cases where the operator holds the potential threat of stopping service if he does not get a franchise renewal and refuses to sell or lease the existing plant to the new franchise holder, be it another private party or the city. We do not at this time intend to extend our requirements for a certificate of compliance to cover this potential problem, but would strongly recommend that local officials include specific 'buy-back' or continuation of service provisions in their franchises. If we find at a later date that this is still a recurring problem we may well then include such requirements in our rules to protect the public's right to continuity of service."⁽²⁶⁾

(25) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13862, par. 111.
(26) op. cit., Fed. Reg., p. 13862, par 113.

This suggested ordinance provides two alternatives to meet this problem: (1) exercise the power of eminent domain with request for immediate possession on filing the required bond; and (2) terminate the franchise under this section.

- (b) The City may terminate any franchise granted pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance in the event of the willful failure, refusal or neglect by Grantee to do or comply with any material requirement or limitation contained in this ordinance, or any material rule or regulation of the Council or chief administrative officer validly adopted pursuant to this ordinance.
- (c) The chief administrative officer may make written demand that the Grantee do or comply with any such requirement, limitation, term, condition, rule or regulation. If the failure, refusal or neglect of the Grantee continues for a period of thirty (30) days following such written demand, the chief administrative officer may place his request for termination of the franchise upon the next regular Council meeting agenda. The chief administrative officer shall cause to be served upon such Grantee, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such Council meeting, a written notice of his intent to request such termination, and the time and place of the meeting, notice of which shall be published by the city clerk at least once ten (10) days before such meeting in a newspaper of general circulation within the city.
- (d) The Council shall consider the request of the chief administrative officer and shall hear any persons interested therein, and shall determine, in its discretion, whether or not any failure, refusal or neglect by the Grantee was with just cause.
- (e) If such failure, refusal or neglect by the Grantee was with just cause, the Council shall direct the Grantee to comply within such time and manner and upon such terms and conditions as are reasonable.
- (f) If the Council shall determine such failure, refusal or neglect by the Grantee was without just cause, then the Council may, by resolution, declare that the franchise of such Grantee shall be terminated and forfeited unless there be compliance by the Grantee within such period as the Council may fix.
- (g) The termination and forfeiture of any franchise shall in no way effect any of the rights of the City under the franchise or any provision of law.
- (h) In the event of any holding over after expiration or other termination of any franchise granted hereunder, without the prior consent of the City, expressed by resolution, the Grantee shall pay to the City reasonable compensation and damages, of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of its gross revenue during said period.

Section 6 - Applications for franchise.

- (a) Each application for a franchise to construct, operate, or maintain any cable television systems in this City shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall contain or be accompanied by the following:
 - (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;
 - (2) A detailed statement of the corporate or other business entity organization of the applicant, including but not limited to, the following and to whatever extent required by the City:
 - (i) The names, residence and business addresses of all officers, directors, and associates of the applicant.
 - (ii) The names, residence and business addresses of all officers, persons and entities having, controlling, or being entitled to have or control of 5% or more of the ownership of the applicant and the respective ownership share of each such person or entity.
 - (iii) The names and addresses of any parent or subsidiary of the applicant, namely, any other business entity owning or controlling applicant in whole or in part or owned or controlled in whole or in part by the applicant, and a statement describing the nature of any such parent or subsidiary business entity, including but not limited to cable television systems owned or controlled by the applicant, its parent and subsidiary and the areas served thereby.

- (iv) A detailed description of all previous experience of the applicant in providing cable television system service and in related or similar fields.
- (v) A detailed and complete financial statement of the applicant, prepared by a certified public accountant, for the fiscal year next preceding the date of the application hereunder, or a letter or other acceptable evidence in writing from a recognized lending institution or funding source, addressed to both the applicant and the Council, setting forth the basis for a study performed by such lending institution or funding source, and a clear statement of its intent as a lending institution or funding source to provide whatever capital shall be required by the applicant to construct and operate the proposed system in the City, or a statement from a certified public accountant, certifying that the applicant has available sufficient free, net and uncommitted cash resources to construct and operate the proposed system in this City.
- (vi) A statement identifying, by place and date, any other cable television franchise(s) awarded to the applicant, its parent or subsidiary; the status of said franchise(s) with respect to completion thereof; the total cost of completion of such system(s); and the amount of applicant's and its parent's or subsidiary's resources committed to the completion thereof.

<u>COMMENT</u>: The League's survey disclosed a substantial number of franchises where construction was delayed or deferred due to other construction commitments of the franchisee which are not necessarily disclosed by financial statements or resource commitments.

The Federal Communications Commission now requires that the franchising process examine not only the applicant's legal, character, financial, technical and other qualifications, but also the adequacy and feasibility of its construction arrangements.

- (b) A detailed description of the proposed plan of operation of the applicant which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) A detailed map indicating all areas proposed to be served, and a proposed time schedule for the installation of all equipment necessary to become operational throughout the entire area to be served.
 - (2) A statement or schedule setting forth all proposed classifications of rates and charges to be made against subscribers and all rates and charges as to each of said classifications, including installation charges and service charges.
 - (3) A detailed, informative, and referenced statement describing the actual equipment and operational standards proposed by the applicant. In no event shall said operational and performance standards be less than those contained in Title 47, Subpart K (Sections 76.601 et seq.), Rules and Regulations, Federal Communications Commission, adopted February 2, 1972, and as amended.

COMMENT: The Federal Communications Commission standards are set forth in the appendix.⁽²⁷⁾ Many California franchises contain more detailed and higher standards. Palo Alto's engineering consultants have suggested standards also set forth in the appendix.⁽²⁸⁾

- (4) A copy of the form of any agreement, undertaking, or other instrument proposed to be entered into between the applicant and any subscriber.
- (5) A detailed statement setting forth in its entirety any and all agreements and undertakings, whether formal or informal, written, oral, or implied, existing or proposed to exist between the

(27) See Appendix D.(28) See Appendix E.

applicant and any person, firm, or corporation which materially relate or pertain to or depend upon the application and the granting of the franchise.

- (d) A copy of any agreement covering the franchise area, if existing between the applicant and any public utility subject to regulation by the California Public Utilities Commission providing for the use of any facilities of the public utility, including but not limited to poles, lines, or conduits.
- (e) Any other details, statements, information or references pertinent to the subject matter of such application which shall be required or requested by the Council, or by any provision of any other Ordinance of the City (and of its Charter.).
- (f) An application fee in the sum of \$______, which shall be in the form of cash, certified or cashier's check, or money order, to pay the costs of studying, investigating, and otherwise processing such application, and which shall be in consideration thereof and not returnable or refundable in whole or in part, except to the extent that such fee exceeds the actual costs incurred by the City in studying, investigating and otherwise processing the application; provided, that any applicant who shall deliver to the City Clerk a written withdrawal of or cancellation of any application hereunder, not later than the seventh (7th) day next following the day such application is received by the City Clerk, shall be entitled to have returned and refunded the sum of \$_______, less any actual costs or expenses incurred by the City by reason of such application.
- (g) The Council may, by advertisement or any other means, solicit and call for applications for cable television system franchises, and may determine and fix any date upon or after which the same shall be received by the City, or the date before which the same must be received, or the date after which the same shall not be received, and may make any other determinations and specify any other times, terms, conditions, or limitations respecting the soliciting, calling for, making and receiving of such applications.

The Grantee shall pay to the City a sum of money sufficient to reimburse it for all publication expenses incurred by it in connection with the granting of a franchise pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance. Such payment shall be made within thirty (30) days after the City furnishes the • Grantee with a written statement of such expenses.

- (h) Upon receipt of any application for franchise, the Council shall refer the same to the chief administrative officer who shall prepare a report and make his recommendations respecting such application, and cause the same to be completed and filed with the Council within days.
- (i) In making any determination hereunder as to any application the Council may give due consideration to the quality of the service proposed, rates to subscriber, income to the City, experience, character, background, and financial responsibility of any applicant, and its management and owners, technical and performance quality of equipment, willingness and ability to meet construction and physical requirements, and to abide by policy conditions, franchise limitations and requirements, and any other considerations deemed pertinent by the Council for safeguarding the interests of the City and the public. The Council, in its discretion, shall determine the award of any franchise on the basis of such considerations and without competitive bidding.

If the Council shall determine to reject such application, such determination shall be final and conclusive, and the same shall be deemed rejected.

- (j) If the Council shall determine to further consider the application, the following shall be done:
 - (1) The Council shall decide and specify the terms and conditions of any franchise to be granted hereunder and as herein provided.

- (2) The Council shall pass its resolution of intention to consider the granting of such a franchise, giving notice of receipt of the application, and describing the character of the franchise desired, stating the name of the proposed Grantee, the character of the franchise, the terms and conditions upon which such franchise is proposed to be granted, that copies of the proposed franchise may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk, fixing and setting forth a day, hour, and place certain when and where any persons having any interest therein or objection to the granting thereof may file written protests and appear before the Council and be heard, and directing the City Clerk to publish said resolution at least once within ten (10) days of the passage thereof in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.
- (k) At the time set for the hearing, or at any adjournment thereof, the Council shall proceed to hear all written protests. Thereafter, the Council shall make one of the following determinations:
 - (1) That such franchise be denied; or
 - (2) That such franchise be granted upon the terms and conditions as specified in the resolution of intention to grant the same; or
 - (3) That such franchise be granted, but upon the terms and conditions different from those specified in the resolution of intention to grant the same.
- (1) If the Council shall determine that a franchise be denied such determination shall be expressed by resolution and shall be final and conclusive.

If the Council shall determine that a franchise be granted upon the terms and conditions as specified in the resolution of intention to consider granting the same, such determination shall be expressed by ordinance granting a franchise to the applicant.

If the Council shall determine upon granting a franchise upon terms and conditions different from those specified in the resolution of intention to consider granting the same, then such determination shall be expressed by resolution adopted prior to granting a franchise by ordinance.

Section 7 – Bonds: Indemnifications; Insurance.

(a) Performance Bond to City. Upon being granted a franchise, and upon the filing of the acceptance required under Section 8 hereof, the Grantee shall file with the City Clerk and shall thereafter, annually, during the entire term of such franchise, maintain in full force and effect a corporate surety bond or other adequate surety agreement in such amount and kind as shall have been approved by the Council. The bond or agreement shall be so conditioned that in the event that Grantee shall fail to comply with any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance or of such franchise, then there shall be recoverable jointly and severally from the principal and surety any damages or loss, or costs suffered or incurred by the City as a result thereof, including attorneys' fees and costs of any action or proceeding, and including the full amount of any compensation, indemnification, cost of removal or abandonment of any property or other costs which may be in default, up to the full principal amount of such bond. Said condition shall be a continuing obligation during the entire term of such franchise and thereafter until Grantee shall have satisfied in full any and all obligations to the City which arise out of or pertain to said franchise. Neither the provisions of this Section, nor any bond accepted by the City pursuant hereto, nor any damages recovered by the City thereunder shall be construed to excuse faithful performance by the Grantee, or limit the liability of the Grantee under any franchise issued pursuant to this ordinance or for damages either to the full amount of the bond, or otherwise.

