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STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF COMCAST OF WILDWOOD, LLC (MAPLE SHADE AND GLOUCESTER CITY RATE DISTRICT) FOR APPROVAL OF THE FILING OF FCC FORM 1240, AN ANNUAL UPDATING OF THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE FOR REGULATED CABLE SERVICES, AND))))	ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT BPU DOCKET NO. CR11030116 OAL DOCKET NO. CTV 04307-2011 S.
IN THE MATTER OF CERTAIN COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC SUBSIDIARIES FOR APPROVAL OF RATE CHANGES UNDER AGGREGATE FCC FORM 1205 FILING DETERMINING REGULATED EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION COSTS))))	BPU DOCKET NO. CR11030117 OAL DOCKET NO. CTV 04308-2011 S

Parties of Record:

Dennis C. Linken, Esq., Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC for Petitioners **Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director**, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

BY THE BOARD:

On March 1, 2011, Comcast of Wildwood, LLC (Maple Shade and Gloucester City) filed one (1) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Form 1240, and Comcast Cable Communications, LLC Subsidiaries, as detailed on Attachment A (collectively, "Comcast"), filed a Company Level aggregate FCC Form 1205 with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for the purpose of adjusting maximum permitted rates (MPRs) for basic cable service and regulated equipment and installation costs, respectively. The Board is the local franchising authority in New Jersey and is certified to regulate basic service rates and associated equipment and installation charges. Cable operators who choose the Form 1240 methodology may adjust their rates for basic cable service once per year to reflect quantified changes in external costs, for inflation and for the number of regulated channels that are projected for the 12 months following the rate change. FCC Form 1205 is the form used by cable operators to update their regulated rates for equipment, such as converters and remotes, and customer installations.

On April 11, 2011, the above filings were transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition. On August 10, 2011, a telephonic pre-hearing conference was held before the Honorable Elia A. Pelios, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). Present were Comcast, the Division of Rate Counsel (Rate Counsel) and the Board's Staff (collectively, the Parties). The preliminary hearings for these filings were initially set for November 14, 16 and 18, 2011. Comcast notified its customers of rate changes on various dates from June 21, 2011 to July 29, 2011, by way of newspaper announcements informing them of their opportunity to submit written comments to the Board within thirty (30) days of the publication dates. No comments or resolutions were received as a result of these public notices.

After extensive discovery, the parties began settlement negotiations and reached preliminary settlement on October 20, 2011. Judge Pelios subsequently adjourned the scheduled hearings. On January 17, 2012, after further settlement discussions, the Parties reached final agreement and executed a Stipulation of Settlement (Stipulation), memorializing the agreement.

It is further agreed in the Stipulation that Comcast will implement the Stipulated Settlement equipment and installation rates in each of its New Jersey systems on January 1, 2012, and that Comcast will not increase its Stipulated Settlement equipment and installation rates before January 1, 2013.

On February 2, 2012, ALJ Pelios filed his Initial Decision Settlement ("Initial Decision") with the Board, which recommended that the Stipulation be approved. ALJ Pelios fully incorporated the Stipulation in the Initial Decision and found that the parties had voluntarily agreed to the settlement, and that the settlement is consistent with the law and fully disposes of all issues in controversy.

The Board has reviewed the Stipulation and Initial Decision and <u>HEREBY</u> <u>FINDS</u> them to be reasonable, in the public interest and in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Stipulation and Initial Decision (attached hereto) in their entirety as its own, incorporating by reference the terms and conditions therein as if fully set forth at length herein.

The Board <u>FURTHER ORDERS</u> that, subject to the ongoing review before the Federal Communications Commission, should these cable systems, or any parts thereof, merge and/or migrate to another system, be upgraded and/or rebuilt, their ownership or control be otherwise sold or transferred to another entity, the basic service tier rate that will be eliminated or superseded as a result of the merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer must be "trued-up" [47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 76.922(e)(3)]. The final true-up for the affected systems, or any parts thereof, should be calculated on FCC Form 1240 and begin where the last true-up period ended on its prior FCC Form 1240. This true-up calculation shall be filed with the Board when all the affected subscribers are being charged the rate resulting from the merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer and may be filed in conjunction with the annual rate adjustment cycle (Form 1240) established as a result of the merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer.

The cable systems, or any parts thereof, may be subsequently deregulated as a result of a finding by the Board, the FCC or other party of competent jurisdiction that these systems or any portions thereof, are subject to effective competition. Should that occur, the last basic service rate established as a result of a prior FCC Form 1240, or such subsequent rate calculation method as may be heretofore adopted by the Board, the FCC or any other party of competent

jurisdiction prior to the deregulation of any rate that is now or may in the future be subject to the Board's jurisdiction, must be trued-up for the period of time that the affected rates were subject to regulation by the Board.

