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Introduce: 11-23-15

ORDINANCE NO. 20268

1 AN ORDINANCE granting a cable communication facility franchise to Allo
2 Communications, LLC to provide cable television services and to maintain a cable
3 communication facility within the City of Lincoln pursuant to and subject to the provisions of the
4 Lincoln Municipal Code.

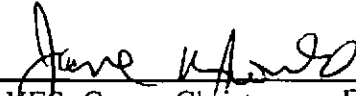
5 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

6 Section 1. Pursuant to the Cable Communications Ordinance of the Lincoln
7 Municipal Code, the Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Allo
8 Communications, LLC, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by
9 reference, is hereby authorized and approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed
10 to execute said Franchise Agreement on behalf of the City.

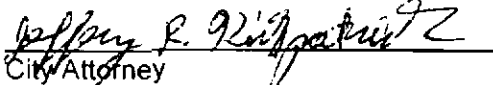
11 Section 2. Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the City Charter, this ordinance
12 shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the City, located on the wall across from the City
13 Clerk's office at 555 S. 10th Street, in lieu of and in place of newspaper publication with notice
14 of passage and such posting to be given by publication one time in the official newspaper by the
15 City Clerk. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and
16 publication as herein and in the City Charter provided.

See further Council Proceedings on
next page. Thank you.

Introduced by:


AYES: Camp, Christensen, Eskridge,
Fellers, Gaylor Baird, Lamm,
Raybould; NAYS: None.

Approved as to Form & Legality:


City Attorney

PASSED

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BY CITY COUNCIL

Approved this ☒ day of Dec, 2015:


Mayor

15-138

12/14/15 Council Proceedings:

RAYBOULD Moved Motion to Amend #1 to amend Bill No. 15-138 in the following manner:

By replacing the Cable Television Franchise Agreement which is attached to the ordinance with the Cable Television Franchise Agreement attached hereto.

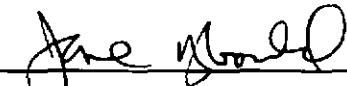
Seconded by Christensen and carried by the following vote: AYES: Camp, Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers, Gaylor Baird, Lamm, Raybould; NAYS: None.

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MOTION TO AMEND NO. 1

I hereby move to amend Bill No. 15-138 by replacing the Cable Television Franchise Agreement which is attached to the ordinance with the Cable Television Franchise Agreement attached hereto.

Introduced by:


AYES: Camp, Christensen, Eskridge,
Fellers, Gaylor Baird, Lamm,
Raybould; NAYS: None.

Approved as to Form and Legality:


City Attorney

Requested by: Law Department

Reason for Request: Changes were made to correct grammatical errors throughout the Cable Television Franchise Agreement, as well as modifying existing page 10, paragraph 5.2(B)2, to remove unnecessary language.

PASSED

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BY CITY COUNCIL

**Cable Franchise
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AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into in Lincoln, Nebraska this ____ day of _____, _____, ("Effective Date") by and between Allo Communications, LLC ("Grantee"), and the CITY of LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, a municipal corporation, (the "City" or "Grantor"). The City and Grantee are sometimes referred to hereinafter collectively as the "parties."

WHEREAS, the City has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the City and its citizens, has considered the financial, technical, and legal qualifications of Grantee, and has determined whether Grantee's plans for constructing, operating, upgrading, and maintaining its Cable System are adequate, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all parties; and

WHEREAS, the public has had adequate notice and opportunity to comment on Grantee's proposal to provide cable television service within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a legitimate and necessary regulatory role in ensuring the availability of state-of-the-art cable communications service, high technical capability, and reliability of Cable Systems in its jurisdiction, the availability of local programming (including educational and governmental access programming) and quality customer service; and

WHEREAS, diversity in cable service and local and non-local programming is an important policy goal and Grantee's Cable System should offer a wide range of programming services; and

WHEREAS, flexibility to respond to changes in technology, subscriber interests, and competitive factors should be an essential characteristic of this Agreement and both the City and Grantee will stress maximum system flexibility to take advantage of new technology to benefit subscribers and citizens as such technology becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive franchises to construct, operate, and maintain a cable television system within the boundaries of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Grantee do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement, and all exhibits attached hereto, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein. Words defined in the Cable Communications Ordinance, Chapter 5.15 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, shall have the meanings given therein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1.1 "Access" means the availability for use by various agencies, institutions, organizations, groups, and individuals in the community, including the City and its designees, of the Cable System to distribute downstream, non-commercial video programming (including alpha numeric programming) as permitted under applicable law, including, but not limited to cablecasting spots to promote public or governmental announcements for services or programs that do not compete with services or programs offered by a Grantee.

(A) "Educational Access" means Access where Schools are the primary users having editorial control over non-commercial programming, signals, and services.

(B) "Governmental Access" means Access where governmental institutions or their designees are the primary users having editorial control over non-commercial programming, signals and services; and

(C) "Public Access" means Access where members of the public are the primary users.

1.2 "Activation" or "Activated" means the status of any capacity on or part of the Cable System wherein the use of that capacity or part thereof may be made available without further installation of system equipment, whether hardware or software.

1.3 "Agreement" or "Franchise" means this document in which this definition appears, which is executed between the City and Grantee, containing the specific provisions of the authorization granted, including any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein.

1.4 "Bad Debt" means amounts lawfully owed by a customer and accrued as revenues on the books of Grantee, but not collected after reasonable efforts by Grantee.

1.5 "Broadcast Signal" means a television or radio signal transmitted over the air to a wide geographic audience, and received by a Cable System off-the-air by antenna, microwave, satellite dishes, or any other means.

1.6 "Cable Acts" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, and the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, regulations promulgated pursuant to such Acts, and any amendments or future federal cable television laws, acts, or regulations.

1.7 "City Property" means and includes all real property owned by the City, other than Right of Ways, including without limitation, City parks and all property owned in fee by the City.

1.8 "Franchise Area" means the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City, including any areas annexed by the City during the term of this Agreement

1.9 "Franchise Fee" means any tax, fee, or assessment of any kind imposed by the City or other governmental entity on Grantee or Subscriber, or both, solely because of their status as such. The term "Franchise Fee" does not include:

(A) Any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and cable operators or their services, but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against cable operators or cable subscribers);

(B) Capital costs which are required under this Agreement to be incurred by Grantee for public, educational, or governmental access equipment and facilities;

(C) Requirements or charges incidental to the awarding or enforcing of the franchise, including payments for bonds, security funds, letters of credit, insurance, indemnification, penalties, or liquidated damages; or

(D) Any fee imposed under Title 17, United States Code.

1.10 "Gross Revenues" means any and all revenues, (including cash, credits, or other consideration of any kind or nature not enumerated below but is "revenue" under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP")) arising from, attributable to, or in any way derived directly or indirectly by Grantee, its Affiliates, or by any other entity that is a cable operator of the Grantee's Cable System, from the operation of Grantee's Cable System within the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services. Gross Revenues include, by way of illustration and not limitation:

- monthly fees charged Subscribers for Basic Service, expanded Basic Service, optional, premium, per channel, pay-per-view, video on demand, or per program service;
- installation, disconnection, reconnection, and change-in-service fees;
- leased channel fees;
- remote controls;
- late fees;
- revenues from rentals or sales of converters or other equipment;
- advertising revenues;
- revenues from program guides;
- additional outlet fees;
- Franchise Fees;
- interactive services to the extent they are a Cable Service;
- revenues from home shopping.

Gross Revenues shall include revenues received by an entity other than Grantee, an Affiliate, or another entity that operates the System where necessary to prevent evasion or avoidance of the obligation under this Agreement to pay the Franchise Fees.

Gross Revenues shall not include: (i) Bad Debt; provided, however, that all or part of any such Bad Debt that is written off but subsequently collected shall be included in Gross Revenues in the period collected; or (ii) any taxes on services furnished by Grantee which are imposed directly on any Subscriber or user by the State or other governmental unit and which are collected by Grantee on behalf of said governmental unit (a Franchise Fee is not such a tax and is included within Gross Revenues); or (iii) the revenue of any Person where such revenue has otherwise been included in Grantee's revenue for franchise fee calculation purposes (so as to prevent revenue from being subject to a franchise fee twice); or (iv) money collected by Grantee on behalf of the FCC in satisfaction of regulatory fees imposed upon Grantee under Section 47 U.S.C. 159 of federal law; (v) launch support; (vi) coop marketing; (vii) payments or other consideration received from programmers for carriage of programming on the System; (vi) advertising agency commissions; and (vii) the revenue collected by Grantee in satisfaction of the Educational and Government Access support fee required under the Franchise Agreement.

In the event Grantee receives consideration from the provision of Cable Service in the City from a source not specifically identified above, any franchise fee obligations will be determined pursuant to GAAP. If such consideration is "revenue" under GAAP then such consideration shall be included in Gross Revenues for franchise fee purposes. If such consideration is not "revenue" under GAAP then such consideration shall not be included in Gross Revenues.

If Grantee or an Affiliate bundles, ties, or combines the sale of some or all of its Cable Services with non-cable services, whether authorized or not by the Franchise, and if it is necessary to separately determine Gross Revenues attributable to particular Cable Services in order to determine franchise fees owed to the City, Grantee shall allocate revenues, to the extent consistent with any applicable state or

federal law or tariffs, in a manner so as to accurately reflect the actual revenue from Cable Services, taking into account all relevant factors, including generally available package prices and discounts. Grantee shall provide a statement with its franchise fee payment reflecting the methodology used and shall bear any burden of proof regarding whether the methodology used accurately reflects Cable Service revenues.

1.11 "High Definition" or "HD" means a video signal with either 720 progressive scan lines of horizontal resolution or 1,080 interlaced scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.12 "HD-1080p" means a video signal with 1,080 progressive scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.13 "Person" means any natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, or limited liability entity or corporation, or any other form of entity or organization.