COMMENT: Provision should be made for a declining bond figure, related to the exposure of the City from the initial acceptance of the franchise to completion of construction, with a fixed amount annually thereafter.

(b) Performance Bond for Subscribers. Upon being granted a franchise, and upon filing of the acceptance required under Section 8 hereof, the Grantee shall file, annually, with the City Clerk and shall thereafter during the entire term of such franchise maintain in full force and effect a corporate surety bond, or other adequate surety agreement, in the amount as shall have been approved by the Council. The bond or agreement shall be so conditioned that in the event such Grantee shall fail to comply with any one or more of the provisions of any agreement or undertaking made between Grantee and any subscriber, then there shall be recoverable jointly and severally from the principal and surety any damages or costs suffered or incurred by any subscriber as a result thereof, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of any action or proceeding. Said condition shall be a continuing obligation during the entire term of such franchise and thereafter until Grantee shall have satisfied in full any and all obligations to any subscriber which arise out of or pertain to any such agreement or undertaking.

<u>COMMENT:</u> Provision should here be made for a reduction of the original bond amount where, over some reasonable period, e.g., two years, the Grantee's service is clearly satisfactory.

- (c) Hold Harmless Agreement. Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees, against and from any and all claims, demands, causes of actions, actions, suits, proceedings, damages (including but not limited to damages to City property and damages arising out of copyright infringements, and damages arising out of any failure by Grantee to secure consents from the owners, authorized distributors or licensees of programs to be delivered by Grantee's cable television system), costs or liabilities (including costs or liabilities of the City with respect to its employees), of every kind and nature whatsoever, including but not limited to damages for injury or death or damage to person or property, and regardless of the merit of any of the same, and against all liability to others, and against any loss, cost, and expense resulting or arising out of any of the same, including any attorney fees, accountant fees, expert witness or consultant fees, court costs, per diem expense, traveling and transportation expense, or other costs or expense arising out of or pertaining to the exercise or the enjoyment of any franchise hereunder by Grantee, or the granting thereof by the City.
- (d) Defense of Litigation. Grantee shall at the sole risk and expense of Grantee, upon demand of the City, made by and through the City Attorney, appear in and defend any and all suits, actions, or other legal proceedings, whether judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative, legislative, or otherwise, brought or instituted or had by third persons or duly constituted authorities, against or affecting the City, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, or employees, and arising out of or pertaining to the exercise or the enjoyment of such franchise, or the granting thereof by the City.
 - Grantee shall pay and satisfy and shall cause to be paid and satisfied any judgment, decree, order, directive, or demand rendered, made or issued against Grantee, the City, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, or employees in any of these premises; and such indemnity shall exist and continue without reference to or limitation by the amount of any bond, policy of insurance, deposit, undertaking or other assurance required hereunder, or otherwise; provided, that neither Grantee nor City shall make or enter into any compromise or settlement of any claim, demand, cause of action, action, suit, or other proceeding, without first obtaining the written consent of the other.
- (e) Insurance Required. Upon being granted a franchise, and upon the filing of the acceptance required under Section 8 hereof, the Grantee shall file with the City Clerk and shall thereafter during the entire term of such franchise maintain in full force and effect at its own cost and expense each of the following policies of insurance:
 - (1) General Comprehensive Liability Insurance in the amount of \$______, together with Bodily Injury Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$_______ for injuries including accidental death, to any one person, and subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$______ on account of any one occurrence, and Property Damage

Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$ resulting from any one occurrence; provided, however, as follows:

- (i) The City shall be named as an additional insured in any of said insurance policies; and
- (ii) Where such insurance is provided by a policy which also covers Grantee or any other entity or person, it shall contain the standard cross-liability endorsement.

Section 8 – Acceptance of the Franchise.

- (a) No franchise granted under this ordinance shall become effective for any purpose unless and until written acceptance thereof shall have been filed with the City Clerk. Written acceptance, which shall be in the form and substance approved by the City Attorney, shall also be and operate as an acceptance of each and every term and condition and limitation contained in this ordinance, or in such franchise, or otherwise specified as herein provided.
- (b) The written acceptance shall be filed by the Grantee not later than 12:01 o'clock P.M. of the fortieth (40th) day next following the effective date of the ordinance granting such franchise.
- (c) In default of the filing of such written acceptance as herein required, the Grantee shall be deemed to have rejected and repudiated the franchise. Thereafter, the acceptance of the Grantee shall not be received nor filed by the City Clerk. The Grantee shall have no rights, remedies, or redress in the premises, unless and until the Council, by resolution, shall determine that such acceptance be received or filed, and then upon such terms and conditions as the Council may impose.
- (d) In any case, and in any instance, all rights, remedies and redress in these premises which may or shall be available to the City, shall at all times be available to the City, and shall be preserved and maintained and shall continuously exist in and to the City, and shall not be in any manner or means modified, abridged, altered, restricted, or impaired by reason of any of these premises, or otherwise.
- (e) Any franchise granted and accepted under this ordinance shall be in lieu of any and all other rights, privileges, powers, immunities, and authorities owned, possessed, controlled, or exercisable by the Grantee, of or pertaining to the construction, operation, or maintenance of any cable television systems in the City.

Section 9 – Limitations of franchise.

- (a) Every franchise granted under this chapter shall be non-exclusive.
- (b) No privilege or exemption shall be granted or conferred by any franchise granted under this chapter except those specifically prescribed herein.
- (c) Any privilege claimed under any such franchise by the Grantee in any street or other public property shall be subordinate to any prior lawful occupancy of the streets or other public property.
- (d) Any such franchise shall be a privilege to be held in personal trust by the original Grantee. It cannot in any event be sold, transferred, leased, assigned or disposed of, in whole or in part, either by forced or involuntary sale, or by voluntary sale, merger, consolidation or otherwise, without prior consent of the Council expressed by resolution, and then only under such conditions as may therein be prescribed. Any such transfer or assignment shall be made only by an instrument in writing, such as a bill of sale, or similar document, a duly executed copy of which shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after any such transfer or assignment. The said consent of the Council may not be unreasonably refused; provided, however, the proposed assignee must show financial responsibility as determined by the Council and must agree to comply with all provisions of this ordinance; and provided, further, that no such consent shall be required for a transfer in trust, mortgage, or other hypothecation, in whole or in part, to secure an indebtedness, except that when such hypothecation

shall exceed 50% of the market value of the property used by the franchisee in the conduct of the cable television system, prior consent of the Council shall be required for such a transfer. Such consent shall not be withheld unreasonably.

In the event that Grantee is a corporation, prior approval of the City Council, expressed by ordinance, shall be required where there is an actual change in control or where ownership of more than 50% of the voting stock of Grantee is acquired by a person of group of persons acting in concert, none of whom already own 50% of more of the voting stock, singly or collectively. Any such acquisition occurring without prior approval of the City Council shall constitute a failure to comply with a provision of this ordinance within the meaning of Section 5 of this ordinance.

- (e) Time shall be of the essence of any such franchise granted hereunder. The Grantee shall not be relieved of his obligation to comply promptly with any of the provisions of this ordinance by any failure of the City to enforce prompt compliance.
- (f) Any right or power in, or duty impressed upon, any officer, employee, department, or board of the City shall be subject to transfer by the City to any other officer, employee, department, or board of the City.
- (g) The Grantee shall have no recourse whatsoever against the City for any loss, cost, expense, or damage arising out of any provision or requirement of this ordinance or of any franchise issued hereunder or because of its enforcement.
- (h) The Grantee shall be subject to all requirements of City laws, rules, regulations, and specifications heretofore or hereafter enacted or established.
- (i) Any such franchise granted shall not relieve the Grantee of any obligations involved in obtaining pole or conduit space from any department of the City, utility company, or from others maintaining utilities in streets.
- (j) Any franchise granted hereunder, shall be in lieu of any and all other rights, privileges, powers, immunities, and authorities owned, possessed, controlled, or exercisable by Grantee, or any successor to any interest of Grantee, of or pertaining to the construction, operation, or maintenance of any cable television system in the City; and the acceptance of any franchise hereunder shall operate, as between Grantee and the City, as an abandonment of any and all of such rights, privileges, powers, immunities, and authorities within the City, to the effect that, as between Grantee and the City, and all construction, operation and maintenance by any Grantee of any cable television system in the City shall be, and shall be deemed and construed in all instances and respects to be, under and pursuant to said franchise, and not under or pursuant to any other right, privilege, power, immunity, or authority whatsoever.

Section 10 - Rights reserved to the City.

- (a) Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to impair or affect, in any way, to any extent, the right of the City to acquire the property of the Grantee, either by purchase or through the exercise of the right of eminent domain, at a fair and just value, which shall not include any amount for the franchise itself or for any of the rights or privileges granted, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to contract away or to modity or abridge, whether for a term or in perpetuity, the City's right of eminent domain.
- (b) There is hereby reserved to the City every right and power which is required to be herein reserved or provided by any law, and the Grantee, by its acceptance of the franchise, agrees to be bound thereby and to comply with any action or requirements of the City in its exercise of such rights or power, heretofore or hereafter enacted or established.

- (c) There is hereby reserved to the City the power to amend any section of this ordinance so as to require additional or greater standards of construction, operation, maintenance or otherwise, on the part of the Grantee to reflect technical and economic changes occuring during the franchise term, and to enable the City and the Grantee to take advantage of new developments in the cable television industry so as to more effectively, efficiently and economically serve the public.
- (d) Neither the granting of any franchise nor any provision hereof shall constitute a waiver or bar to the exercise of any governmental right or power of the City.
- (c) The Council may do all things which are necessary and convenient in the exercise of its jurisdiction under this ordinance and may determine any question of fact which may arise during the existence of any franchise granted hereunder. The chief administrative officer, with the approval of the City Attorney, is hereby authorized and empowered to adjust, settle, or compromise any controversy or charge arising from the operations of any Grantee under this ordinance, either on behalf of the City, the Grantee, or any subscriber, in the best interest of the public. Either the Grantee or any member of the public who may be dissatisfied with the decision of the chief administrative officer may appeal the matter to the Council for hearing and determination. The Council may accept, reject or modify the decision of the chief administrative officer, and the Council may adjust, settle or compromise any controversy or cancel any charge arising from the operations of the Grantee of from any provision of this ordinance.

Section 11 - Council to adopt rules and regulations.

(a) Standards of Operation

- (1) Prior to receiving any applications for franchises, the Council may adopt rules, regulations and standards governing the operation of cable television systems in the City. Such rules, regulations and standards shall apply to and shall govern the operations of the Grantee of any franchise hereunder, and are expressly declared a part of any franchise hereunder.
- (2) Rules, regulations and standards not adopted prior to receiving any application for a franchise shall be adopted by the Council at the first regular meeting of the Council next following the effective date of this ordinance, by resolution which shall become effective upon adoption and shall be applicable to any application for a franchise previously received.
- (3) The standards adopted shall govern the engineering, construction, installation, service, and maintenance of all cable television systems in the City, including but not limited to standards governing carrier levels, signal-to-noise ratios, hum modulation, distortion levels, channel interactions and inter-reactions.
- (4) Provided the same do not materially alter the content of the franchise without consent of the Grantee, the Council may at any time adopt new rules or regulations or standards, or may amend, modify, delete, or otherwise change its respective rules or regulations or standards previously adopted, in the following manner: The Council shall pass its resolution of intention stating or describing the rules or regulations or standards to be adopted, amended, modified, deleted, or otherwise changed, and fixing and setting forth a day, hour, and place certain when and where any persons having any interest therein or objection thereto may appear before the Council and be heard. Such resolution shall direct the City Clerk to publish the same at least once within ten (10) days of the passage thereof in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and to mail a copy of the same to any Grantee or applicant for a franchise, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to the time fixed for hearing thereon.