The above referenced true-up procedure does not exclude any cable system party to this Order.

DATED: 2/10/12

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

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Attachment A

COMCAST OF AVALON, LLC COMCAST OF BURLINGTON COUNTY, LLC COMCAST OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, LLC COMCAST OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY II, LLC COMCAST OF GARDEN STATE, L.P. COMCAST OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY, LLC COMCAST OF LONG BEACH ISLAND, LLC COMCAST OF MEADOWLANDS, LLC COMCAST OF MERCER COUNTY, LLC, (COMCAST OF HOPEWELL VALLEY, INC., COMCAST OF LAWRENCE, LLC) COMCAST OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, LLC COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY, LLC **COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY II, LLC** COMCAST OF NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY, LLC COMCAST OF OCEAN COUNTY, LLC COMCAST OF SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA, LLC COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC COMCAST OF WILDWOOD, LLC

IN THE MATTERS OF COMCAST OF WILDWOOD, LLC (MAPLE SHADE AND GLOUCESTER CITY RATE DISTRICT) RATE CHANGE UNDER FCC FORM 1240 TO SET ITS MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATES (MPR) FOR REGULATED CABLE SERVICES AND;

IN THE MATTER OF CERTAIN COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC AGGREGATE FILING OF FCC FORM 1205 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF MPRs FOR REGULATED EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION COSTS

DOCKET NOS. CR11030116 & CR11030117

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State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW Inter-Office Memorandum

TO: File

- FROM: Elia Pelios, ALJ
- RE: Initial Decision

I/M/O THE FILING BY COMCAST OF MAPLE SHADE, MAPLE SHADE/GLOUCESTER LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE FILING OF FCC FORM 1240, AN ANNUAL UPDATING OF THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE FOR THE REGULATED BASIC CABLE SERVICE.

OAL DKT. CTV 4307-11 AGENCY DKT.NO. CR11030116

DATE: February 3, 2012

The Initial Decision Settlement rendered on February 2, 2012 contains errors on page Page one should read as follows:

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T. David Wand, DAG Division of Law P.O. Box 45029 Newark, NJ 07101

Christopher J. White, Esq. Division of Rate Counsel 31 Clinton Street, 11th Floor Newark, NJ 07101



State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION SETTLEMENT OAL DKT. NO. CTV 4307-11 AGENCY DKT. NO. CR11030116

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Dennis C. Linken, Esq., for petitioner (Scarinci, Hollenbeck, attorneys)

Christopher J. White, Esq., for Other Participant, Division of Rate Counsel, appearing pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-5.4(a)2,

T. David Wand, Deputy Attorney General, for respondent (Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Record Closed: January 17, 2012 Decided: February 2, 2012

BEFORE ELIA A. PELIOS, ALJ:

These matters were transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on April 20, 2011, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-1 to -15 and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Stipulation of Settlement, signed by all parties, indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

have reviewed the terms of settlement and I FIND:

- 1 The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures on the attached document.
- 2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy between the parties and is consistent with the law.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION, BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 44 South Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

February 2, 2012

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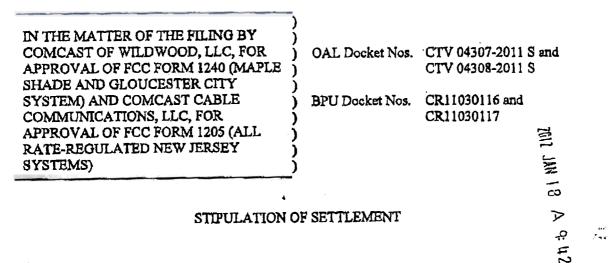
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Appearances:

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Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC by Dennis C. Linken, Esq., for Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, and its rate-regulated subsidiaries which are signatories hereto.

Stefanie A. Brand, Director, by Christopher J. White, Esq., Deputy Rate Counsel, Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, and Maria Novas-Ruiz, Esq., Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel, on behalf of the Division of Rate Counsel.

Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Geoffrey Gersten, Deputy Attorney General, and T. David Wand, Deputy Attorney General, on behalf of the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities.