1.14 "Public Street" means the surface, the area below the surface, and the airspace above the surface, of any highway, street, road, lane, alley, unpaved alley, path, parkway, viaduct, bridge, sidewalk, or other public Right of Way for motor vehicle or pedestrian travel under the jurisdiction and control of the City which has been acquired, established, dedicated, or devoted to such purposes.

1.15 "Right of Way" means and includes all present and future: (i) Public Streets, (ii) utility easements, and or similar properties in which the City now or hereafter holds a property interest and/or a maintenance responsibility which, consistent with the purposes for which it was granted or dedicated, may be used to install, operate, and maintain Grantee's Cable System, now or hereafter owned by or under the jurisdiction and control of the City, but only to the extent of the City's right, title, interest, or authority to grant a license or franchise to occupy and use such Right of Way for Grantee's Cable System. "Right of Way" does not include City Property; State highways; land dedicated for roads, streets, and not opened and not improved for motor vehicle use by the public; structures, including poles and conduits, located within the public way; federally granted trust lands or forest board trust lands; lands owned or managed by the State Game and Parks Commission; or federally granted railroad rights of way that are not open for motor vehicle use; or utility easements granted to utility companies (which may be reflected in a real property deed, subdivision plat, or other real property record) with respect to which the City holds no property interest or maintenance responsibility.

1.16 "Right of Way Construction Permit" or "ROW Construction Permit" shall mean an authorization to excavate in or obstruct Right of Way at a specific place and time, to install, operate, and maintain Grantee's Cable System within a specified portion of Rights-of-Way, Public Way, or Easement

1.17 "Standard Definition" or "SD" means a video signal with 480 interlaced scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.18 "System" means Grantee's Cable System.

1.19 "Term Year" is a twelve (12) month period commencing on the Effective Date (as described in Section 2.4) or the anniversary of the Effective Date of the Agreement. A particular Term Year is designated by the number of years that have passed since the Effective Date on the day after the end of the Term Year. Thus, for example, Term Year 1 begins on the Effective Date and ends on the day before the first anniversary of the Effective Date and Term Year 2 begins on the first anniversary of the Effective Date and ends on the day before the second anniversary of the Effective Date.

SECTION 2. GRANT OF AGREEMENT

2.1 Grant.

(A) The City hereby grants to Grantee a nonexclusive and revocable authorization (the "Franchise") to make lawful use of the Right of Way within the Franchise Area to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct, rebuild, and upgrade a Cable System subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and applicable law. This Agreement shall constitute both a right and an obligation to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct, rebuild, and upgrade a Cable System as required hereby, and to fulfill the obligations set forth in the provisions of this Agreement, all subject to applicable law.

(B) Grantee, through this Agreement, is granted the right to operate its Cable System using the City's Right of Way within the Franchise Area in compliance with all applicable laws. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive the requirements of the other codes and ordinances of general applicability enacted, or hereafter enacted, by the City.

(C) Grantee promises and guarantees, as a condition of exercising the privileges granted by this Agreement, that any Affiliate of Grantee directly involved in the offering of Cable Service in the Franchise Area, or directly involved in the management or operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area, will also comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(D) This Agreement is intended to convey limited rights and interests only as to the Right of Way in which the City has an actual interest. It is not a warranty of title or interest in any Right of Way; it does not provide Grantee with any interest in any particular location within the Right of Way and it does not confer rights other than as expressly provided in the grant hereof. This Agreement does not provide Grantee with any right of eminent domain.

(E) To the extent permitted by law, this Agreement shall not limit the City or Grantee's rights with respect to the provision of telecommunications services.

2.2 Use of Right of Way.

(A) Subject to the City's supervision, Right of Way permitting requirements, and control, Grantee may erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, and retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, and along the Right of Way within the Franchise Area, such wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduit, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, pedestals, attachments, and other property and equipment as are necessary and appurtenant to the operation of a Cable System within the Franchise Area. Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws.

(B) This grant does not include the installation, maintenance or construction, repair or replacement of any wireless telecommunications facilities or equipment within Right of Way or otherwise on City-owned property or on property held in trust or used by the City except for facilities or equipment used by Grantee for status monitoring of Grantee's Communications Facility; equipment utilized to provide "last mile" connectivity to a Subscriber who could not economically be serviced otherwise; or upon approval by the City which shall not be unreasonably withheld, other wireless transmit/receive equipment incidental to the operation of Grantee's Communications Facility.

2.3 Term. The term of this Agreement and all rights, privileges, obligations and restrictions pertaining thereto shall be fifteen (15) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement as set forth in Section 2.4 below, unless terminated sooner as hereinafter provided.

2.4 Effective Date.

(A) This Agreement and the rights, privileges, and authority granted hereunder shall take effect and be in force from and after the Effective Date of this Agreement as specified in this Section.

(B) Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of the Ordinance granting this Agreement, Grantee shall signify its acceptance of this Agreement by executing a written acceptance of this Agreement. This Franchise is void unless accepted in writing by Grantee within this timeframe.

(C) The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date on which it is accepted in writing by Grantee.

(D) The grant of this Agreement shall have no effect on Grantee's duty under any prior cable franchise agreement or any ordinance in effect prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement to indemnify or insure the City against acts and omissions occurring during the period that the prior franchise agreement was in effect. Nor shall it have any effect upon liability to pay all Franchise Fees which were due and owed under prior franchises and ordinances.

2.5 Agreement Nonexclusive. This Agreement shall be nonexclusive and subject to all prior rights, interests, easements, or licenses granted by the City or its predecessors to any Person to use any property, Right of Way, easement, right, interest, or license for any purpose whatsoever, including the right of the City to use same for any purpose it deems fit, including the same or similar purposes allowed Grantee hereunder. The City may at any time grant authorization to use Right of Way for any purpose not incompatible with Grantee's authority under this Agreement and for such additional agreements for Cable Systems as the City deems appropriate.

2.6 Grant of Other Agreements.

(A) This Agreement shall be non-exclusive and the City reserves the right to grant to any other Person, at any time, the right to use or occupy the Streets or roads of the City for the construction and operation of any other Cable System, open video system, or other multichannel video distribution system within the City or for whatever purposes deemed appropriate by the City. It is understood that nothing herein shall be construed to create any obligation to share any Access or Community Programming developed by Grantee with any other provider, except as specified by the City. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no such authorization or franchise granted to any other Person (whether by the City, State, or Federal government) to operate a Cable System shall be on terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome when taken as a whole than those imposed herein.

(B) In the event the City or any operating division, department, agent, or franchisee of the City elects to build or operate its own Cable System or open video system, or leases dark fiber, poles, or other facilities to third-party providers, neither the City nor any operating division, department, or agent of the City shall discriminate against Grantee in pole attachment fees, permitting procedures, permitting fees, and relocation practices.

(C) If the City, or any operating division or department thereof, including Lincoln Electric Service, grants another Franchise or enters into any lease of facilities so as to enable a third party to offer Cable Service, and which requires Grantee to relocate any of its facilities to accommodate such third party's use of the rights-of-way, easements, or poles, the third party shall be required to reimburse Grantee for the actual costs of such relocation.

2.7 Effect of Acceptance. By accepting the Agreement, Grantee acknowledges and accepts the City's legal right to issue and enforce the Agreement subject to applicable law and agrees that the Agreement was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with federal law.

2.8 Police Powers.

(A) In accepting this Franchise, Grantee acknowledges that its rights hereunder are subject to the police powers of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to the safety and welfare of the public and it agrees to comply with all applicable general laws and ordinances enacted by the City pursuant to such power. Any conflicts between the provisions of this Franchise Agreement and any other present or future lawful exercise of the City's police power shall be resolved in favor of the latter, except that any such exercise that is not of a general application in the jurisdiction or applies exclusively to Grantee which contains provisions inconsistent with this Agreement shall prevail only if, upon such exercise, the City finds that an emergency exists constituting a danger to health, safety, property, or general welfare or such exercise is mandated by law, and only so long as such emergency exists.

(B) Except for the City's exercise of its police powers, pursuant to this section this Agreement may only be modified or amended with the express written consent of Grantee.

2.9 Franchise Area. Grantee shall offer Cable Service to every Person in the Franchise Area, subject to Section 13.

SECTION 3. FRANCHISE FEE AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS

3.1 Franchise Fee. As compensation for the benefits and privileges granted under this Agreement and in consideration of permission to use the City's Right of Way, Grantee shall pay as a Franchise Fee to the City, throughout the duration of this Agreement, an amount equal to five (5%) percent of Grantee's Gross Revenues. Accrual of such Franchise Fee shall commence as of the Effective Date of this Agreement. Grantor reserves the right to unilaterally increase the franchise fee to the maximum that may be charged consistent with federal and state law.

3.2 Payments. Grantee's Franchise Fee payments to the City shall be computed quarterly for the preceding calendar quarter ending September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30. Each quarterly payment shall be due and payable no later than thirty (30) days after said dates.

3.3 Quarterly Fee Reports. Each payment shall be accompanied by a written report to the City, verified by a responsible official of Grantee, containing an accurate statement in summarized form, as well as in detail, of Grantee's Gross Revenues and the computation of the payment amount. Such reports shall detail all Gross Revenues of the Cable System from the provision of Cable Services. In the event this Agreement is revoked or otherwise terminated prior to its expiration date, Grantee shall file with the City, within ninety (90) days of the date of revocation or termination, a C.P.A. certified revenue statement showing the Gross Revenues received by it since the end of the previous year and shall make adjustments at that time for the Franchise Fee due up to the date of revocation or termination.