At the time set for such hearing, or at any adjournment thereof, the Council shall proceed to hear and pass upon such comments as may be presented. Thereafter, the Council, by its resolution, may adopt, amend, modify, delete, or otherwise change its respective rules, regulations and standards. Such determination by the Council shall be final and conclusive. Any rule or regulation or standard as adopted, amended, modified, deleted, or otherwise changed by the Council shall become effective upon the tenth (10th) day following the adoption of such resolution, unless a longer period shall be otherwise provided in such resolution.

(b) Rates

- (1) Prior to granting any franchise hereunder the Council, by resolution, shall establish and fix all rates and charges for the Basic Service, herein defined, allowable to Grantee, such as:
 - (i) charges for installation;
 - (ii) subscriber rates;
 - (iii) service charges for separate classifications of service (e.g., additional connections, etc.)

Once established, such rates or charges shall not be changed at any time after granting of a franchise, except after due notice and hearing as provided herein.

- (2) Rates and charges for services, other than the Basic Service, shall also be approved by the Council by resolution, after due notice and hearing as provided herein.
- (3) In connection with any proposed change of any rates or charges of Grantee to subscribers initiated by Grantee, or the approval of rates for additional services, at any time after the granting of a franchise, the Council may direct the chief administrative officer of the City to conduct a preliminary hearing into the matter. If so directed by the Council, the chief administrative officer shall issue his written notice fixing and setting forth the day, hour, and place certain when and where any persons having any interest therein may appear and be heard.

The City Clerk shall cause such notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. The City Clerk also shall cause a copy of such notice to be mailed to any Grantee at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified for the hearing. At the time set for such hearing, or at any adjournment thereof, the chief administrative officer shall proceed to hear the matter. Following the close of such hearing, the chief administrative officer shall prepare and file with the City Council his report of the hearing, his findings and an opinion containing his recommendations and the reasons therefore. After the expiration of ten (10) days following receipt of the chief administrative officer's report and opinion, and if no objection has been filed thereto, the Council shall determine whether to adopt the opinion or to hold a further hearing, and shall pass its resolution of intention to do so, describing and stating any rates or charges to be changed, the reasons of the Council therefor, fixing and setting forth a day, hour, and place certain when and where any persons having any interest therein may appear before the Council and be heard. Such resolution shall direct the City Clerk to publish the same resolution at least once within ten (10) days of the passage thereof in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. The City Clerk also shall cause a copy of such resolution to be mailed to the Grantee at least ten (10) days prior to the date specified for hearing thereon.

At the time set for any further hearing, or at any adjournment thereof, the Council shall proceed to hear the matter.

If upon receipt of report and opinion, and the expiration of said ten (10) days without objection, or following the holding of a further hearing, if the Council determines to do so, the Council shall find that the changing of any rates or charges of Grantee to subscribers will be fair to the system operator and not detrimental or injurious to the best interests and welfare of the subscribers and users, and of the City, then the Council, by resolution, shall authorize the change of rates or charges of Grantee to subscribers and users as determined. Such resolution shall thereupon become and shall be a part of any franchise granted hereunder and affected thereby. (4) Neither the Council nor the Grantee shall, as to rates, charges, service, service facilities, rules, regulations, or in any other respect, make or grant any preference or advantage to any person, nor subject any person to prejudice or disadvantage.

Section 12 – Permits and construction.

(a) Within thirty (30) days after acceptance of any franchise, the Grantee shall proceed with due diligence to obtain all necessary permits and authorizations which are required in the conduct of its business, including, but not limited to, any utility joint use attachment agreements, microwave carrier licenses, and any other permits, licenses and authorizations to be granted by duly constituted regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the operation of cable television systems, or associated micro-wave transmission facilities.

In connection therewith, copies of all petitions, applications and communications submitted by the Grantee to the Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other federal or state regulatory commission or agency having jurisdiction in respect to any matters affecting Grantee's cable television operations, shall also be submitted simultaneously to the chief administrative officer.

- (b) Within ninety (90) days after obtaining all necessary permits, licenses and authorizations, including right of access to poles and conduits, Grantee shall commence construction and installation of the cable television system.
- (c) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the commencement of construction and installation of the system, Grantee shall proceed to render service to subscribers, and the completion of the installation and construction shall be pursued with reasonable diligence thereafter, so that service to all of the areas designated and scheduled on the map and plan of construction made parts of the franchise shall be provided as set forth therein.

<u>COMMENT:</u> New cable television franchises will be required, by the Federal Communications <u>Commission</u>, to provide that franchisees shall accomplish construction within one (1) year after receiving Commission certification and shall thereafter equitably and reasonably extend energized trunk cable to a substantial percentage of the franchise area each year, as determined by the City.

As a general proposition, the Commission expressed the view that construction should be required to proceed at the rate of 20% of the franchise area per year.

Therefore, it is important that the Grantee's plan for construction be included both in the applications and in the franchise, with definite areas and dates for completion of construction.

(d) Failure on the part of the Grantee to commence and diligently pursue each of the foregoing requirements and to complete each of the matters set forth herein, shall be grounds for termination of such franchise. By resolution, the Council, in its discretion, may extend the time for the commencement and completion of installation and construction for additional periods in the event the Grantee, acting in good faith, experiences delays by reason of circumstances beyond his control.

By acceptance of the franchise granted hereunder, Grantee agrees that failure to comply with any time requirements referred to in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section will result in damage to the City, and that it is and will be impracticable to determine the actual amount of such damage in the event of delay; and Grantee therefore agrees that, in addition to any other damage suffered by City, he will pay to City the sum of \$ per day for each and every day's delay beyond the time prescribed, plus authorized extensions thereof, for completion of any of the acts required to be done by this section.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Liquidated damage provisions are recommended because of the impracticality of determining upon actual damage to the City by delay (not default) of the Grantee in performance; thus, any sum inserted here must be estimated. However, city attorneys are advised to consider the effect of <u>Smith, Inc. v. the City of Lakeport, et al.</u> (3 Civ. 12877, April 18, 1972–Court of Appeal, 3rd Dist.), certified for non-publication.

It is suggested that consideration be given to the Grantee's total construction commitment in cost and time for completion, to arrive at a liquidated damage figure which, in fact, would be that of Grantee's corporate surety in the event of default.

Consideration should also be given to apportionment of the liquidated damages in relation to the degree of completion of construction, a proportional percentage in relation to the remaining percentage of construction.

(e) Grantee shall utilize existing poles, conduits, and other facilities whenever possible, and shall not construct or install any new, different, or additional poles, conduits, or other facilities whether on public property or on privately-owned property unless and until first securing the written approval of the chief administrative officer.

Whenever Grantee shall not utilize existing poles, conduits and other facilities, or whenever existing conduits and other facilities shall be located beneath the surface of the streets, or whenever the City shall undertake a program designed to cause all conduits and other facilities to be located beneath the surface of the streets in any area or throughout the City, in the exercise of its police power or pursuant to the terms hereof, upon reasonable notice to Grantee, any such conduits or other facilities of Grantee shall be constructed, installed, placed, or replaced beneath the surface of the streets. Any construction, installation, placement, replacement, or changes which may be so required shall be made at the expense of Grantee, whose costs shall be determined as in the case of public utilities.

- (f) The City shall have the right, free of charge, to make additional use, for any public or municipal purpose, whether governmental or proprietary, of any poles, conduits, or other similar facilities erected, controlled, or maintained exclusively by or for Grantee in any street, provided such use by City does not interfere with the use by Grantee.
- (g) In those areas of the City where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone, communication and electric services are underground, or hereafter are placed underground, the Grantee likewise shall construct, operate and maintain all of his transmission and distribution facilities underground. The term "underground" shall include a partial underground system; provided, that upon obtaining the written approval of the chief administrative officer, amplifiers in the Grantee's transmission and distribution lines may be placed in appropriate housings upon the surface of the ground.
- (h) The Grantee at his expense shall protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate, or remove any property of Grantee when, in the opinion of the chief administrative officer the same is required by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street vacation, freeway or street construction, change or establishment of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, waterpipes, power line, signal line, transportation facilities, tracks, or any other types of structure or improvements by governmental agencies whether acting in a governmental or a proprietary capacity, or any other structure or public improvement, including but not limited to movement of buildings, urban renewal and redevelopment, and any general program under which the City shall undertake to cause all such properties to be located beneath the surface of the ground. The Grantee shall in all cases have the privilege, subject to the corresponding obligations, to abandon any property of Grantee in place, as herein provided. Nothing hereunder shall be deemed a taking of the property of Grantee, and Grantee shall be entitled to no surcharge by reason of anything hereunder.

- (i) Upon the failure, refusal, or neglect of Grantee to cause any work or other act required by law or hereunder to be properly completed in, on, over, or under any street within any time prescribed therefor, or upon notice given, where no time is prescribed, the chief administrative officer may cause such work or other act to be completed in whole or in part, and upon so doing shall submit to Grantee an itemized statement of the costs thereof. The Grantee shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such statement, pay to the City the entire amount thereof.
- (j) In the event that,
 - .(1) the use of any part of the system of Grantee is discontinued for any reason for a continuous period of thirty (30) days, without prior written notice to and approval by the City; or
 - (2) any part of such system has been installed in any street or other area without complying with the requirements hereof; or
 - (3) any franchise shall be terminated, cancelled, or shall expire, then the Grantee shall, at the option of the City, and at the expense of Grantee and at no expense to the City, and upon demand of the City, promptly remove from any streets or other area all property of Grantee, and Grantee shall promptly restore the street or other area from which such property has been removed to such condition as the chief administrative officer shall approve.

The Council may, upon written application therefor by Grantee, approve the abandonment of any of such property in place by Grantee and under such terms and conditions as the Council may prescribe. Upon abandonment of any such property in place, Grantee shall cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered to the City such instruments as the City Attorney shall prescribe and approve, transferring and conveying the ownership of such property to the City.

Section 13 - Miscellaneous provisions.

- (a) A franchise granted to provide service within the City shall authorize and permit the Grantee to solicit, sell, distribute, and make a charge to subscribers within the City for connection to the cable television system of Grantee, and shall also authorize and permit the Grantee to traverse any portion of the City in order to provide service outside the City.
- (b) A franchise, easement, license or other permit granted to anyone other than the Grantee to traverse any portion of the City in order to provide service outside the City shall not authorize nor permit said person to solicit, sell, distribute, or make any charge to subscribers within the City, nor to render any service or connect any subscriber within the City to the cable television service system of Grantee.
- (c) No franchise granted under this ordinance shall ever be given any value by any Court or other authority, public or private, in any proceeding of any nature or character, wherein or whereby the City shall be a party or affected therein or thereby.
- (d) Grantee shall be subject to all provisions of the other ordinances, rules, regulations, and specifications of the City heretofore or hereafter adopted, including but not limited to those pertaining to works and activities in, on, over, under and about streets.