WHEREAS, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992), codified at 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> § 543 <u>et seq.</u>, (the "Federal Act"), divided the delivery of cable television services into two separate rate regulable categories: (i) "basic service" (the lowest service tier which includes the tetransmission of local television broadcast signals and any public, educational and governmental channels) (sometimes denominated the "limited basic service" or "B-1" tier) and associated equipment and installation and (ii) cable programming services ("CPS") (consisting of other television channels) and associated equipment;

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WHEREAS, under the Federal Act, the limited basic tier of service is regulated by the "local franchising authority," and until March 31, 1999, CPS was regulated by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") upon the filing of a complaint from the local franchising authority to the FCC with regard to a CPS tier rate;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the New Jersey Cable Television Act ("New Jersey Act"), N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., the local franchising authority is the Board of Public Utilities ("BPU" or "Board");

WHEREAS, the Federal Act required the FCC to issue regulations governing the standards to be used by local franchising authorities in regulating rates charged for the limited basic tier of service;

WHEREAS, under FCC rules, 47 CFR §76.900 et seq., a cable operator may adjust its limited basic service tier rates under the annual rate adjustment system pursuant to the regulations adopted September 15, 1995, (47 CFR §76.922), by filing with the local franchising authority a FCC Form 1240, which computes the maximum permitted rate ("MPR") for the limited basic service tier;

WHEREAS, under FCC regulations adopted March 30, 1994, 47 CFR §76.900 et seq., a cable operator may adjust its equipment and installation charges annually by filing with the local franchising authority a FCC Form 1205;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §543 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., Concast of Wildwood, LLC ("Concast-Wildwood") filed an FCC Form 1240 with the Board in Docket No. CR11030116 in order to determine the MPR for limited basic service with respect to its Maple Shade/Oloucester City system;

WHEREAS, the Operator Selected Rate ("OSR") for the limited basic service with respect to Comeast-Wildwood's Maple Shade and Gloucester City System, under its FCC Form 1240 filing is effective January 1, 2012 for the rate cycle of January 1, 2012 to December 1, 2012 and will be \$7.70. Said OSR will remain unchanged through at least December 31, 2012. However, during this period, if Comeast-Wildwood chooses to decrease the OSR, with proper notice to subscribers and the Board, this decrease will not affect the established rate cycle;

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WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 543 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, on behalf of its undersigned rateregulated subsidiaries ("Comcast"), filed, on a company level aggregated basis, a FCC Form 1205 with the Board in Docket No. CR11030117 in order to determine regulated equipment and installation rates and charges in Comcast's systems;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2011, the above rate filings were transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for initial disposition;

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2011, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-13.1, a pre-hearing telephone conference was held in these matters before the Honorable Elia A. Pelios, Administrative Law Judge, wherein the issues to be decided and dates for plenary hearings were determined;

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WHEREAS, on various dates Comcast-Wildwood, with respect to its FCC Form 1240 filing, and Comcast, with respect to its FCC Form 1205 filing, notified subscribers of the proposed adjustments to rates and charges for limited basic service and for monthly equipment rental and installation, respectively, via newspaper announcements, informing them of their opportunity to submit written comments;

WHEREAS, Staff of the Office of Cable Television ("Staff") and the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") have requested information with respect to the issues presented in the aforementioned filings, to which Comcast-Wildwood and Comcast have responded; and

WHEREAS, Staff, Rate Counsel and Comeast (each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties"), after engaging in settlement discussions, prior to the scheduled hearings, have reached agreement on the disposition of these matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby STIPULATE and agree to the following for consideration by the Board:

1. Comcast-Wildwood and Comcast notified their customers of the proposed rate adjustments via advertisements published in various newspapers around the State between June 21, 2011 and July 29, 2011, informing them of their opportunity to submit written comments for a period of thirty (30) days,

2. The effective date of the limited basic service MPR with respect to Comcast-Wildwood's Maple Shade and Gloucester City System, under its FCC Form 1240 filing in Docket No. CR11030016, and the OSR is January 1, 2012.

3. The effective date of the equipment and installation rates and charges with respect to the Concest rate-regulated systems in New Jersey, under its FCC Form 1205 filing in Docket No. CR11030117, is January 1, 2012.

4. The MPR with respect to Comcast-Wildwood's limited basic service in its Maple Shade/Gloucester City System shall be \$7.74.

5. The proposed Stipulated Rates applicable to Comcast's equipment and installation charges, including the Hourly Service Charge, in its rate-regulated systems shall be as set forth in column B, headed "Stipulated MPRs/OSRs Effective 1/1/12", on Exhibit A annexed hereto.

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6. Comcast currently makes available to B-1 only subscribers an offer whereby such subscribers shall be entitled to up to three (3) limited basic service digital transport adaptors per household, at no additional cost. Concast will extend such offer for an additional one (1) year period – that is, through December 31, 2012.