3.4 No Accord and Satisfaction. No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as an accord by the City that the amount paid is, in fact, the correct amount, nor shall any acceptance of payments be construed as a release of any claim the City may have for further or additional sums payable or for the performance of any other obligation of Grantee.

3.5 Audits. No more than once every three (3) years, the City shall have the right to conduct audits of Grantee's records related to the Franchise Fee payments made pursuant to this Agreement as well as Grantor's compliance with Sections 9.9(D) and 9.11. No audit may go back more than five (5) years. Grantee shall pay City's out-of-pocket expenses associated with such audit up to a limit of \$50,000.00.

3.6 Financial Records. Grantee agrees to meet with a representative of the City upon request to review Grantee's methodology of record keeping related to the computation of the Franchise Fee.

3.7 Late Franchise Fee Payments. In the event any Franchise Fee payment is not received within thirty (30) days from the end of the calendar quarter, Grantee shall be assessed a late fee and may be assessed interest in accordance with the City's Cable Communications Ordinance.

3.8 Compensation. In the event the obligation of Grantee to compensate the City through Franchise Fees as set forth in this Franchise is lawfully suspended or eliminated, in whole or part, then Grantee shall, to the extent required by applicable law, pay to the City equivalent compensation to the compensation paid to the City by other similarly situated users of Right of Way for Grantee's use of Right of Way, provided that in no event shall such payments exceed the equivalent of five percent (5%) of Grantee's Gross Revenues or such other cap required by applicable law.

3.9 Payment on Termination. If this Agreement is revoked pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Grantee shall, as per Section 3.3, file with the City within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the revocation, a gross revenue statement, certified by a certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by Grantee since the end of the previous fiscal year. The City reserves the right in the event of revocation or expiration (if no application for renewal or appeal related thereto is pending), to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of Grantee to the City by utilizing the funds available in a Letter of Credit or other security provided by Grantee.

3.10 Tax Liability. The Franchise Fees shall be in addition to any and all taxes or other levies or assessments which are now or hereafter required to be paid by businesses in general by any law of the City, the State of Nebraska, or the United States including, without limitation, sales, use, and other taxes, business license fees or other payments. Payment of the Franchise Fee under this Agreement shall not exempt Grantee from the payment of any license fee, tax, or charge on business, occupation, property, or income that may be imposed by the City. Any other license fees, taxes, or charges shall be of general applicability in nature and shall not be levied against Grantee solely because of its status as a Grantee as defined herein.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

4.1 Authority. The City shall be vested with the power and right to administer and enforce the requirements of this Agreement or to delegate that power and right, or any part thereof, to the extent permitted under Federal, State, or local law, to any agent.

4.2 Rates and Charges. All Grantee rates and charges related to or regarding Cable Services shall be subject to regulation by the City to the full extent authorized by applicable Federal or State laws.

4.3 Filing of Rates and Charges. Upon request of City, Grantee shall file with the City a complete schedule of rates and charges for Cable Services and leased Access Channels provided under this Agreement.

4.4 Late Fees. Fees for the late payment of bills shall not be assessed until after the Service has been fully provided.

4.5 Performance Evaluation.

(A) Evaluation sessions may be held at any time by the City during the term of this Agreement, but no more frequently than annually.

(B) All evaluation sessions shall be open to the public and announced at least one week in advance in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. City shall notify Subscribers of all regular evaluation sessions by announcement on at least one Access Channel seven (7) times between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for five (5) consecutive days preceding each session.

(C) Topics which may be discussed at any evaluation session may include, but are not limited to, Cable Service rate structures; Franchise Fees; occupation taxes; liquidated damages; free or discounted Cable Services; application of new technologies; system performance; Cable Services provided; programming offered; customer complaints; privacy; amendments to this Agreement; judicial and FCC rulings; line extension policies; and the City's or Grantee's rules; provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the renegotiation of this Agreement.

(D) During evaluations under this Section, Grantee shall fully cooperate with the City and shall provide such information and documents as the City may lawfully and reasonably require to perform the evaluation.

(E) As a result of a periodic review or evaluation session, upon notification from City, Grantee shall meet with City and undertake good faith efforts to reach agreement on changes and modifications to the terms and conditions of this Franchise which are both economically and technically feasible.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Indemnification.

(A) General Indemnification. Upon timely notice and tender as set forth in Section 5.1(D), Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City, its officers, elected and appointed officials, boards, committees, commissions, agents, volunteers, and employees, harmless from any action or claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and attorneys' fees or expenses, in any way arising out of, resulting from, or alleged to arise out of or result from any construction, excavation, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, or any other act done under this Agreement, by or for Grantee, its agents, or its employees, or arising out of, resulting from or alleged to arise out of or result from any neglect or omission of Grantee. Grantee shall consult and cooperate with the City while conducting its defense of the City.

(B) Indemnification for Relocation. Grantee shall indemnify the City for any damages, claims, additional costs, or expenses assessed against, or payable by, the City related to, arising out of, or resulting, directly or indirectly, from Grantee's failure to remove, adjust, or relocate any of its facilities in the Streets in a timely manner in accordance with any relocation lawfully required by the City.

(C) Non-Waiver. The fact that Grantee carries out any activities under this Agreement through independent contractors shall not constitute an avoidance of or defense to Grantee's duty of defense and indemnification under Section 5.1(A).

(D) Duty to Give Notice and Tender Defense. The City shall give Grantee timely written notice of any claim or of the commencement of any action, suit, or other proceeding covered by the indemnity in this Section. In the event any such claim arises, the City or any other indemnified party shall timely tender the defense thereof to Grantee and Grantee shall have the obligation and duty to defend any claims arising thereunder, and the City shall cooperate fully therein.

(E) The indemnification of Section 5.1(A) shall survive the term of any franchise and shall continue in full force and effect as to Grantee's responsibility to indemnify. In no event shall the indemnification requirements of this Section 5.1 be construed to impose any obligation on the part of Grantee, its agents, or employees to indemnify the City, its agents, or employees or with respect to Government Access programming, or any utilization of the City's network, or the City's operation of the emergency over-ride system pursuant to section 14.2(B).

5.2 Insurance Requirements.

(A) General Requirement. Grantee must have adequate insurance during the entire term of this Agreement to protect the City against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which in any way relate to, arise from, or are connected with this Agreement, or involve Grantee, its agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors, and their employees. However, no coverage shall be provided for claims arising out of or due to the sole negligence of the City.

(B) Initial Insurance Limits. Grantee must keep insurance in effect in accordance with the minimum insurance limits herein set forth below. Grantee shall obtain policies for the following initial minimum insurance limits:

1. Commercial General Liability: Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage;

2. Automobile Liability: Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and

3. Employer's Liability: Two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

5.3 Deductibles and Self Insured Retentions. If Grantee changes its policy to include a self-insured retention, Grantee shall give notice of such change to the City. The City's approval will be given if the self-insured retention is consistent with standard industry practices. Any deductible or self-insured retention of the policies shall not in any way limit Grantee's liability to the City. The insurance limits set forth above shall be adjusted from time to time upon notice to Grantee but in no event shall the insurance amounts required under this Agreement exceed the maximum municipal liability under State law.

(A) Endorsements.

1. All policies shall contain or shall be endorsed so that:

(i) The City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees, and agents are to be covered as, and have the rights of, named additional insured with respect to liability

related to, arising out of by reason of activities performed by, or on behalf of, Grantee under this Agreement or applicable law, or in the construction, operation or repair, or ownership of the Cable System;

(ii) Grantee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees, and agents. Any insurance or self insurance maintained by the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees, and agents shall be in excess of Grantee's insurance and shall not contribute to it; and

(iii) Grantee's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or lawsuit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. The insurance shall provide that it shall not be cancelled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this section without thirty (30) days' written notice first being given to the City. If the insurance is cancelled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this section within the term of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide a replacement policy. Grantee agrees to maintain continuous uninterrupted insurance coverage, in the amounts required, for the duration of this Agreement.

(B) Verification of Coverage. Grantee shall furnish the City with certificates of insurance and endorsements or a copy of the page of the policy reflecting blanket additional insured status. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a Person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be on standard forms or such forms as are consistent with standard industry practices, and are to be received subject to approval by City as to compliance with Section 5.2 and 5.3 herein prior to the commencement of activities associated with this Agreement. Grantee hereby warrants that its insurance policies satisfy the requirements of this Agreement and City laws.

(C) In the alternative to providing a certificate of insurance to the City certifying insurance coverage as required above, Grantee's self-insurance shall provide the same amount and level of protection for Grantee and the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents, and employees as otherwise required under this Section. The adequacy of the self-insurance shall be subject to the periodic review and approval of the City. If Grantee elects to provide self-insurance under this Section, any failure to maintain adequate self-insurance shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement by the City.

5.4 Letter of Credit.

(A) On the Effective Date of this Franchise, Grantee shall deliver to the City an irrevocable and unconditional Letter of Credit, in a form and substance acceptable to the City, from a National or State bank approved by the City, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

(B) The Letter of Credit shall provide that funds will be paid to the City upon written demand of the City, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in payment for liquidated damages charged pursuant to this Section, in payment for any monies owed by Grantee to the City pursuant to its obligations under this Franchise, or in payment for any damage incurred by the City as a result of any claims arising out of acts or omissions by Grantee pursuant to this Franchise.

(C) As an alternative to recovery of any monies owed by Grantee to the City for actual damages to the City as a result of any claims arising out of acts or omissions by Grantee pursuant

to the Franchise, the City, in its sole discretion, may charge to and collect from the Letter of Credit the following liquidated damages:

1. For failure to provide data, documents, reports, or information as required herein, the liquidated damage shall be \$250.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

2. For failure to comply with construction, operation, or maintenance standards, the liquidated damage shall be \$350.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

3. For failure to comply with any of the material provisions of this Franchise, for which a liquidated damage is not otherwise specifically provided pursuant to this paragraph (C), the liquidated damage shall be \$500.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(D) Each violation of any material provision of this Franchise shall be considered a separate violation for which a separate liquidated damage can be imposed.