Any privilege claimed under any franchise granted pursuant to this ordinance in any street or other public property shall be subordinate to any prior lawful occupancy of the streets or other public property.

Grantee also shall be subject to the provisions of general laws of the State of California, or as hereafter amended, when applicable to the exercise of any privilege contained in any franchise granted under this ordinance, including but not limited to those pertaining to works and activities in and about State highways.

- (e) Grantee shall be prohibited from directly or indirectly doing any of the following:
 - (1) engaging in the business of solling at retail, leasing, renting, repairing or servicing of television sets or radios;
 - (2) imposing a fee or charge for any service or repair to subscriber-owned receiving devices except for the connection of its service or for the determination by Grantee of the quality of its signal to the recipients thereof;
 - (3) soliciting, referring, or causing or permitting the solicitation or referral of any subscriber to persons engaged in any business herein prohibited to be engaged in by Grantee.
 - (4) providing information concerning the viewing patterns of identifiable individual subscribers to any person, group or organization for any purpose.
- (f) If the Federal Communications Commission or the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California or any other Federal or State body or agency shall now or hereafter exercise any paramount jurisdiction over the subject matter of any franchise granted under this ordinance, then to the extent such jurisdiction shall preempt or preclude the exercise of like jurisdiction by the City the jurisdiction of the City shall cease and no longer exist.

The preemption or preclusion of the exercise by the City of any of its police power shall not diminish, impair, alter, or affect any contractual benefit to the City or Grantee nor any contractual obligation of the Grantee under any franchise issued hereunder.

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Any and all minimum standards governing the operation of Grantee and any and all maximum rates, ratios, and charges specified herein or in any franchise issued hereunder, existing now and at any time in the future, including such time as any paramount jurisdiction shall preempt or preclude that of the City, and any and all rights, powers, privileges, and authorities of the City to determine, establish, or fix any of the same, are each and all hereby declared by the City and by any Grantee accepting any franchise hereunder to be contractual in nature and to be for the benefit of the City.

- (g) When not otherwise prescribed herein, all matters herein required to be filed with the City shall be filed with the City Clerk.
- (h) No person, firm or corporation within the service area of the Grantee, and where trunk lines are in place, shall be refused service; provided, however, that the Grantee shall not be required to provide service to any subscriber who does not pay the applicable connection fee or service charge.
- (i) Before providing cable television service to any subscriber, the Grantee shall provide a written notice to the subscriber substantially as follows:

"Subscriber is hereby notified that in providing cable television service the Grantee is making use of public rights-of-way within the City of _________ and that the continued use of such rights-of-way is in no way guaranteed. In the event the continued use of such rights-of-way is denied to Grantee for any reason, Grantee will . take every reasonable effort to provide service over alternate routes. By accepting cable television service, subscriber agrees he will make no claim nor undertake any action against the City of _______, its officers, or its employees if the service to be provided hereunder is interrupted or discontinued."

(j) The form of the Grantee's contract with the subscriber shall also be subject to approval of the City.

Section 14 – Equal opportunity employment and affirmative action plan.

In the carrying out of the construction, maintenance and operation of the cable television system, the Grantee shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

The Grantee shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgoinding, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The Grantee shall r ost in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

The Grantee shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Grantee, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

The Grantee shall incorporate the foregoing requirements in all of its contracts for work relative to construction, maintenance and operation of the cable television system, other than contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and shall require all of its contractors for such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such work.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Cable television systems, operating under certification by the Federal Communications Commission, are now required to file Annual Employment Reports (FCC Form 395) showing, among other things, employment and training of minorities.

Many California cities have adopted, by ordinance, a municipal policy on this subject requiring that all city contracts include a commitment by the contractor to an affirmative program of employment and training of minorities and disadvantaged. For those cities, inclusion of this policy may be accomplished by reference to such ordinance. For cities without an Affirmative Action Ordinance, this section is suggested.

Section 15 – Violations

- (a) From and after the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to construct, install or maintain within any public street in the City, or within any other public property of the City, or within any privately-owned area within the City which has not yet become a public street but is designated or delineated as a proposed public street on any tentative subdivision map approved by the City, any equipment or facilities for distributing any television signals or radio signals through a cable television system, unless a franchise authorizing such use of such street or property or area has first been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, and unless such franchise is in full force and effect.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make or use any unauthorized connection, whether physically, electrically, acoustically, inductively or otherwise, with any part of a franchised cable television system within this City for the purpose of enabling himself or others to receive or use any television signal, radio signal, picture, program or sound, without payment to the owner of said system.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person, without the consent of the owner, to wilfully tamper with, remove or injure any cables, wires or equipment used for distribution of television signals, radio signals, pictures, programs or sound.

Section 16 – Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional. The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not abate, reduce or otherwise affect any consideration or other obligation required of the Grantee of any franchise granted hereunder.

Section 17 – Effective Date.

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This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

III. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ____

GRANTING

A FRANCHISE FOR A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM TO _____

The City Council of ______ does ordain as follows:

Section 1.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority provided in, and all the provisions, terms and conditions of Ordinance No. _____, entitled, "An Ordinance of the City of

Establishing a Procedure for the Granting of Franchises for Cable Television Systems," passed and adopted on _______, full and complete copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of sai⁴ Ordinance No. ______, a Franchise (or License),* to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within the area specifically described and delineated on the maps filed with the application as required by Section 5 of said Ordinance, for a term of fifteen (15) years, is hereby granted to ______ (a corporation, partnership, etc.), herein referred to as Grantee (or Licensee), with all the rights and privileges and subject to each and all of the terms and conditions of said Ordinance and Grantee's (or Licensee's) application.

Section 3.

Pursuant to the provisions of said Ordinance No. _____, the following schedule of rates and charges filed as required by Section 6 of said ordinance is hereby approved: (insert rate schedule)

Grantee (or Licensee) shall charge its subscribers and users the rates and charges in accordance with the foregoing schedule and no increase therein may be made without the prior approval of the City Council expressed by resolution.

Section 3 (alternate).*

Pursuant to the provisions of said Ordinance No. _____, the Grantee (or Licensee) shall charge its subscribers and users the rates and charges approved by the City Council in its Resolution No. _____, and no increase therein may be made with the prior approval of the City Council expressed by resolution.

Section 4.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of said Ordinance, Grantee (or Licensee) shall, during the term hereof pay to the City the following sums and in the manner specified by the City Council in its Resolution No. ____:

- (1) % of its Gross Annual Basic Subscriber Receipts;
- (2) % of its Gross Annual Non-basic Service Receipts;
- (3) % of its Gross Annual Advertising Receipts;
- (4) _____% of its Gross Annual Lease Receipts.

• To be used if the Council elects not to include the schedule of rates and charges in this ordinance, after having adopted the schedule by resolution.

[•] See Franchise procedure ordinance, Section 2, subd. (b).

Section 5.

The cable television system herein franchised (or licensed) shall be used and operated solely and exclusively for the purpose expressly authorized by ordinance of the City of ______ and no other purpose whatsoever.

Section 6.

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This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage; provided, however, that the franchise (or license) hereby granted shall not become effective unless and until Grantee (or Licensee) files written acceptance thereof and an agreement to be bound by and comply with all of the requirements thereof. and delivers to the City the bond and insurance policies required to be furnished, all pursuant to the provision of Section 7 of said Ordinance No.

APPENDIX A

ANALYSIS OF CATV SURVEY, April, 1972

(Mailed to 407 California cities, 332 responses)

Status of CATV Franchising 273 Cities with franchised cable operations NOT responding to survey 43 35 Franchise limitations Exclusive franchises . 19 City option to purchase (distinguished from eminent domain) 43* Specific system requirements 22 61 Public access channel . City approval required for: 42 2 4 21 5 Merger; stockholder change . 1 15

*Questionable:

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Some respondents did not distinguish eminent domain powers from purchase options. Review of ordinances submitted, however, discloses approximately twenty (20) cities with clear options to purchase or cost-free acquisition of the system on expiration of the franchise term.

APPENDIX A (cont'd) *

Range of Minimum Annual CATV Franchise Fee Payments to California Cities

An	nount	Cities	Amount	Cities				
\$	120	1	\$ 2,000	I				
	300	1	2,400	2				
	400	1	2,500	2				
	500	1	3,000	1				
	600	4	3,600	3				
	792	1	5,000	5				
	800	3	8,000	1				
	900	2	12,500	· 1				
	1,200	80 1	14,000	1				
	1,800	2	333,000	1				

Several cities have provided for minimum annual CATV franchise fee payments, variously accelerated as follows:

From	1st to 5th year	•	•	•	•	\$	1,200		\$10,000
	1st to 5th year	•	•	•	•		1,500		7,000
	-0- to 3rd year	•	٠	•	•		00		2,300
	1st to 3rd year	•	•	•	•		2,500	-	7,500
	lst to 4th year	•	•	•	•		5,000		20,000
	lst to 11th year	•	•	•	•		5,000	, 	50,000
	1st to 3rd year	•	•	•	•		15,000		30,000
	ist to 3rd year	•	•	•	•		15,000	-	40,000
	lst to 6th year	•	•	•	•	•	35,000	-	60,000

Franchise	Terms
Years	No. of Cities
10	23
15	29.
20	109
25	12
30	4
40	1
50	1
Indeterminate	2

* From League Survey

Mini	mum	Maxi	Maximum				
Percentage	No. of Cities	Percentage	No. of Cities				
1.0	4	2.0	66				
.2.0	7	3.0	16				
3.0	25 ~	4.0	12				
3.5	1	5.0	88				
4.0	9	5.25	1				
5.0	83	5.5	2				
8.0	3	6.0	2				
10.0	2	7.0	1				
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		10.0	2				
		25.0	1				
*		30.0	1				

APPENDIX A (cont'd)*

Range of Franchise Fees in California Cities

Note:

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This range includes cities with a fixed percentage rate, and those with rates increasing over the term of the franchise.

APPENDIX B

This Appendix contains information assembled from the League Survey, CATV Systems Directory and other sources (as noted below) showing all incorporated California cities; their market area in relation to the FCC designation of the Top 100 Markets (#1 indicates Markets 1-50; and #2 indicates Markets 51-100); Federal 1970 Census; channel requirements of the ordinance or franchise; number of subscribers; installation fee and monthly rates; the franchised company; and year when the franchise was granted. Cities designated by asterisk (*) have forwarded ordinances, franchise, and special CATV studies.

In the Federal Register, Vol. 37, No. 30, February 12, 1972, California markets are ranked as follows:

1. First 50 Major Television Markets:

Los Angeles – San Bernardino – Corona – Fontana; San Francisco – Oakland – San Jose; Sacramento – Stockton – Modesto San Diego

2. Second 50 Major Television Markets:

Fresno

(Market designations courtesy of Mr. John Atwood, of Theta Cable of California.)