7. Comcast currently makes available to recipients of basic service other than B-1 only subscribers an offer whereby such subscribers shall be entitled to receive digital transport adapters, or, at Comcast's election, more advanced equipment, on up to three outlets

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per household, at no additional cost. Comcast will continue to extend such offer through December 31, 2012.¹

In the Board's Order Adopting Initial Decision (hereinafter, "Form 1240 8. Order") dated September 16, 2008 in BPU Docket Nos. CR07100717 through and including CR07100746 (hereinafter, the "2008 Form 1240 Proceedings"), the Board dealt with the B-1 monthly rate for all but one of Comcast's systems in New Jersey (said system having been subsequently added). In the Form 1240 Order, the Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement (the "2008 Stipulation") entered into among the parties thereto with respect to the 2008 Form 1240 Proceedings. As part of the 2008 Stipulation, Comcast agreed to implement a monthly credit to be applied against the monthly rate for a B-1 Only addressable converter (hereinafter, the "Converter Credit"). Said B-1 Only converter enables limited basic service only customers (hereinafter, "B-1 Only customers") with analog television sets to view the digital channels included in Comcast's B-1 tier of service. The Parties in the instant proceeding hereby agree that the B-1 Converter Credit agreed to in the 2008 Form 1240 Proceedings shall be extended with respect to the primary outlet of B-1 Only customers (but not to additional outlets), for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, and that the B-1 Converter Credit during that period shall be 10¢.

9. No rate changes agreed to in this proceeding shall change or affect or be deemed to change or affect the anniversary date applicable to any Comeast system in New Jersey.

10. This Stipulation of Settlement resolves all issues raised or which could have been raised by any Party in connection with Comcast-Wildwood's FCC Form 1240 filing submitted to the Board in Docket No. CR11030116 and Comcast's company-level aggregate FCC Form 1205 filing submitted to the Board in Docket No. CR11030117.

11. The signatories agree that, except as expressly provided herein, this Stipulation of Settlement has been made exclusively for the purpose of this proceeding and that the provisions contained herein, either in total or by specific items, shall not be used against any of the Parties in any other proceeding before the Board or in other forums or jurisdictions, nor shall the contents of this Stipulation of Settlement, either in total or by specific items, by inference, inclusion, or deletion, in any way be considered or used by any other Party as any indication of the position of any Party hereto on any issue litigated or to be litigated in other proceedings. All signatories acknowledge that the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement shall not be effective unless and until approved by the Board.

12. This Stipulation of Settlement contains terms, each of which is interdependent with the others and essential in its own right to the signing of this Stipulation of Settlement. Each term is vital to the agreement as a whole, since the Parties expressly and jointly state that they would not have signed the agreement had any term been modified in any way. Each Party is entitled to certain procedures in the event that any modification is made to the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, pursuant to which each of the signatory Parties hereto

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¹ Notwithstanding the foregoing, Comcast shall not be liable for failure to comply with this provision insofar as Family Tier and Digital Economy service subscribers are concerned for the period between January 1, 2012 and January 9, 2012.

must be given the right to be placed in the position it was in before this Stipulation of Settlement was entered into. Therefore, if any modification is made to the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, it is essential that each Party be given the option, before the implementation of any new rate or charge resulting from said action, either to modify its own position, to accept the proposed change(s), or to resume the proceedings as if no agreement had been reached.

13. The Parties believe these provisions are fair to all concerned and therefore they are made an integral and essential element of this Stipulation of Settlement. This being the case, all Parties expressly agree to support the right of any other Party to this Stipulation of Settlement to enforce all terms and procedures detailed herein.

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Dated: January ____, 2012

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Dated: January <u>17</u>, 2012

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Attorney for the Staff of the Board of Public Utilities

Dated: January 17, 2012

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FROM: Elia Pelios, ALJ

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OAL DKT. NO. CTV 4308-11 AGENCY DKT. NO. CR11030117

DATE: February 3, 2012

The Initial Decision Settlement rendered on February 2, 2012 contains errors on page 1. Page one should read as follows:

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Dennis C. Linken, Esq., for petitioner (Scarinci, Hollenbeck, attorneys)

- Christopher J. White, Esq., for Other Participant, Division of Rate Counsel, appearing pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-5.4(a)2,
- **T. David Wand**, Deputy Attorney General, for respondent (Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Attorney General of New Jersey, attorney)

Record Closed: January 17, 2012 Decided: February 2, 2012

BEFORE ELIA A. PELIOS, ALJ:

These matters were transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on April 20, 2011, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-1 to -15 and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Stipulation of Settlement, signed by all parties, indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

have reviewed the terms of settlement and I FIND:

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or their representatives' signatures on the attached document.

2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy between the parties and is consistent with the law.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14B-10.

Within thirteen days from the date on which this recommended decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written exceptions with the DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION, BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 44 South Clinton Avenue, P.O. Box 350, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350, marked "Attention: Exceptions." A copy of any exceptions must be sent to the judge and to the other parties.

February 2, 2012

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ELIA A. PELIOS, ALJ

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EXHIBITS

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J-1 Settlement Agreement