(E) Whenever the Mayor determines that there is a basis to charge to and collect from the Letter of Credit under subparagraph (B) above or for any other violation contemplated in subparagraph (C) above, a written notice shall be given to Grantee informing it of such basis or violation. During the thirty (30) days following such notice, Grantee shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Mayor and an opportunity to cure. Should Grantee cure such violation within such thirty-day period, no liquidated damages shall apply to the pertinent violation(s).

(F) Nothing contained herein shall preclude Grantee from appearing before the City Council at any time in response to any alleged violations in accordance with the rules of the City Council.

(G) If said Letter of Credit or any subsequent Letter of Credit delivered pursuant thereto expires prior to twelve (12) months after the expiration of the term of this Franchise, it shall be renewed or replaced during the term of this Franchise to provide that it will not expire earlier than twelve (12) months after the expiration of this Franchise. The renewed or replaced Letter of Credit shall be of the same form and with a bank authorized herein and for the full amount stated in subparagraph (A) of this Section.

(H) If the City draws upon the Letter of Credit or any subsequent Letter of Credit delivered pursuant hereto, in whole or in part, Grantee shall immediately replace or replenish it to its full amount and shall deliver to the City a like replacement Letter of Credit or certification of replenishment for the full amount as a substitution of the previous Letter of Credit. This shall be a continuing obligation for any withdrawals from the Letter of Credit.

(I) If any Letter of Credit is not so replaced or replenished, the City may draw on said Letter of Credit for the whole amount thereof and use the proceeds as satisfaction of Grantee's performance of franchise obligations to the extent necessary. The failure to replace or replenish any Letter of Credit may also, at the option of the City, be deemed a default by Grantee under this Franchise. The drawing on the Letter of Credit by the City, and use of the money so obtained for payment or performance of the obligations, duties, and responsibilities of Grantee which are in default, shall not be a waiver or release of such default.

(J) The collection by City of any damages or monies from the Letter of Credit shall not affect any other right or remedy available to it, nor shall any act, or failure to act, by the City pursuant to the Letter of Credit, be deemed a waiver of any right of the City pursuant to this Franchise or otherwise.

(K) Action by the City or Mayor under this Section shall be subject to judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. CUSTOMER SERVICE

6.1 Customer Service Standards. Grantee shall comply with the customer service standards set forth by the Federal Communications Commission, as amended.

SECTION 7. REPORTS AND RECORDS

7.1 Open Records. Access to the books and records of Grantee shall be governed by Section 5.15.330 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance.

7.2 Confidentiality. The City agrees to keep confidential any trade secrets, proprietary or confidential books, records, or any other filings with City by Grantee to the extent permitted by law and may not use any such information to compete with Grantee in any manner, directly or through any operating division, department, or agent. Grantee shall be responsible for clearly and conspicuously stamping the work "Confidential" on each page that contains trade secret, confidential, or proprietary information, and shall provide a brief written explanation as to why such information is trade secret, confidential, or proprietary and how it may be treated as such under State or Federal law. If the City receives a demand from any Person for disclosure of any information designated by Grantee as trade secret, proprietary, or confidential, the City shall, so far as consistent with applicable law, advise Grantee and provide Grantee with a copy of any written request by the party demanding access to such information within a reasonable time. City will reasonably cooperate with Grantee in any efforts by Grantee to protect the confidentiality of any such material.

7.3 Reports Required.

(A) Grantee is expressly exempted from and relieved of compliance with the following Section 5.15.320 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance. In lieu thereof Grantee shall be subject to the requirements set forth below.

(B) Grantee shall submit to the City no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each of Grantee's fiscal years, an annual written report with the following information:

(1) A summary of the previous calendar year's activities in development of this system, including but not limited to services begun or dropped, number of subscribers, including gains and losses, homes passed, and miles of cable distribution plants in service, including different classes if applicable.

(2)(i) A financial statement including a statement of income, a balance sheet, and a statement of cash flows that, at Grantee's election, may be audited or unaudited. To the extent that the Grantee submits unaudited financial statements, such submission shall be accompanied by a certification from a corporate officer attesting to the accuracy of such financial statements. The statement shall include notes that specify all significant accounting policies and practices upon which it is based,

including, but not limited to, depreciation rates and methodology, and basis for interest expense. A summary shall be provided comparing the current year with the three previous years.

(ii) If the Grantee operates other cable systems, then, in lieu of financial statements of the system in (i), the Grantee may submit the financial statement referred to above as supplementary information to the financial statements of its entire operations. Such financial statements of a multiple system operator shall contain an accountant's report stating what procedures have been applied to the supplementary information and the accountant's opinion on the supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Grantee shall obtain written permission from the City in advance in order to submit his financial statements in this manner, and an officer of the company shall attest to the accuracy of the financial information provided.

(3) A current statement of cost of any construction by component category.

(4) A summary of complaints, identifying the number and nature of complaints and their disposition.

(5) A list of corporate officers and members of the board and the officers and board members of any parent corporation.

(6) A list of all partners or stockholders holding one percent or more ownership interest in Grantee and any parent corporation; provided, however, that when any parent corporation has in excess of 1,000 shareholders and its shares are publicly traded on a national stock exchange, then a list of the twenty largest stockholders of the voting stock of such corporation shall be disclosed.

(7) A report of Grantee's employees in the City designed to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.15.490 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance upon a form prescribed by the City.

(8) A copy of all the Grantee's rules and regulations applicable to subscribers and users of the cable communications system.

(9) A report relating to all copyright fees paid and copies of all reports or documents submitted to the copyright office of the Library of Congress.

(10) To the extent that Grantee's take rate, that is, the percentage of homes passed exceeded 25% as of the end of the reporting period, a description of Grantee's plans to increase the number of homes passed in the ensuing reporting period.

(11) A summary of franchise fee payments and any adjustment thereto as specified in Section 5.15.210 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance, including a summary comparing the current year with the three previous years. Such summary shall be accompanied by a certification from a corporate officer attesting to the accuracy of such summary.

(C) A written report summarizing complaints, identifying the number and nature of complaints and their disposition shall be filed no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each of Grantee's fiscal quarters that are not also the end of Grantee's fiscal year.

(D) Except with regard to Section 7.3(B)(2), the City may specify the form and details of all reports, with the Grantee given an opportunity to comment in advance upon such forms and details. The City may change the filing dates for reports upon reasonable request of Grantee.

SECTION 8. PROGRAMMING AND CHANNEL CAPACITY

8.1 Provision of Programming and Channel Capacity. Grantee shall provide the programming and Channel capacity required in this Agreement.

8.2 Broad Programming Categories. Grantee shall offer programming in the following broad categories:

- News
- Weather
- Sports
- Public affairs
- Educational
- Cultural
- Music
- Religious

8.3 Cable Service to City Offices, Schools, Libraries. Grantee shall provide without charge one drop and Standard Service (defined to be the Basic Service and the next most highly penetrated tier of programming) to current and future buildings with City and County employees, state-accredited Public and Parochial K-12 schools, and City libraries to the extent that Grantee is required to provide service to such particular location under Section 13.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION ACCESS CHANNELS

9.1 Grantee shall initially provide four (4) channels for non-commercial Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") access use. The channels will be initially allocated as follows:

- (A) 1 channel for Public Access
- (B) 2 channels for Government Access
- (C) 1 channel for Educational Access

9.2 The City may reallocate the four PEG access channels among "Public," "Educational," and "Government" with the approval of Grantee.

9.3 At the City's request, Grantee shall provide a secured digital video stream for city government training purposes and provide the converters in training rooms at the city locations for viewing that training channel.

9.4 Grantee shall provide an additional channel for Educational Access, upon request of the City, at any time after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date of this Agreement, if the then existing Educational Access channel(s) is Fully Programmed. For the purposes of this requirement, Fully Programmed means that the Educational Access channel(s) is programmed with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated or bulletin board type programming) from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks.

9.5 Grantee shall provide an additional channel for Government Access, upon request of the City, whenever the then existing Government Access channels are Fully Programmed. For the purposes of this provision, Fully Programmed means:

(A) The Government Access channel is programmed with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated programming) from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks; and

(B) The Health Government Access channel is programmed at least fifty percent of the time from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated programming) seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks.

9.6 For the purposes of the "triggers" set forth in this Section 9, a program may be repeated twice for the purposes of calculating the hours of programming. Additional repeats of programming are permitted but such additional repeats shall not be counted in any usage formula set forth above.

9.7 For the purposes of the triggers set forth in this Section 9, "Locally-Produced" means audio-video television programming produced within the City of Lincoln; except, however, up to 10% of such programming may be imported from outside the City of Lincoln.

9.8 Grantor Channel Flexibility, PEG Channel Resolution.

(A) Upon written notice of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, Grantor may request and elect that Grantee provide additional Public Access, Government Access, Educational Access, or training channels in either SD or HD in addition to those described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, and 9.5. Grantor may elect no more than a cumulative total of four (4) additional channels pursuant to this Section 9.8(A) under this Agreement. Absent election to the contrary by Grantor, Grantee shall bear the cost of any encoders necessary for provision of such channels which shall be deemed to be an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D).

(B) Grantee shall initially provide each of the channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, and 9.5 in SD. Upon written notice of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, Grantor may request and elect that one or more PEG channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) that are then-currently provided in SD be converted to HD. To the extent that Grantee has begun to provide any programming in a particular HD format, Grantor may also request that one or more PEG channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) that are then-currently provided in SD or HD be converted to the same HD format. Absent election to the contrary by Grantor, Grantee shall bear the cost of any encoders necessary for the conversion described in this Section 9.8(B), which shall be deemed to be an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D). Grantor and Grantee shall jointly decide the types of encoding equipment that may be used in this Section.