Franchised.Company	United Cablevision, Inc.	Cablecon-Gen. of N. Calif.	Nor Cal Cablevision, Inc.		Finer Living, Inc.	valley vision, inc. Tele Vue Systems	TelePrompter of Sierra Madre	Humboldt Bay Video Corp.	Central Calif. Comm. Corp.	Tehachapi Cable TV Corp.		cen. Electronic Captevision Corp. Televente of Placer County		Bakersfield Cable TV, Inc.		Storer Cable IV, Inc.	Continental Transmission Corp. Storer Cable TV, Inc.	Theta Cable of Calif. Peninsula Cable TV Corp. Tele-Vue Systems, Inc.
Monthly Fee	6•95	4.50	5.00		5.00	5.00	5.95	5.95	5.95	6. 00	7. DE	4.75		5.25	2.00	5.40	6.95 5.40	4 . 75 5 . 00
Installa- tíon Fee	17.95	-0-	10.00		15.00	25.00	19.95	19.95	29.95	10.00	0 00	15-00			10.00	10.00.	-0- 10-00	25 . 00 25.00
Number of Sub- scribers	,		1,370	,		10,568		1,072	1,900	570		3.500		12.390		1,400	8,500	
Channel Require- ments	12	20	12	50		13	, 12	7	12	12		13	-		12	ø	9 12	19 12
1970 Federal Census	1,656 70,050	14,000	2,799	156.701	5,492	1,/1U 28,060	42,868	8,985	7,454	14, /3/ 5,199	8,085	6.570	1,520 25,217	69.515	47,285	12,034	17,442 5,484	21,836 51,454 29,308 23,667 2,599
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Franchised Company	Cablecom General of Northern Calif. Bay Cablevision, inc. Theta Cable of California	Continental Transmission Corp.	Continental Transmission Corp. International Cable TV Imperial Valley Cable Co. Cablecom-General of S. Calif.	Triangle Cable Co. Brisbane Cable TV, Inc.	National Trans-Video, Inc.	Imperial Valley Cable Co. Desert Video, Inc.	Storer Cable TV, Inc. Clarity TV, Inc.	capps IV Electronics San Jose Cable TV & Affiliates Central Calif. Comm. Corp.	Western Communications, Inc. Monterey Peninsula TV Cable	Carson Cable Television Ceres Cable Co.	State TV Cable
Monthly Fee	4.25 Cc 4.70 Ba 5.00 Th	6.50. Ca	5.95 Co 5.95 In 7.50 Im 4.95 Ca	5.00 Tr 4.00 Br	5.25 Na	7.50 Im 6.95 De	5.00 St 6.00 Cl	5.95 Sar 4.50 Cer	5.50 We Mor	4.95 Cei	4.50 St. 4.95
Installa- tion Fee	-0- 19-50	10-00	-0- 15.00 15.00	10.00 6.00	12.50	-0- 12.50	10.00	10.00	15.00	14.95 4	19.95 4 0.99 4
Number of Sub- scribers	1,520 1,700 3,980	2,100	1,262 2,559		3,000	. 250	806		5,000	1,364	7,600 4,227
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1970 Federal Census	8,783 116,716 33,416	3,498	1,112 7,047 1,098 13,476 13,447	2,649 3,003 63,646	88,871 · 27,320	10,625 1,309 1,824	1,882 19,219	24,770 5,080 14,944	4,525 6,982	72,358 6,029 15 859	19,580 20,411
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Monthly Fee	5 . 95 5 . 50	7.50	4. 50 6. 95 6. 95	5.00	4.65	5. 70 5. 00 5. 00	4. 75 4.95	6.25
Installa- tíon Fee	10 . 00 11.25	75-00	15.00 25.00 25.00	24.50		15.00 10.00 25.00	10.00 9.95	·
Number of Sub- scribers	000'6		1,202	`	17,450	6,000 750 2,706	261	525
Channel Requíre- ments	7 12	12	20 112 10	12	12	6 12 20	20	5 0
1970 Federal Census	4,349 67,901 23,464	1,385 3,251	13,856 8,353 6,161 798 537	19,974 3,842 10,536	79,611 85,423	2,249 3,573 27,519 20,910 8,464	72,660 1,368 30,380 2,586 16,998	34,526 18,216 31,026 66,922 23,488
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CITY	Chowchilla Chula Vista* Claremont	Clayton* Cloverdale	Clovis Coachella Coalinga Colfax Colma	Colton Coltaa Commerce	Compton Concord*	Corcoran Corning Corona* Coronado* Corte Madera*	Costa Mesa Cotati Covina Crescent City Cudahy	Culver City* Cupertino Cypress Daly City* Davis'

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Monthly Fee	4.75	4.50	5.00	4.95	5.95	5.50 7.50 3.25	5.50 6.50	4.55	3 . 50 5 . 50	5.50 4.75	5.00
Installa- tíon Fee	9• 95	10,00	25•00	10.00	5•95	11.25 -0- -0-	19 . 50 12.00	10.00	15.00 19.75	25 . 00 -0-	15.00
Number of Sub- scribers	2,104	354			200	10,000 9,200		10,297	75	1,402 133	2,194
Channel Require- ments	12	12	20	7	12.	5 12 12	12	12	S	12 20	, 12
1970 Federal Census	14,599 3,956	1,823 2,738 7,917	4,432 840	2,496 88,445	14,981	2,214 52,273 19,272 25,190 69,837	15,620 3,530 2,681	36,792	667 24,337 4.475	7,661 44,146	3,456 1,352 6,285 2,517 5,810
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CITY	Year	Market	1970 Federal Census	Channel Require- ments	Number of Sub- ecribers	Installa- tion Fee	Monthly Fee	Franchised Company
Fontana Fort Bragg	1 09		20,673 4,455	12	2,114	10.00	6 . 50	Redwood Cablevision, Inc. Seamore Cable TV Co.
rort Jones Fortuna Foster City	181		515 4,203 11,784	0 6 2 1 7 9 0	1,000	15.00 14.95 19.95	3.50 5.50 4.50	Etna Fort Jones TV Foster City Cablevision
Fountain Valley*'70 Fowler Fremont* Freeno* '66 Fullerton* '71	2.* .	- 2 - 2 - 2 - 1	31,829 2,239 100,869 165,972 85,826	20 25	250	-0- 10,00	5.70 5.50	Fremont Cable TV Time-Life Cable Com General
Galt Gardena Garden Grove Gilroy Glendale*			3,200 41,021 122,524 12,665 132,752	20 20	2,300 . 6,300	5.50+ 10.00 12.50	5.25 4.75 5.50	International Cable Tele. Corp. Gilroy Cable TV National Trans Video Inc.
Glendora Gonzales Grass Valley* Greenfield Gridley*	1 1 4 8 8	н	31,349 2,575 5,149 2,608 3,534	613 12	1,800 2,200	10.00 5.50 -0-	5.95 5.50 4.50	International Cable TV Corp. KCA Cable TV Industries Goiden Hills Cable TV KCA Cable TV Industries
Grover City Guadalupe Guatine	:::		5,939 3,145 2,793	. 11		11.95	4.75	Central Calif. Comm. Corp. TelePrompter
Half Moon Bay Hanford	- 89 - 89	7	4,023 15,179	12		25 . 00 15.00	5.50 4.80	Crystal-Brite Television Manford Cable Co., Inc.
Hawaiian Gardens Hawthorne Hayward* Healdsburg* Hemet	• • •		8,811 53,304 93,058 5,438 12,252	14 12 12	2,500 2,600	15.00 10.00	5.45 5.00	LVO Cable of Hayward, Inc. H.C.G. Cablevision, Inc. Riverside Cable Co.

CITY	Year	Market	1970 Federal Census	Channel ⁻ Require- mente	Number of Sub- scribers	Installa- tíon Fee	Monthly Fee	Franchised Company
Hercules	¦.		252					
Hermosa Beach	. I		17,412	12	2.265			Stonen Cable mit
Hidden Hille	1		1,529					STORE CEDTE IA
H111sborough	1		8,753					
Hollister*	69.		7,663	9	500	-	4.25	Hollister Cable TV
Holtville	160		3 496	66	000 0			
Huntington Beach	 		115,960	77	A,200		7.50	Imperial Valley Cable Co.
Huntington Park	:		33,744					
Huron	:		1.525					
Imperial	1		3,094			4	7.50	Imperial Vallaw Cable
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Imperial beach Tadios Volto	:		20,244	24			6.50	Mission Cable TV
STISM USIDUT			/90	12		25.00	6.95	Coschelle Velley Television
Indio	160		14,459	12		25.00	6.95	
TUQUELLY	!		- 714 -					
Inglewood*	• 72	-	89,985	22		20.00	5.00	Theta Cable
Ione	ł		2,369	1.				
Irvine	ł		10763	4 5		12.00	8.0	Angier Appliance
Irvindale			784	, ,	1,400	10.00	2°00	Community Cablevision Co.
Isleton	!		606					
Jackson	:		2,924	* 13	200	19.50	5.50	Valley Vision, Inc.
Kermen	ł	2	2-667					
King City*	168		3,717	12	600	10 60	2	
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Lafayette	ł		20,484	12	13, 396	25, M		
Laguna Beach	:		14,550	12	5,664	0000		cente-vision Storer Cable TV, Inc.
La Habre*	02.		41.350	12		00.01	20.1	
Lakeport*	12.		3.005	1		00-01	CK • +	Gable com-General, Inc.
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	163		39,178	12	4, 900	11.25	50	
La Mirada	2	, L	39,808			-0-	4.95	Cablecom General of S. Calif.

Franchised Company	Tele-Vue Systems, Inc.	Tele-Vue Systems, Inc. Tele-Vue Systems, Inc.	Lodi Cable TV Tele-Communications, Inc.	Lompoc Valley Cable TV, Inc.	Long Beach Cablevision Theta Cable of California	Los Banos Cable TV Co. TelePromprter of Los Gatos Loyalton Comm. Antenna Feather River	Fresno Cable TV Co.	Storer Cable TV Mission TV Systems Televents of Calif, Inc. Bi-Cities Cable Co.
Month'y Fee	5.00	5.00 5.00	4.95 5.95	4•50	5.50 5.00	4.95 5.00 5.00	4.80	4.95 5.00
Installa- tion Fee	25.00 25.00	25.00 25.00	15.50 10.00	-0-	10.00 19.50	10.00 9.95 25.00	15.00	10.00 24.50
Number of Sub- seribers	2,063	3,802 4,688	4,500	4,643	3,400 26,000	5,500		8,000 2,337
Channel Require- ments	12 12	12 11	11 20	11	11 12	12 20 12		5 12 12
1970 Federal Census	9,687 31,092 10,487 12,965 24,825	4,219 3,176 5,206 2,645 37,703	2,588 28,691 11,679 19,784	25,284	358,633 11,346 24,956 6,865 2,814,152	9,188 23,735 945	16,044	35,352 13,8 45 7 40 9 ,353
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CITY	La Palma La Puente Larkspur La Verne Lawndale*	Lemoore Lincoln Lindsay Live Oak Livermore*	Livingston Lodi* Loma Linda Lomita	Lompoc	Long Beach Los Alamitos Los Altos Los Altos Los Altos Hills Los Angeles [*]	Los Banos* Los Gatos Loyalton* I	Lynnwood Madera	Manhattan Beach*69 Manteca Maricopa Martinez* '52 Marysville* '68

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Franchised Company	Kern Cable Co.	Peninsula TV Power, Inc. Peninsula TV Power, Inc.	General Electric Cablevision Corp. Nation Wide TV	Tele-Vue Systems, lnc.	Milpitas Cable IV, Inc.	capiecom-General of Modesto Internațional Cable TV Corp.		Theta Cable of California	Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc.	Monterey Peninsula TV Cable	Nation Wide Cable Islon, Inc.	TelePrompter Corp.	Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc.	central calle comme corp.	Howard E. Buffington	Napa Valley Cablevision, Inc.	MISSION CADLE IV, INC.	Golden Hills Cable TV	TelePrompter of Newark		Newport Beach Cablevision, Inc.	community cablevision Co.	Western Calif. Telephone
Monthly Fee	4.75	5.50	4.95 4.75	5.00	4•50 2 25	5•95 5		5.50	5.95	5.50		5.00	4. /2 75		5.50			5.50			6.50		4.50
Installa- tion Fee	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	¢ ¢	-0- 5.95		19-50	5.95	15.00		9 . 95	-0- 11 95	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	19-95			5.00		`	14.95		20.00
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1970 Federal Census	16,996 4,177	2,/05 26,832 22,670	20,920	12,942	· 27,149 61 712	30,015	. 068	22, 546	42,807	26,302 49.166		3,089 6,785	7.109	51,092	2,256	35,976 43,184	4,051	2,314	27,153	2,505	49,422	14,511	31,006
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CITY	Maywood* McFarland*	Mendota Menlo Park* Merced	Millbrae*	Mill Valley*	Milpitas Modesto*	Monrovia [*]	Montague	Montclair*	Montebello	Monterey ⁿ Monterey Park		Monte Sereno [*] Morgan Hill	Morro Bay	Mountain View	Mount Shasta [*]	Napa* National Citv	Needles	Nevada City	Newark '	Newman [%]	Newport Beach "	Norco Norco	Nova to*

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Franchised Company	Triangle Cable Co. Focus Cable of Oakland	tetertompter corporation Oceanside Cablevision, Inc. Storer Cable TV, Inc. Theta Cable Co.	State TV Cable, Inc. Oroville Communications Co. Oxnard Cablevision, Inc.	Pacifica Cable Co. Ocean View Cablevision WGN Electronic Systems Palm Springs Television Co.	Palos Verdes Península Cable Television International Cable Television, Inc. Central Calif. Comm. Corp.	Video-Communications, Inc. Tele-Vue Systems, Inc.	Contra Costa Cable Co. Central Calif. Comm. Corp. Tele-Vue Systems, Inc. Cablecom General of S. Calif. Valley Vision Inc.
Monthly Fee	4.95	5.75 6.00 5.00	5.50 5.50 4.50	4.75 4.65 5.25 7.00	6.00 5.90 4.95	4.95 5.00 1.70	5.00 5.95 5.50 5.50
Installa- tion Fee	10.00	15.00 15.00 -0-	15.00 24.50 -0-	7.50 -0- 17.25 35.00	25.00 25.00 25.00 24.95	15.00 25.00 10/25.00	-0- 29.95 25.00 19.50
Number of Sub- scribers		6,000 3,873	5,000 3,000	10,000 2,596 2,500 16,500	994 700 1,888	150 7,583	2,960 900
Channel Require- ments	12 12	24	12 12 21	10 9 12	9 11	. 12 . 12 12/20	12 11 12
1970 Federal Census	6,594 361,561	40,494 5,591 64,118	77,374 3,392 2,884 7,536 71,225	36,020 13,505 8,511 20,936 55,966	13,641 34,734 1,993 113,327 7,168	3,147 4,228 24,870 54,170 10,917	15,850 4,043 20,651 21,948 5,416
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CITY	Oakdale Oakland*	Oceanside Ojai ; Ontario*	Orange Orange Cove Orland* Oroville Oxnard*	Pacifica* Pacific Grove Palmdale Palm Springs* Palo Alto	Palos Verdes Estates '65 Paramount 1 Parlier 2 Pasadena* '66 1 Paso Robles '63	Patterson Pérris Petalums Pico Rivera Piedmont*	Pinole* Pismo Beach Pittsburg* Placentia Placerville

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Monthly Fee	4 . 50 6.00	5.95	4.85	4•50 6•00	4•50 5•00	5.00	5.00	4.25 4.75	4.75	5.95	4.70		•		4.95 5.00	4.70			5.00
Installa- tíon Fee	10.00 -0-	5, 95		15.00 15.00	-0- 25 - 00	19.95	19.95	101	25.00	5.95	-0-				14.75 10.00	10.00			25.00
Number of Sub- scribers	6,000	145	006	1200		2,577	4,600	3 167		1,859	1,700					1,279			550
Channel Require- ments	12 12	27/32	12	20	۲ .	ø	7	20	13	13	26			- c	71	12	12 12		12
1970 Federal Census	24,160 18,328 501	424 87,384	12,602	14,295	1,625 4 999	7,676	16,659	36,355 56.075	55,686 8,131	28,370	79,043	2,817	3,135	2,679	2,949 140,089	6,133 6,133	2,050 6,735	40,972 18,221	2,742
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CITY	Pleasant Hill Pleasanton* Plymouth	Point Arena Pomona*	Porterville "	Port Hueneme "	Portola Portola Vallev	Red Bluff	Redding*	keutands [*] Redondo Beach	Redwood City Reedley	Rialto	Richmond* Rideecrest	Rio Dell*	kio Vista	Ripon	Riverside Pochlic	Rohnert Park*	1118 1118	kosemead~ Roseville	Ross*

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Monthly Fee	4.55 5.00 5/5.75	4.75		5.50 5.50	6. 25 6. 25 6. 25 6. 25	5.95 6.25	5.00	5• 95	6.00 5.45
Installa- tion Fee	10.00 -0- 15/30.00	- 0 -		11.25 11.25	12.50 11.25 11.25	5 . 95 25 . 00	10,00	10-00	10 . 00 15 . 00
Number of Sub- scribers	10,779 2,447 15,400	2,750 3.068		5,700 1,700 6,000	333 333 300 620	20,000		6,000	
Channel Require- ments	10 10/20	21 20 .	12		•	11 01	12	24	12 26
1970 Federal Census	254,413 58,896 13,031 104,251	36,254 25,924	17,063 212 696 760	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		15,692 16,571 715,674	29,176 10,688 4,385	1,506 445,779 1.164	3,781 68,698
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Franchised Company	Central California Comm. Corp., T. M. Communications	Nationwide Cablevision of N. Calif. Nationwide Cablevision Cablecon-General	Tele-Vue Systems, Inc.	ta Barl	leleprompter of Santa Clara Teleprompter of Santa Cruz		Santa María Valley Cable TV, Inc. Thoto Collo de Collector	Storer Cable TV , Inc.	JUCAL JELEVISION OF SANTA KOSA	Teleprompter	Callfornia Cable Television Corp. Martin's Comm. Antenna System	Cable TV of Marín, Inc. Telepromoter Corp.	sion	Storer Cable TV Inc.		Kern Cable Company	Teleprompter of Sierra Madre Long Beach Cablevision	Clarity TV. Inc.	KCA Cable IV Industries	storer Cable IV	iuolumme Cable-Vision, inc.
Monthly Fee	1 4.60 5.00	4.50		5.85	5.40		4.75 \5.00		000		5.00	5.40	3.50	5.00		4.75	5.50 5.50	5.00	4.50	4.44 6.44	
Installa- tíon Fee	-0- 10-00	-0-		9°00	15.00		19.50	00.01			50.00	15.00	10.00	10.00		9.95	6.95 10.00	10-00	-0-	10.50	00.01
Number of Sub- scribers	6,745			25,000	12,000		.8,000 44,000	2,012					1,557 4.167			688	00c * r	, 4,500	007	980	
Channel Requíre- ments	11 12	20-27		12	12	1	8 20	7 12	1	24	. 12		12	12	12	12	11	12		11	1
1970 Federal Census	28,036 3,896 1,177	78,991 78,991 21,461	38,977 156,601	70,215	32,076	14,750	32,749 88,289	18,001 50,006		27,110	6,158	3,911	24,441 35,935	3,993	7,459),32/ 12,121	5,582	56,464	4,222 4,112	3.100	13,443
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Franchised Company	Tahoe Cable	Western TV Cable Storer Cable TV, Inc.	Sunnyvale Cablevision Antenna Vision, Inc.	Valley Vision, Inc. Continental Transmission Corp. Tehachapi Cable TV	Ineta Cable Westlake Communications	Coneyo Communications Television Storer Cable TV, Inc. Cable TV of Marin, Inc.	General Electronic Cablevision Corp.	Sequoia Cablevision Co. Turlock Cablevision	Spanish Mountain TV Company	International Cable TV Corp. General Electric Cablevision Corp. Tele-Comm, Inc. Gibson Radio and Publishing Company North Bay Cable Company
Monthly Fee		4 • 00	, 5 . 50 4 . 00	5.50 5.25 5.25	00.00	6.00	4. 75	4 . 35	6.50	5.95 4.75 4.75
Installa- tíon Fee		15.00	-0- 125.00	19.50 -0- 10.00	00 - 01	15.00	15.00	00*01.	9•95	5.95 -0- 20.00
Number of Sub- scribers			3,000 1,375	2,800 1,044	1,200	600 5,600	2,025		2,537	750 3,500 4,251
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Monthly Fee	5/4•95	6 . 95	4.35 4.95	4.95 4.75	4.65	4.50	7.50	5.25	5,95 5,50	4.15 5.95 5.00	5.00
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APPENDIX B (cont'd)

California Community Television Association* Active Member & Parent Company Roster Cross Reference by System Name

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System	Location	Parent Company
Antenna-Vision, IncApple Valley TV Cable CoAvenue TV Cable Service.	Apple Valley Ventura	
Bekersfield Cable TV	Bakersfield	Cox Cable Communications, Inc.
Bay Cablevision	Berkeley	Athena Communications Corp.
Bi-Cities Cable Co.	Marysville	Viacom
Cablecom-General of Modesto Cablecom-General of Northern	San Joaquin County	Continental Cablevision Inc. Cablecom-General, Inc.
California	Albany	Cablecom-General, Inc.
Cablecom-General of Southern		
California	Brea Ventura La Habra Yorba Linda La Mirada Redondo Beach Placentia	Cablecom-General, Inc.
Cable-Meter Systems of California	Elsinore Glen Avon North Riverside	
Cable TV of Rio Vista		
Cable TV of Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Cox Cable Communications, Inc.
Cable-Vision	Lafayette	
Calabasas Communications Co	Calabasas	
Capps TV Electronics	Camarillo	,
Central California Communications		
	Salinas	Communications Corp.
	Camarillo	-
Community Cablevision Co	Newport Beach	-
Concord TV Cable	Concord	Western Communications, Inc. Viacom