(C) To the extent that Grantor wishes to make a one-time election to convert a single channel described in Section 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) to multiple audio channels and Grantor has made similar requests to all other providers of Cable Service in the City, Grantee agrees to negotiate in good faith commercially-reasonable conditions for such conversion provided that under no circumstances shall Grantee both be required to bear the cost of any necessary encoders and not be permitted to classify such cost as an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D).

(D) Grantee shall provide on Basic Service all additional PEG channel feeds the Grantor chooses to provide, whether Standard Definition or High Definition feeds. Digital Programming provided for any PEG or training channel, regardless of source (the Grantor, LPS, Grantee's studio,

outside videotape or DVD, etc.) shall not have its quality reduced by Grantee (by rate shaping or down sampling or any other method) either during direct broadcast or by any method used to store the programming for later broadcast or rebroadcast, without the Grantor's consent. Grantee may compress any analog source at rates that show no noticeable difference in quality from the original feed.

9.9 Public Access.

(A) Grantee shall have the exclusive responsibility for administering and operating Public Access subject to the following conditions:

1. Grantee will operate Public Access on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. Grantee shall not exercise any editorial control except as otherwise permitted by applicable law. Grantee shall be the final arbiter on scheduling conflicts.
3. The City or its designee may review and comment upon the Public Access rules.
4. Grantee shall maintain a public access studio. This obligation may be met through the sharing of the costs of another Cable Service provider in the City that administers Public Access and/or maintains a Public Access studio, so long as Grantee maintains the interconnection arrangements described in Section 9.9(C).
5. This Section 9.9(A) shall not become effective until six (6) months after Grantee has reported serving at least twenty thousand (20,000) subscribers.

(B) Grantee shall continue to operate Public Access at the same level, if any, that it operates Public Access as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

(C) To the extent that Section 9.9(A) is not effective, Grantor's obligation to deliver content on any Public Access channels shall be met through interconnecting with a Cable Service provider in the City that administers Public Access and/or maintains a Public Access studio. In this regard, Grantee shall make a good faith effort at its own expense to enter into a fair and equitable agreement on interconnection and cost sharing with the current provider of any operator of a Cable System maintaining a Public Access studio so as obtain Public Access content for distribution as required under this Agreement. Failure or refusal by such Cable System operator to provide such interconnection on commercially reasonable rates, terms and conditions, shall excuse Grantee's performance under this Agreement with regard to delivery of Public Access channel content; provided, however, that any alleged failure or refusal of the Cable System operator to provide interconnection to Grantee, on commercially reasonable terms and conditions shall be subject to review by the Mayor, and the corresponding excusal must be approved by the City.

(D) Expenditures to support the capital needs of Public Access.

1. For the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the third anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

2. For the period commencing on the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the eighth anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

3. For the period commencing on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the fifteenth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the thirteenth anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

4. For Grantee's expenditures to be considered as fulfilling the requirements of this Subsection (D), they must be approved as eligible by the Grantor. Such requests for approval shall include the expected or actual date/period of expenditure. Grantee may seek approval after such expenditures have been made, so long as such expenditures were made on or after the Effective Date. To the extent that Grantee has made a written request for approval, such approval shall be deemed granted if not denied in writing by the Mayor within ninety (90) days. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(E) Grantee shall make reasonable efforts to develop an advisory group of Public Access users and to consider the suggestions from this group when making Public Access capital expenditures; provided, however, the role of the users is advisory only and all purchasing decisions shall be at the sole discretion of Grantee.

9.10 Unused Access Channels. The City shall adopt rules that enable Grantee to use a PEG access channel when that channel is not being used for its designated purpose.

9.11 Grantee shall collect and remit to the City forty-one cents (\$0.41) per directly billed Basic Service customer (or subscriber to higher tier of service) per month hereinafter the "G/E Grant"). The G/E Grant shall be used exclusively for the support of the capital needs associated with Government and Educational Access; provided, however, up to \$.05 (5 cents) of the G/E Grant may be applied to the non-capital needs (operating costs) associated with Government and Educational Access.

9.12 Live Cablecasting Return Locations. Grantee shall maintain a return path from City Hall and the Q St. Fire Station to Grantee's headend to accommodate programming originated by the City for the Government Access channel(s). Grantee shall maintain a return path from the Lincoln Public School's District Office to Grantee's headend to accommodate programming originated by the schools for the Educational Access channel.

9.13 City Fiber Grant.

(A) Grantee shall make a City Fiber Grant to the City of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) in each of the first ten (10) Term Years, payable within sixty (60) days of the commencement of each such Term Year. Within sixty (60) days of the commencement of Term Years 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Grantee shall make a City Fiber Grant to the City of three dollars (\$3.00) per subscriber as reflected in the most recently-submitted annual report described in Section 7.3(B) (which the City acknowledges may pertain to a Term Year two years prior to the Term Year in which payment is made) up to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

(B) The City Fiber Grant shall be used by the City exclusively for completing fiber loops, conduits, or conduit appurtenances, or electronic transport equipment connected to the fiber loop for the City's internal communications needs as requested by the City and shall not be used for

commercial or competitive purposes except where the City is required by applicable law or has current efforts to share conduit space with another user.

9.14 **Payments Not Franchise Fees.** Except as specifically provided by federal law or regulations of the FCC, none of the payments required under this Section 9 shall be treated by Grantee, or considered in any way by Grantee, a Franchise Fee and all such payments shall be in addition to the Franchise Fee required of Grantee pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof. Provided that the City expends the additional financial obligations, payments, and other commitments in a manner required herein, Grantee agrees not to assert or claim at any time before any court or administrative agency that the additional financial obligations, payments, and other commitments expressed herein are franchise fees, so as to form the basis for offset or credit against any payments due the City.

SECTION 10. GENERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AND CONSTRUCTION

10.1 Grantee agrees to all general and specific Right of Way use, permitting, engineering, location, relocation, contractor, agent, and construction standards outline in the Grantee's Broadband Franchise. The Grantee's Broadband Franchise will be executed on the same date and time as this Cable Franchise.

SECTION 11. SYSTEM DESIGN

11.1 **Cable System.** Grantee shall maintain and operate a modern, high quality Cable System technically capable of delivering Customers' choice of no fewer than 140 channels of digital programming. The Cable System shall be two-way activated; support interactive cable services; and shall be designed for optimum reliability and flexibility; and Grantee shall regularly evaluate the need for new programming or incorporating new technologies.

11.2 **Corrective Action.** Grantee will take prompt corrective action if it finds that any facilities or equipment in the Cable system are not operating in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement or applicable law.

SECTION 12. TECHNICAL STANDARDS

12.1 **Technical Performance.** Grantee shall comply with the technical standards set forth in the rules and regulations of the FCC as such rules and regulations may from time to time be amended.

12.2 **System Tests and Inspections; Special Testing.**

(A) Grantee shall perform all tests required under the rules and regulations of the FCC.

(B) The City shall have the right to inspect all construction or installation work performed pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise. In addition, the City may require special testing of a location or locations within the System if there is a particular matter of controversy or unresolved complaints regarding System construction, operations or installation work pertaining to such locations(s). Such tests shall be limited to the particular matter in controversy and the applicable standards. The City shall endeavor to so arrange its request for such special testing so as to minimize hardship or inconvenience to Grantee or to the Subscribers of such testing.

(C) Before ordering such tests, Grantee shall be afforded thirty (30) days following receipt of written notice to investigate and, if necessary, correct problems or complaints upon which tests were ordered. The City shall meet with Grantee prior to requiring special tests to discuss the need for such and, if possible, visually inspect those locations which are the focus of concern. If, after such meetings and inspections, the City wishes to commence special tests and the thirty (30) days have elapsed without correction of the matter in controversy or resolution of complaints, the tests shall be conducted by a qualified engineer selected by the City and Grantee, and Grantee shall cooperate in such testing. If Grantee fails to meet the applicable lawful standards as evidenced by the test results, such tests shall be paid for by Grantee.

(D) Unless otherwise provided in this Franchise, the test shall be supervised by Grantee's chief technical authority, or an appropriate designee, who shall certify all records of tests provided to the City.

(E) Test results under this Section shall be filed with the City within fourteen (14) days of written request of the City.

(F) If any test indicates that any part or component of the System fails to meet applicable requirements, Grantee, without requirement of additional notice or request from the City shall take corrective action, retest the locations, and advise the City of the action taken and the results achieved by filing a written report certified by Grantee's chief technical authority or its appropriate designee.

SECTION 13. SERVICE EXTENSION

13.1 Grantee shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to extend the System to pass every residence within the Franchise Area within the first four (4) Term Years. Commercially reasonable best efforts would take into consideration customer demand, competitive offerings from other providers, System extension costs, weather conditions, and other potential unforeseen issues outside of Grantee's control that adversely affect the ability to extend the System within such timeframe.

13.2 Grantee shall offer and provide Services to all residential Subscribers under non-discriminatory rates, terms, and conditions.

13.3 The Grantee shall not require residential contracts for service.

SECTION 14. STANDBY POWER EAS

14.1 Standby Power. Grantee shall maintain standby power at the headend, hubs, and node locations.

14.2 Emergency Alert Capability.

(A) Grantee shall comply with the EAS requirements imposed under federal law.

(B) Grantee shall continue to provide the City with a separate over-ride system that can provide local alerts.