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System	Location		Parent Company
County TV Cable	San Carlos	•••••	Western Communications, Inc.
Crystal Brite Television	El Granada		
Cypress Cable TV of Kern Co	Kern County	•••••	Cypress Communications, Inc.
Cypress Cable TV of Malibu	Malibu	· · · · · · · · ·	Cypress Communications, Inc.
Escondido Cable TV	Escondido	• • • • • • • • • •	TM Communications Co.
Finer Living of Red Bluff	Red Bluff		Viacom
Focus Cable of Oakland, Inc	Oakland		Teleprompter Corp.
Foothill Cable TV	Sierra Madre		Teleprompter Corp.
Fremont Cable TV	Fremont		receptompter corp.
General Electric Cablevision Corp	Atwater Va	cavill e Inut Creek	General Electric Cable- vision Corp.
Group Cable, Co., Inc.	•		
Hanford Cable Co., Inc.			
	Hucca Valley		Telepromotor
H. S. Anderson Co.		• • • • • • • •	reseptompter
Idyllwild Cable TV			
Imperial Valley Cable Co	Brawley El	Centro	Columbia Cable Systems, Inc.
International Cable TV Corp			Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc.
KCA Cable TV Industries	Gonzales Greenfield Soledad	••••••	Nation while Cablevision, Inc.
King Videocable Co	Tujunga		King Videocable Co
Lake Hughes TV Cable Service	Lake Hughes	••••••	
Lakeview TV Cable, Inc	Crestline		
Lodi Cable TV	Lodi	• • • • • •	King Videocable Co
Lompoc Valley Cable TV	Lompoc		Teleprompter Corn
	Solvang		_
Long Beach Cablevision	Long Beach	• • • • • • • •	TM Communications Co
LVO Cable of Hayward	Hayward	• • • • • • • •	LVO Cable. Inc
LVO Cable of San Leandro Martin's Community Antenna	San Leandro	• • • • • • •	LVO Cable, Inc.
System	Sausalito		
Milpitas Cable TV, Inc.	milpitas	• • • • • • •	Teleprompter Corp.
Mission Cable TV, Inc.	San Diego		Inc.
Mission Viejo Cablevision	Mission Viejo	•••••	FCB Cablevision, Inc.
Monterey Peninsula TV Cable	Carmel Monterey	•••••	Western Communications, Inc.
Napa Valley Cablevision			
National Trans-Video, Inc		ndale] Ittier	National Trans-Video, Inc.
Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc			Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc.

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System	Location		Parent Company
Newport Beach Cablevision	Alturas McCloud	· · · · · · · · · · ·	Teleprompter Corp. Nor Cal Cablevision
North Bay Cable TV Co., IncOceanside Cablevision, IncOcean View Cablevision	Oceanside		FCB Cablevision, Inc. Central California Communications Corp.
Oroville Communications Co Pacifica Cable Co	Pacifica		Nor Cal Cablevision
Palm Springs TV Co	Palm Springs .		Cypress Communications Corp.
Palos Verdes Cable TV	Kernville San Diego	•	
Peninsula Cable TV Corp	Beh. ont Redwood City San Carlos		Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc.
Peninsula TV Power, Inc			Riverside Cable Co.
San Clemente Cable TV Co	. San Clemente . Solana Beach		TM Communications Co.
Santa Maria Valley Cable TV, Inc. Seal Beach Cablevision Seamore Cable Television	. Santa Maria		Teleprompter Corp.
Sea Ranch Television Co	. Sea Ranch . Lake Arrowhead		
Southeastern Cable Co	. San Diego		Time-Life Broadcast, Inc. Teleprompter
State TV Cable	. Chico		Western Communications, Inc.
State Video Cable, Inc	. El Sobrante La Honda Richmond	· .	
Storer Cable TV, Inc	Calistoga Fairfield Fillmore Frazier Park Hermosa Beach Laguna Beach Moorpark	Rohnert Park St. Helena San Juan Capistrano Santa Paula Sebastopol Sonoma Thousand Oaks	Storer Cable TV, Inc.
Sunnyvale Cablevision	. Sunnyvale . Arvin Tehachapi		 FCB Cablevision, Inc. American Television & Communications Corp.

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System	Location	Parent Company
	Riverside	cations, Inc.
Teleprompter of NewarkTeleprompter of Santa ClaraTeleprompter of Santa CruzTeleprompter of WillitsTeleprompter of WoodlakeTeleprompter of California	Los Gatos	Teleprompter Corp. Teleprompter Corp. Teleprompter Corp. Teleprompter Corp. Teleprompter Corp. Systems Management Co. Television Communications
Television Signal Corp. Tele-Vue Systems, Inc. Tesco TV/FM Cable System	AntiochPetalumaCorte MaderaPittsburgDublinPleasantonLivermoreRedding	Corp. Viacom Viacom
Theta Cable of California Tierrasanta Cable TV	Los Angeles	-
Tru-Color Cable Co. . . Tru-Vae Cable TV . . Tuolumne Cable-Vision . . Turlock Cablevision . .	Sonora Turlock	Time-Life Broadcast, Inc.
Valley County Cable TV	Valencia Desert Hot Springs Daly City	•
Western TV CableWestlake CommunicationsWGN Electronic SystemsYreka TV Cable	Palmdale	Communications Corp. Western Communications, Inc.

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APPENDIX B (cont'd)

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Athena Communications Corp. 437 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 935-7700

Cable-Com-General, Inc. P.O. Box 7251 4705 Kingston Denver, Colorado 80207 (303) 344-3420

Central California Communications Corp. P.O. Box 1651 238 John Street Salinas, California 93901 (408) 422-6422

Columbia Cable Systems, Inc. 49 Riverside Avenue Westport, Connecticut 06880 (203) 227-9581

Community Tele-Communications P.O. Box 10717 – University Pk. Sta. 54 Denver Technicological Center Denver, Colorado 80210 . . (303) 771-8200

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Cox Cable Communications, Inc. 1601 West Peachtree St., N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 (404) 892-3456

Cypress Communications, Corp. 10880 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, California 90024 (213) 475-8555 FCB Cablevision, Inc. 2727 West Sixth Street Los Angeles, California 90057 (213) 381-6966

General Electric Cablevision Corp. 1400 Balltown Road Schenectady, New York 12309 (212) 377-2261

King Videocable Co. 320 Aurora Avenue North Seattle, Washington 98109 (206) 682-3555

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National Trans-Video, Inc. P.O. Box 3423 403 South Akard Dallas, Texas 75202 (214) 741-3464

Nation Wide Cablevision, Inc. 10801 National Blvd. Los Angeles, California 90064 (213) 475-0637

Nor Cal Cablevision, Inc. P.O. Box 15779 2100 Q Street Sacramento, California 95813

Palmer Broadcasting Company 805 Brady Street Davenport, Iowa 82801 (319) 324-1661

Riverside Cable Company 606 S. Olive Street Los Angeles, California 90014 (213) 273-1611 Storer Cable TV, Inc. West Coast Office: P.O. Box 1408 888 Thousand Oaks Blvd. (805) 497-3931 East Coast Office: 1177 Kane Concourse Miami Beach, Ca. 33154 (305) 866-0211

Systems Management Company 280 Columbine Street Denver, Colorado 80206 (303) 388-6431

Teleprompter Corporation West Coast Office: 1661 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90049 . (213) 272-9255-East Coast Office: 50 West 44th Street New York, New York 10036 (212) 986-7500

Television Communications Corp. 610 Fifth Avenue New York, New York (212) 581-4940

Time-Life Broadcast, Inc. Time & Life Building Rockefeller Center New York, New York 10036 (212) 586-1212

TM Communications Co. 1375 Sunflower Avenue Costa Mesa, California 92626 (714) 557-6400

Viacom 345 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022 (212) 371-5300

Courtesy of California Community Television Association, Membership Roster, July, 1972. Note: Does not include all multiple service operators in California.

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WGN Electronic Systems Company 2501 W. Bradley Place Chicago, Illinois 60618 (312) 528-2311

APPENDIX C

From:

BM/E, Broadcast Management/Engineering. Broadband Information Services, Inc., 274 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Facilities

The Cost of Urban Cable Systems.

Tower and Headend Land for tower

Site preparation

Local Origination

Miscellaneous

Network Configuration

paths, 1 return channel

4 paths, 2 return channels

5 paths, 1 return channel

5 paths, 2 return channels

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Table I—Fixed Capital Costs For An Urban Cable Television System

300- to 500-It guyed tower Microwave shack, temperature controlled

Antennas for broadcast signals

Audio-video processors plus all racks, cables, connectors, pads FM antennas and audio processors

Automatic nonduplication equipment

Office building

Equipment for origination

Mobile equipment

Time and weather equipment Program and announcement wheel

Portabla 1/2-inch videotape recorders for community use

Test equipment

Spare parts and equipment

Microwave importation of up to 3 distant signals

Computers and real-time display

Computer software

Emergency power

Table 3—Investment Costs For Microwave Interconnection And Associated Headend Equipment

UHF/VHF converters and spares

Cost Ranga

\$ 30,000-\$ 40,000 5,000- 10,000 11,000- 20,000

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12.000 60.000

\$ 72,000-\$364,000

\$ 10.000-\$ 35,000

3,000- 10,000 25,000- 50,000

80,000- 120,000

\$137,000-\$248,000

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1.361.000

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Number of Outbound Television Chennels

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Costs to wire major markets with ad-
vanced systems are high, although esti-
mates vary widely depending on local cir-
cumstances. A fair representation of these
costs appeared in the Rand study, Cable
Communications in the Dayton-Miami Val-
ley: Basic Report, in papers authored by
N. E. Feldman. W. S. Baer and R. Bretz.
Estimates from that report follow.

As a base for comparison, Rand estimates a conventional 12-channel system to cost \$50 to \$75 per home in front of the plant for a headend and distribution system. A single-drop cable from the feeder cable to the TV set costs another \$25.

Fixed capital costs for an advance system are given in Table 1. A simple computer with a limited memory and few peripherals could be procured for a little under \$40,000. Systems that permit cumulative responses to be displayed in reai time cost more. In addition to hardware costs shown, are costs of software which can run \$150,000 to \$200,000. This software could be shared with common users at a cost of about \$15,000 to \$25,000 per system.

The cost of a dual cable distribution system is shown in Table 2. Costs for interconnecting five districts by FM microwave are shown in Table 3.

Some rates of return for the investment costs cited for the greater Dayton area—192,000 homes—are as shown in Table 4. This return is based on a subscriber fee of \$6 monthly. If some of the more sparsely located homes—50,000 in the suburbs—are not included, the subscription price could drop to perhaps \$3.95 per subscriber. The additional revenue from channel leasing assumes a cost of \$35,000 per channel per year, and an income of \$700,000, at least half of which would come from leasing a pay TV channel to a movie operator.