SECTION 15. AGREEMENT BREACHES; TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

15.1 Procedure for Revocation. The City shall undertake the following procedures for revocation:

(A) If the City believes that Grantee has breached any material provision of this Agreement and the City intends to pursue revocation of this Agreement, the City shall notify Grantee in writing, stating with reasonable specificity the nature of the alleged default. Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

1. Respond to the City, contesting the City's assertion that a default has occurred, and requesting a hearing in accordance with subsection (B), below; or

2. Cure the default; or

3. Notify the City that Grantee cannot cure the default within the thirty (30) days, because of the nature of the default. In the event the default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, Grantee shall promptly take all reasonable steps to cure the default and notify the City in writing and in detail as to the exact steps that will be taken and the projected completion date. In such case, the City may set a hearing in accordance with subsection (B) below to determine whether additional time beyond the thirty (30) days specified above is indeed needed, and whether Grantee's proposed completion schedule and steps are reasonable. Upon five (5) business days' prior written notice, either the City or Grantee may call an informal meeting to discuss the alleged default.

(B) If Grantee does not cure the alleged default within the cure period stated above, or by the projected completion date under subsection (A)(3), or denies the default and requests a hearing in accordance with subsection (A)(1), or the City orders a hearing in accordance with subsection (A)(3), the City Council shall set a public hearing to investigate said issues or the existence of the alleged default. The City shall notify Grantee of the hearing in writing and such hearing shall take place no sooner than fourteen (14) days after Grantee's receipt of notice of the hearing. At the hearing, Grantee shall be provided an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in its defense. The City Council's determination as to whether a default or a material breach of this Agreement has occurred shall be subject to judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(C) If, after the public hearing, the City Council determines that a default or material breach still exists, the City shall order Grantee to correct or remedy the default or breach within seven (7) business days or within such other longer time frame as the City shall determine. In the event Grantee does not cure within such time to the City's reasonable satisfaction, the City may revoke this Agreement.

15.2 Alternative Remedies. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to bar the right of the City to seek or obtain judicial relief from a violation of any provision of the Agreement or any rule, regulation, requirement or directive promulgated thereunder. Neither the existence of other remedies identified in this Agreement nor the exercise thereof shall be deemed to bar or otherwise limit the right of the City to recover monetary damages for such violations by Grantee, or to seek and obtain judicial enforcement of Grantee's obligations by means of specific performance, injunctive relief or mandate, or any other remedy at law or in equity.

15.3 Revocation.

(A) In addition to revocation in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement, the City may revoke this Agreement and rescind all rights and privileges associated with this Agreement in the following circumstances, each of which represents a material breach of this Agreement:

1. If Grantee, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure, continues to fail to perform or attempts to evade any material obligation under this Agreement or under any other agreement, ordinance, or document between the City and Grantee;

2. If Grantee abandons the Cable System or terminates the Cable System's operations;

3. If Grantee fails to restore service to the Cable System or institutional networks after three consecutive days of an outage or interruption in service; except when approval of such outage or interruption is obtained from the City, it being the intent that there shall be continuous operation of the Cable System;

4. If Grantee becomes insolvent, unable or unwilling to pay its debts, or is adjudged bankrupt, or there is an assignment for the benefit of Grantee's creditors, or all or part of Grantee's Cable System is sold under an instrument to secure a debt and is not redeemed by Grantee within thirty (30) days from said sale; or

5. This Agreement may be revoked one hundred twenty (120) days after the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take over and conduct the business of Grantee (at the option of the City and subject to applicable law) whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless elsewhere provided herein.

(B) The City shall provide Grantee written notice of its intent to consider revocation under this subsection and hold a hearing and provide Grantee due process and the opportunity to cure in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.1 of this Agreement.

15.4 Reservation of Rights. Unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement, each party expressly reserves any right it may now have or be hereafter granted under federal or state law. The rights of the City under this Agreement shall not be read to limit any immunities the City may enjoy under Federal, State, or local law.

SECTION 16. ABANDONMENT

16.1 Effect of Abandonment. If the Grantee abandons its Cable System (meaning that portion or portions of the System used exclusively for the provision of Cable Services) during the term of this Agreement, the Grantee shall pay a liquidated damage amount of the greater of: (a) five hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$500,000.00); or (b) fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$50.00) per subscriber, as most recently reported pursuant to Section 7.

16.2 What Constitutes Abandonment. The Grantee shall be deemed to have abandoned the System and the City shall be entitled to exercise its option if the Grantee willfully or without cause fails to provide Cable Service to a substantial portion of the Franchise Area for seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, unless the City authorizes a longer interruption of service. The calculation of such seventy-two hour period shall exclude twenty-four (24) hour periods on any calendar day of any City-recognized holiday in which its offices are closed.

SECTION 17. TRANSFER

17.1 A transfer of the Franchise to any Person controlling, controlled by, or under the same common control as Grantee shall not require prior City approval. The Transferee shall represent to the City that it has the legal, technical, and financial qualifications to fulfill the Franchise. A breach of that representation shall be a material breach of the Franchise.

17.2 A Transfer pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed to waive any rights of the City to subsequently enforce noncompliance issues relating to the Franchise.

17.3 In no event shall a transfer of this Franchise be effective without the transferee becoming a signatory to this Agreement and assuming all of the rights and obligations hereunder.

17.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the City also has rights related to transfer evaluations under Chapter 5.15 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

SECTION 18. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

18.1 Notices. Throughout the term of the Agreement, each party shall maintain and file with the other a local address for the service of notices by mail. All notices shall be sent to such respective address, and such notices shall be effective upon the date of mailing. At the Effective Date of this Agreement:

Grantee's address shall be:

With a copy to:

The City's address shall be: City of Lincoln, Nebraska
555 South 10th Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
Attn: Steve Huggenberger, Assistant City Attorney

18.2 Costs to be borne by Grantee. Grantee shall pay for all costs of publication of this Agreement.

18.3 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their permitted successors, and assigns.

18.4 Authority to Amend. This Agreement may be amended at any time by written agreement between the parties.

18.5 Rights of Third Parties. This Franchise is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, grant any rights to or vest any rights in third parties, unless expressly provided herein.

18.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Nebraska.

18.7 Captions. The captions and headings of this Agreement are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of any provisions of this Agreement.

18.8 No Joint Venture. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create a joint venture or principal agent relationship between the parties, and neither party is authorized to, nor shall either party act toward third persons or the public in any manner which would indicate any such relationship with the other.

18.9 Waiver. Except as expressly provided herein, the failure of the City at any time to require performance by Grantee of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the right of the City hereafter to enforce the same. Nor shall the waiver by the City of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision, or as a waiver of the provision itself or any other provision.

18.10 Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws.

(A) This Agreement shall at all times be subject to applicable local, state, and federal law, except as specifically provided otherwise.

(B) If any federal or State law or regulation shall require or permit City or Grantee to perform any service or act or shall prohibit City or Grantee from performing any service or act which may be in conflict with the terms of this Franchise, either party shall notify the other of the point in conflict believed to exist between such law or regulation. Grantee and City shall, to the extent terms in this Franchise are clearly preempted, conform to State laws and regulations regarding cable communications as they become effective, unless otherwise stated, and to conform to federal laws and regulations as they become effective.

(C) In the event that federal or state laws or regulations clearly preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this Franchise, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required or necessitated by law. In the event such federal or state law or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended, or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the requirement of further action on the part of the City.

(D) If any term, condition, or provision of this Franchise or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof and the application of such term, condition, or provision to Persons or circumstances other than those as to whom it shall be held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and this Franchise and all terms, provisions, and conditions hereof shall, in all other respects, continue to be effective. In the event such law or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended, or otherwise changed so that the provision which had been held invalid or modified is no longer in conflict with the law and regulations then in effect, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect and shall thereafter be binding on Grantee and City without further action by the City.

18.11. Grantee Acknowledgment of Validity of Franchise. Grantee acknowledges that it has had an opportunity to review the terms and conditions of this Franchise and that under current law Grantee believes that said terms and conditions are not unreasonable or arbitrary, and that Grantee believes City has the power and legal authority to make the terms and conditions contained in this Franchise.

18.12 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and all Exhibits represent the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior oral negotiations between the parties, including any prior franchises, cable ordinances, or proposals.

18.13 Cumulative Rights. All rights and remedies given to the City by this Franchise or retained by the City herein shall be in addition to and cumulative with any and all other rights and remedies, existing or implied, now or hereafter available to City, at law or in equity, and such rights and remedies shall not be exclusive, but each and every right and remedy specifically given by this Franchise or otherwise existing or given may be exercised from time to time and as often and in such order as may be deemed expedient by City and the exercise of one or more rights or remedies shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise at the same time or thereafter any other right or remedy.

18.14 Force Majeure. Grantee shall not be deemed in default of provisions of this Franchise or the City Code (and Grantee shall not be subject to any sanction, or enforcement measure of any kind whatsoever) where performance was rendered impossible by war or riots, labor strikes or civil disturbances, extreme weather, floods, or other causes beyond Grantee's control, and the Franchise shall not be revoked or Grantee penalized for such noncompliance, provided that Grantee, when possible, takes immediate and diligent steps to bring itself back into compliance and to comply as soon as possible, under the circumstances, with the Franchise without unduly endangering the health, safety, and integrity of Grantee's employees or property, or the health, safety, and integrity of the public, the Rights-of-way, public property, or private property.

18.15 Non-Waiver. Unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement, neither party waives any right, immunity, limitation, or protection otherwise available to such party, its officers, employees, or agents under federal or state law.

18.16 Costs. Any cost to be borne by Grantee may, at the discretion of Grantee, be passed through to Grantee's customers, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law.