Table 2—Estimated Investment Costs Of Above-Ground Cable Installation Per Mile

Single 12-channel cable	\$4500
increasing capacity of single cable to 20-25 channels	- 500
Simultaneously adding a second 12-channel cable	1500
increasing capacity of second cable to 20-25 channels	500
Adding two-way capability to one cable	800
Sublotal	\$7800
Tree trimming and pole preparation	700
TOTAL	\$8500

Table 4---internal Rates Of Return

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	Tetal	Equity
1. The base case 40 percent penetration	14.0	17.0
2. One-to-one debt-equity ratio	14.0	15.4
3. Thirty percent cable penetration	3.1	
4. Fifty percent cable penciration	20.9	26.0
5. Use of converters instead of dual cable	12.3	14.3
6. Subscription fee of \$4.00	6.5	1.2
7. Additional revenue from channel leasing	19.0	23.8
8. Austere local program origination	16.7	20.8

APPENDIX D

Subpart K—Technical Standards § 76.601 Performance tests.

(a) The operator of each cable tele-vision system shall be responsible for insuring that each such system is de-signed, installed, and operated in a manner that fully complies with the provisions of this subpart. Each system operator shall be prepared to show, on request by an authorized representative of the Commission, that the system does,

in fact, comply with the rules. (b) The operator of each cable television system shall maintain at its local office a current listing of the cable television channels which that system de-livers to its subscribers and the station or stations whose signals are delivered on each Class I cable television channel, and shall specify for each subscriber the minimum visual signal level it maintains on each Class I cable television channel under normal operating conditions.

(c) The operator of each cable television system shall conduct complete per-formance tests of that system at least once each calendar year (at intervals not to exceed 14 months) and shall maintain the resulting test data on file at the syste: a's local office for at least five (5) years. It shall be made available for inspection by the Commission on request. The performance tests shall be directed at determining the extent to which the system complies with all the technical standards set forth in \$ 76.605. The tests shall be made on each Class I cable television channel specified pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, and shall include measurements made at no less than three widely separated points in the system, at least one of which is representative of terminals most distant from the system input in terms of cable distance. The measurements may be taken at convenient monitoring points in the cable network: Provided, That data shall be included to relate the measured performance to the system performance as would be viewed from a nearby sub-scriber terminal. A description of intru-ments and procedure and a statement of the qualifications of the person performing the tests shall be included.

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(d) Successful completion of the performance tests required by paragraph (c) of this section does not relieve the system of the obligation to comply with all pertinent technical standards at all subscriber terminals. Additional tests, repeat tests, or tests involving specified subscriber terminals may be required by the Commission in order to secure com-pliance with the technical standards.

(e) All of the provisions of this section shall become effective March 31, 1972.

§ 76.605 Technical standards.

(a) The following requirements apply to the performance of a cable television system as measured at any subscriber terminal with a matched termination, and to each of the Class I cable television channels in the system:

(1) The frequency boundaries of cable television channels delivered to sub-scriber terminals shall conform to these set forth in § 73.603(a) of this chapter: Provided, however, That on special ap-plication including an adequate showing of public interest, other channel arrangements may be approved.

(2) The frequency of the visual carrier shall be maintained 1.25 MHz±25 kHz above the lower boundary of the cable television channel, except that, in those systems that supply subscribers with a converter in order to facilitate delivery of cable television channels, the fre-quency of the visual carrier at the output of each such converter shall be main-tained 1.25 MHz±250 kHz above the lower frequency boundary of the cable television channel.

(3) The frequency of the aural car-(3) The frequency of the state that above the frequency of the visual carrier.
(4) The visual signal level, across a

terminating impedance which correctly matches the internal impedance of the cable system as viewed from the sub-acriber terminals, shall be not less than the following appropriate value: Internal impedance:

75 ohms.

300 ohms

Visual signal level: 1 millivolt.

2 millivolts

(At other impedance values, the minimum visual signal level shall be $\sqrt{0.0133}$ Z millivolts, where Z is the appropriate impedance value.)

(5) The visual signal level on each channel shall not vary more than 12 deci-bels overall, and shall be maintained within

(i) 3 decibels of the visual signal level of any visual carrier within 6 MHz nomi-

nal frequency separation, and (ii) 12 decibels of the visual signal level on any other channel, and

(iii) A maximum level such that sig-nal degradation due to overload in the subscriber's receiver does not occur.

(6) The rms voltage of the aural sig-nal shall be maintained between 13 and 17 decibels below the associated visual signal level.

(7) The peak-to-peak variation in visual signal level caused undesired low frequency disturbances (hum or repet tive transients) generated within the system, or by inadequate low frequency response, shall not exceed 5 percent of the visual signal level.

(8) The channel frequency response shall be within a range of ± 2 decibels for all frequencies within -1 MHz and ± 4 MHz of the visual carrier frequency.

(9) The ratio of visual signal level to system noise, and of visual signal level to any undesired cochannel television signal operating on proper offset assignment, shall be not less than 36 decibels, This requirement is applicable to:

(i) Each signal which is delivered by a cable television system to subscribers within the predicted Grade B contour for that signal, or

(ii) Each signal which is first picked

up within its predicted Grade B contour. (10) The ratio of visual signal level to the rms amplitude of any coherent disturbances such as intermodulation prodnicts or discrete-frequency interfering signals not operating on proper offset decibels.

(11) The terminal isolation provided each subscriber shall be not less than 18 decibels, but in any event, shall be suf-ficient to prevent reflections caused by open-circuited or short-circuited sub-scriber terminals from producing visible picture impairments at any other subscriber terminal.

(12) Radiation from a cable television system shall be limited as follows:

	Frequencies	Radiation limit (microvolta/ meter)	Distance (feet)
Up to and	including 54 MHs	15	100
216 MH		20	10

(b) Cable television systems distributing signals by using multiple cable tech-niques or specialized receiving devices, and which, because of their basic design, cannot comply with one or more of the technical standards set forth in para-graph (a) of this section, may be permitted to operate provided that an adequate showing is made which estaban lishes that the public interest is bene-fited. In such instances the Commission may prescribe special technical requirements to ensure that subscribers to such systems are provided with a good quality of service.

(c) Paragraph (a) (12) of this section shall become effective March 31, 1972. All other provisions of this section shall become effective in accordance with the following schedule:

Effective date

Oable television systems in operation prior to March \$1, 1972...... Mar. 31, 1977 Cable television systems com-

mencing operations on or after March \$1, 1972..... Mar. 31, 1972

§ 76.609 Measurements.

(a) Measurements made to demonstrate conformity with the performance requirements set forth in \$\$ 76.701 and 76.605 shall be made under conditions which reflect system performance during normal operations, including the effect of any microwave relay operated in the Cable Television Relay (CAR) Servtoo intervening between pickup antenna and the cable distribution network. Amplifiers shall be operated at normal gains, either by the insertion of appropriate signals or by manual adjustment. priste signals or by manual adjustment. Special signals inserted in a cable belo-vision channel for measurements pur-poses abould be operated at lovels ap-proximating those used for normal operation. Pilot tones, auxiliary or sub-stitute signals, and nontelevision signals

APPENDIX E

Recommended Technical and Maintenance Standards Engineering Feasibility Study Cable Television System City of Palo Alto

Technical Standards for Monitoring Quality

A system carrying a variety of programing is of little value if that programing does not reach the public in a form to be viewed satisfactorily. Therefore, in addition to being very flexible, the system must also maintain high technical standards. At the present time, the Federal Communications Commission has no technical standards governing the quality of cable television signals delivered to the homeowner. A system conforming to the following set of specifications and maintenance rules will deliver consistently high-quality pictures to all points in the system. The specifications cover only outgoing television channels. Similar specifications would apply to incoming television. Most of the other services would be adequately handled if the system met the standards for television. Additional study should be done to develop technical standards for the auxiliary services.

A. Cable Television Technical Standards for Transmission of Broadcast Signals.

System transmission distortion, measured from head-end r-f or video input to all subscriber outputs, shall not exceed the following tolerances for any operational channel:

- (1) The rms visual carrier voltage during synchronizing pulses shall be no less than 1 millivolt across each 75-ohm subscriber output.
- (2) The ratio of rms visual carrier voltage during synchronizing pulses to rms random noise voltage contained in a 6MHz bandwidth shall be no less than 34 db.
- (3) The ratio of rms visual carrier voltage during synchronizing pulses to rms coherent interference voltage shall be no less than (i) 40 db for co-channel television signals, (ii) 45 db for energy within the desired channel but more than 0.5 MHz from the color subcarrier frequency, (iii) 50 db for energy within 0.5 MHz of the color subcarrier, (iv) 15 db for lower adjacent-channel aural carriers, (v)-5 db for upper adjacent-channel visual carriers.
- (4) The ratio of rms visual carrier voltage during synchronizing pulses to rms aural carrier voltage for the same channel shall be no greater than 15 db.
- (5) With a modulated staircase or ramp test signal, the color subcarrier transmission gain (loss) at all video levels shall be within ± 1.0 db of color subcarrier transmission gain (loss) at black level
- (6) The color subcarrier transmission phase shift at all video levels shall be within ± 4 degrees of the color subcarrier transmission phase shift at black level.
- (7) Modulation depths for blanking and white levels shall be within ±5 percent of those specified in Sections 73.682(a)(12) and 73.682(a)(13) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.
- (8) Hum modulation shall be within the limit specified in Section 73.682(a)(16).
- (9) The amplitude vs. frequency response, reference to the response at the visual carrier frequency, shall be within ±2 db for frequencies within -1MHz and +4MHz of the visual carrier.
- (10) Audio frequency response shall meet the requirements of Section 73.687(b)(2).

- (11) Audio distortion shall meet the requirements of Section 73.687(b)(3).
- (12) Frequency separation between adjacent visual carriers shall be no less than 5.980 MHz.
- (13) The difference between visual and aural carrier frequencies of each channel shall be as specified in Section 73.687(c)(1).
- (14) The differential delay between a 200 kHz sine wave and the envelope of a 3.58 MHz subcarrier amplitude modulated by the same 200 kHz sine wave shall be no greater than 0.10 microseconds.
- (15) Signal reflections introduced within the system by a pulse of energy at the visual carrier frequency having a sine-squared envelope of 0.25 microsecond half-amplitude duration on any operational channel shall be no greater, relative to the exciting waveform, than:
 (i) -20 db for delays less than ±0.5 microseconds, (ii) -30 db for delays greater than ±0.5 microseconds but less than ±2.0 microseconds, (iii) -40 db for delays greater than ±2.0 microseconds.
- (16) All specified performance criteria shall be met at any ambient temperature to which the system may be exposed.
- Note 1: Some parameters are applicable only to off-air or to local originations.
- Note 2: If microwave relay is used, head end shall be considered to be at the relay input.

B Maintenance and Reporting.

- 1. A report of measurements demonstrating compliance with the satudards of this section shall be submitted to the City Manager at one-year intervals.
- 2. The visual and aural carrier voltage of each operational channel shall be measured at each feeder monitor point at three-month intervals and recorded in an operating log book.
- 3. The visual and aural carrier voltage of each operational channel shall be measured daily at the head end monitor point and recorded in an operating log book.
- 4. A report of all changes in type or quantity of head-end equipment shall be submitted to the City Manager within 30 days following such changes. The report shall contain: (i) a description of all equipment removed, added, or modified; (ii) measurements showing that the changes have not resulted in system performance of less than the specified quality.

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