18.17 Miscellaneous Fees. Grantee shall not be required to and shall be relieved of any requirement to reimburse the City for any franchise consultant services related to this franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, this date Dec. 17, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
a municipal corporation,

Teresa J. Meier
City Clerk



Chris Beutler
Chris Beutler, Mayor

ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Bradley A. Moline
Bradley A. Moline, President

CITY OF LINCOLN REQUEST FORM

Submit one original to City Clerk

REQUEST FOR (please check one): ☒ ORDINANCE ☐ RESOLUTION

DESIRED DOCKET DATE: 11-23-15

REQUEST MADE BY: Steve Huggenberger

DEPARTMENT: Law

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY CLERK	
BILL #:	15-138
DATE:	11/17/15
INTRO:	11/23/15
P.H.:	12/7/15

EMERGENCY MEASURE REQUIRED: ☒ No ☐ Yes
IF EMERGENCY, GIVE REASON (See Art. 6, Sec. 2 of Charter):

DIRECTOR'S EST'D TIME/TESTIMONY, please check one:

☐ 0 - No Hearing (Consent Agenda) ☒ 1 - Short ☐ 2 - Average ☐ 3 - Long

REASONS OR JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Approving a cable television franchise agreement for a 15 year term between the City of Lincoln and
Allo Communications, LLC to provide cable television services and products to the citizens of Lincoln.

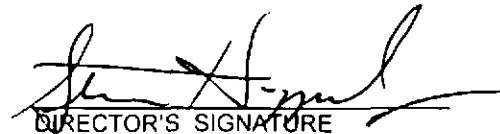
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DOES REQUESTOR WISH TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE PRIOR TO ITS INTRODUCTION?

☐ DOES ☐ DOES NOT


DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

11-17-15
DATE

TO BE USED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
BUDGET REVIEW: DATE:
ACCOUNT NUMBER AND APPROPRIATE BALANCES: DATE:
FUND AVAILABILITY APPROVED DATE:
FINANCE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE

City Council Introduction: November 23, 2015

BILL NUMBER: 15-138

Public Hearing: December 7, 2015

Date Factsheet Prepared: November 18, 2015

FACTSHEET

Instructions: If a question does not apply, just put "NA". Please try to keep it to **ONE** page only. Submit **one original**, with your Request Form, to City Clerk.

TITLE: Cable Television
Franchise Agreement

BOARD/COMMITTEE:

APPLICANT: Law Department

RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF
RECOMMENDATION:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS
AFFECTED:

SPONSOR:

OPPONENTS:

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Approving a cable television franchise agreement between the City of Lincoln and Allo Communications, LLC to provide cable television services and products to the citizens of Lincoln for a 15 year term.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

This is a 15 year contract with Allo Communications, LLC to provide cable television services and products to the citizens of Lincoln.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes x No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: n/a

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: n/a

SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a

CITY:

NON CITY:

FACTSHEET PREPARED BY: Steve Huggenberger

DATE: 11/18/2015

REVIEWED BY:

DATE:

VOID**Cable Franchise
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AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into in Lincoln, Nebraska this ____ day of _____, _____, ("Effective Date") by and between Allo Communications, LLC ("Grantee"), and the CITY of LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, a municipal corporation, (the "City" or "Grantor"). The City and Grantee are sometimes referred to hereinafter collectively as the "parties."

WHEREAS, the City has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the City and its citizens, has considered the financial, technical and legal qualifications of Grantee, and has determined whether Grantee's plans for constructing, operating, upgrading and maintaining its Cable System are adequate, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all parties; and

WHEREAS, the public has had adequate notice and opportunity to comment on Grantee's proposal to provide cable television service within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a legitimate and necessary regulatory role in ensuring the availability of state-of-the-art cable communications service, high technical capability and reliability of Cable Systems in its jurisdiction, the availability of local programming (including educational and governmental access programming) and quality customer service; and

WHEREAS, diversity in cable service and local and non-local programming is an important policy goal and Grantee's Cable System should offer a wide range of programming services; and

WHEREAS, flexibility to respond to changes in technology, subscriber interests and competitive factors should be an essential characteristic of this Agreement and both the City and Grantee will stress maximum system flexibility to take advantage of new technology to benefit subscribers and citizens as such technology becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive franchises to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within the boundaries of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Grantee do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement, and all exhibits attached hereto, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein. Words defined in the Cable Communications Ordinance, Chapter 5.15 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, shall have the meanings given therein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1.1 "Access" means the availability for use by various agencies, institutions, organizations, groups and individuals in the community, including the City and its designees, of the Cable System to distribute downstream, non-commercial video programming (including alpha numeric programming) as permitted under applicable law, including, but not limited to cablecasting spots to promote public or governmental announcements for services or programs that do not compete with services or programs offered by a Grantee.

(A) "Educational Access" means Access where Schools are the primary users having editorial control over non-commercial programming, signals and services.

(B) "Governmental Access" means Access where governmental institutions or their designees are the primary users having editorial control over non-commercial programming, signals and services; and

(C) "Public Access" means Access where members of the public are the primary users.

1.2 "Activation" or "Activated" means the status of any capacity on or part of the Cable System wherein the use of that capacity or part thereof may be made available without further installation of system equipment, whether hardware or software.

1.3 "Agreement" or "Franchise" means this document in which this definition appears, which is executed between the City and Grantee, containing the specific provisions of the authorization granted, including any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein.

1.4 "Bad Debt" means amounts lawfully owed by a customer and accrued as revenues on the books of Grantee, but not collected after reasonable efforts by Grantee.

1.5 "Broadcast Signal" means a television or radio signal transmitted over the air to a wide geographic audience, and received by a Cable System off-the-air by antenna, microwave, satellite dishes or any other means.

1.6 "Cable Acts" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, and the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, regulations promulgated pursuant to such Acts, and any amendments or future federal cable television laws, acts or regulations.

1.7 "City Property" means and includes all real property owned by the City, other than Right of Ways, including without limitation, City parks, the City cemetery, and all property owned in fee by the City.

1.8 "Franchise Area" means the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City, including any areas annexed by the City during the term of this Agreement

1.9 "Franchise Fee" means any tax, fee or assessment of any kind imposed by the City or other governmental entity on Grantee or Subscriber, or both, solely because of their status as such. The term "Franchise Fee" does not include:

(A) Any tax, fee or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and cable operators or their services, but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against cable operators or cable subscribers);

(B) Capital costs which are required under this Agreement to be incurred by Grantee for public, educational or governmental access equipment and facilities;

(C) Requirements or charges incidental to the awarding or enforcing of the franchise, including payments for bonds, security funds, letters of credit, insurance, indemnification, penalties, or liquidated damages; or

(D) Any fee imposed under Title 17, United States Code.

1.10 "Gross Revenues" means any and all revenues, (including cash, credits, or other consideration of any kind or nature not enumerated below but is "revenue" under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP")) arising from, attributable to or in any way derived directly or indirectly by Grantee, its Affiliates or by any other entity that is a cable operator of the Grantee's Cable System, from the operation of Grantee's Cable System within the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services. Gross Revenues include, by way of illustration and not limitation:

- monthly fees charged Subscribers for Basic Service, expanded Basic Service, optional, premium, per channel, pay-per-view, video on demand or per program service;
- installation, disconnection, reconnection and change-in-service fees;
- leased channel fees;
- remote controls;
- late fees;
- revenues from rentals or sales of converters or other equipment;
- advertising revenues;
- revenues from program guides;
- additional outlet fees;
- Franchise Fees;
- interactive services to the extent they are a Cable Service;
- revenues from home shopping.

Gross Revenues shall include revenues received by an entity other than Grantee, an Affiliate or another entity that operates the System where necessary to prevent evasion or avoidance of the obligation under this Agreement to pay the Franchise Fees.

Gross Revenues shall not include: (i) Bad Debt; provided, however, that all or part of any such Bad Debt that is written off but subsequently collected shall be included in Gross Revenues in the period collected; or (ii) any taxes on services furnished by Grantee which are imposed directly on any Subscriber or user by the State or other governmental unit and which are collected by Grantee on behalf of said governmental unit (a Franchise Fee is not such a tax and is included within Gross Revenues); or (iii) the revenue of any Person where such revenue has otherwise been included in Grantee's revenue for franchise fee calculation purposes (so as to prevent revenue from being subject to a franchise fee twice); or (iv) money collected by Grantee on behalf of the FCC in satisfaction of regulatory fees imposed upon Grantee under Section 47 U.S.C. 159 of federal law; (v) launch support; (vi) coop marketing; (vii) payments or other consideration received from programmers for carriage of programming on the System; (vi) advertising agency commissions; and (vii) the revenue collected by Grantee in satisfaction of the Educational and Government Access support fee required under the Franchise Agreement.

In the event Grantee receives consideration from the provision of Cable Service in the City from a source not specifically identified above, any franchise fee obligations will be determined pursuant to GAAP. If such consideration is "revenue" under GAAP then such consideration shall be included in Gross Revenues for franchise fee purposes. If such consideration is not "revenue" under GAAP then such consideration shall not be included in Gross Revenues.

If Grantee or an Affiliate bundles, ties, or combines the sale of some or all of its Cable Services with non-cable services, whether authorized or not by the Franchise, and if it is necessary to separately determine Gross Revenues attributable to particular Cable Services in order to determine franchise fees owed to the City, Grantee shall allocate revenues, to the extent consistent with any applicable state or

federal law or tariffs, in a manner so as to accurately reflect the actual revenue from Cable Services, taking into account all relevant factors, including generally available package prices and discounts. Grantee shall provide a statement with its franchise fee payment reflecting the methodology used and shall bear any burden of proof regarding whether the methodology used accurately reflects Cable Service revenues.

1.11 "High Definition" or "HD" means a video signal with either 720 progressive scan lines of horizontal resolution or 1,080 interlaced scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.12 "HD-1080p" means a video signal with 1,080 progressive scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.13 "Person" means any natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, or limited liability entity or corporation, or any other form of entity or organization.

1.14 "Public Street" means the surface, the area below the surface, and the airspace above the surface, of any highway, street, road, lane, alley, unpaved alleys, path, parkway, viaduct, bridge, sidewalk, or other public Right of Way for motor vehicle or pedestrian travel under the jurisdiction and control of the City which has been acquired, established, dedicated, or devoted to such purposes.

1.15 "Right of Way" mean and include all present and future: (i) Public Streets, (ii) utility easements, and or similar properties in which the City now or hereafter holds a property interest and/or a maintenance responsibility which, consistent with the purposes for which it was granted or dedicated, may be used to install, operate, and maintain Grantee's Cable System, now or hereafter owned by or under the jurisdiction and control of the City, but only to the extent of the City's right, title, interest, or authority to grant a license or franchise to occupy and use such Right of Way for Grantee's Cable System. "Right of Way" does not include City Property; State highways; land dedicated for roads, streets, and not opened and not improved for motor vehicle use by the public; structures, including poles and conduits, located within the public way; federally granted trust lands or forest board trust lands; lands owned or managed by the state parks and recreation commission; or federally granted railroad rights of way that are not open for motor vehicle use; or utility easements granted to utility companies (which may be reflected in a real property deed, subdivision plat, or other real property record) with respect to which the City holds no property interest or maintenance responsibility.

1.16 "Right of Way Construction Permit" or "ROW Construction Permit" shall mean an authorization to excavate in or obstruct Right of Way at a specific place and time, to install, operate and maintain Grantee's Cable System within a specified portion of Rights-of-Way, Public Way or Easement

1.17 "Standard Definition" or "SD" means a video signal with 480 interlaced scan lines of horizontal resolution.

1.18 "System" means Grantee's Cable System.

1.19 "Term Year" is a twelve (12) month period commencing on the Effective Date (as described in Section 2.4) or the anniversary of the Effective Date of the Agreement. A particular Term Year is designated by the number of years that have passed since the Effective Date on the day after the end of the Term Year. Thus, for example, Term Year 1 begins on the Effective Date and ends on the day before the first anniversary of the Effective Date and Term Year 2 begins on the first anniversary of the Effective Date and ends on the day before the second anniversary of the Effective Date.

SECTION 2. GRANT OF AGREEMENT

2.1 Grant.

(A) The City hereby grants to Grantee a nonexclusive and revocable authorization (the "Franchise") to make lawful use of the Right of Way within the Franchise Area to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct, rebuild and upgrade a Cable System subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and applicable law. This Agreement shall constitute both a right and an obligation to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct, rebuild and upgrade a Cable System as required hereby, and to fulfill the obligations set forth in, the provisions of this Agreement all subject to applicable law.

(B) Grantee, through this Agreement, is granted the right to operate its Cable System using the City's Right of Way within the Franchise Area in compliance with all applicable laws. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive the requirements of the other codes and ordinances of general applicability enacted, or hereafter enacted, by the City.

(C) Grantee promises and guarantees, as a condition of exercising the privileges granted by this Agreement, that any Affiliate of Grantee directly involved in the offering of Cable Service in the Franchise Area, or directly involved in the management or operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area, will also comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(D) This Agreement is intended to convey limited rights and interests only as to the Right of Way in which the City has an actual interest. It is not a warranty of title or interest in any Right of Way; it does not provide Grantee with any interest in any particular location within the Right of Way and it does not confer rights other than as expressly provided in the grant hereof. This Agreement does not provide Grantee with any right of eminent domain.

(E) To the extent permitted by law, this Agreement shall not limit the City or Grantee's rights with respect to the provision of telecommunications services.

2.2 Use of Right of Way.

(A) Subject to the City's supervision, Right of Way permitting requirements and control, Grantee may erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, and retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, and along the Right of Way within the Franchise Area, such wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduit, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, pedestals, attachments and other property and equipment as are necessary and appurtenant to the operation of a Cable System within the Franchise Area. Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws.

(B) This grant does not include the installation, maintenance or construction, repair or replacement of any wireless telecommunications facilities or equipment within Right of Way or otherwise on City-owned property or on property held in trust or used by the City except for facilities or equipment used by Grantee for status monitoring of Grantee's Communications Facility; equipment utilized to provide "last mile" connectivity to a Subscriber who could not economically be serviced otherwise; or upon approval by the City which shall not be unreasonably withheld, other wireless transmit/receive equipment incidental to the operation of Grantee's Communications Facility.

2.3 Term. The term of this Agreement and all rights, privileges, obligations and restrictions pertaining thereto shall be fifteen (15) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement as set forth in Section 2.4 below, unless terminated sooner as hereinafter provided.

2.4 Effective Date.

(A) This Agreement and the rights, privileges and authority granted hereunder shall take effect and be in force from and after the Effective Date of this Agreement as specified in this Section.

(B) Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of the Ordinance granting this Agreement, Grantee shall signify its acceptance of this Agreement by executing a written acceptance of this Agreement. This Franchise is void unless accepted in writing by Grantee within this timeframe.

(C) The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date on which it is accepted in writing by Grantee.

(D) The grant of this Agreement shall have no effect on Grantee's duty under any prior cable franchise agreement or any ordinance in effect prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement to indemnify or insure the City against acts and omissions occurring during the period that the prior franchise agreement was in effect. Nor shall it have any effect upon liability to pay all Franchise Fees which were due and owed under prior franchises and ordinances.

2.5 Agreement Nonexclusive. This Agreement shall be nonexclusive, and subject to all prior rights, interests, easements or licenses granted by the City or its predecessors to any Person to use any property, Right of Way, easement, right, interest or license for any purpose whatsoever, including the right of the City to use same for any purpose it deems fit, including the same or similar purposes allowed Grantee hereunder. The City may at any time grant authorization to use Right of Way for any purpose not incompatible with Grantee's authority under this Agreement and for such additional agreements for Cable Systems as the City deems appropriate.

2.6 Grant of Other Agreements.

(A) This Agreement shall be non-exclusive and the City reserves the right to grant to any other Person, at any time, the right to use or occupy the Streets or roads of the City for the construction and operation of any other Cable System, open video system or other multichannel video distribution system within the City or for whatever purposes deemed appropriate by the City. It is understood that nothing herein shall be construed to create any obligation to share any Access or Community Programming developed by Grantee with any other provider, except as specified by the City. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no such authorization or franchise granted to any other Person (whether by the City, State or Federal government) to operate a Cable System shall be on terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome when taken as a whole than those imposed herein.

(B) In the event the City or any operating division, department, agent or franchisee of the City elects to build or operate its own Cable System or open video system, or leases dark fiber, poles or other facilities to third-party providers, neither the City nor any operating division, department or agent of the City shall discriminate against Grantee in pole attachment fees, permitting procedures, permitting fees and relocation practices.

(C) If the City, or any operating division or department thereof, including Lincoln Electric Service, grants another Franchise or enters into any lease of facilities so as to enable a third party to offer Cable Service, and which requires Grantee to relocate any of its facilities to accommodate such third party's use of the rights-of-way, easements or poles, the third party shall be required to reimburse Grantee for the actual costs of such relocation.

2.7 Effect of Acceptance. By accepting the Agreement, Grantee acknowledges and accepts the City's legal right to issue and enforce the Agreement subject to applicable law and agrees that the Agreement was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with federal law.

2.8 Police Powers.

(A) In accepting this Franchise, Grantee acknowledges that its rights hereunder are subject to the police powers of the City to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to the safety and welfare of the public and it agrees to comply with all applicable general laws and ordinances enacted by the City pursuant to such power. Any conflicts between the provisions of this Franchise Agreement and any other present or future lawful exercise of the City's police power shall be resolved in favor of the latter, except that any such exercise that is not of a general application in the jurisdiction or applies exclusively to Grantee which contains provisions inconsistent with this Agreement shall prevail only if, upon such exercise, the City finds that an emergency exists constituting a danger to health, safety, property or general welfare or such exercise is mandated by law, and only so long as such emergency exists.

(B) Except for the City's exercise of its police powers, pursuant to this section this Agreement may only be modified or amended with the express written consent of Grantee.

2.9 Franchise Area. Grantee shall offer Cable Service to every Person in the Franchise Area, subject to Section 13.

SECTION 3. FRANCHISE FEE AND FINANCIAL CONTROLS

3.1 Franchise Fee. As compensation for the benefits and privileges granted under this Agreement and in consideration of permission to use the City's Right of Way, Grantee shall pay as a Franchise Fee to the City, throughout the duration of this Agreement, an amount equal to five (5%) percent of Grantee's Gross Revenues. Accrual of such Franchise Fee shall commence as of the Effective Date of this Agreement. Grantor reserves the right to unilaterally increase the franchise fee to the maximum that may be charged consistent with federal and state law.

3.2 Payments. Grantee's Franchise Fee payments to the City shall be computed quarterly for the preceding calendar quarter ending September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30. Each quarterly payment shall be due and payable no later than thirty (30) days after said dates.

3.3 Quarterly Fee Reports. Each payment shall be accompanied by a written report to the City, verified by a responsible official of Grantee, containing an accurate statement in summarized form, as well as in detail, of Grantee's Gross Revenues and the computation of the payment amount. Such reports shall detail all Gross Revenues of the Cable System from the provision of Cable Services. In the event this Agreement is revoked or otherwise terminated prior to its expiration date, Grantee shall file with the City, within ninety (90) days of the date of revocation or termination, a C.P.A. certified revenue statement showing the Gross Revenues received by it since the end of the previous year and shall make adjustments at that time for the Franchise Fee due up to the date of revocation or termination.

3.4 No Accord and Satisfaction. No acceptance of any payment shall be construed as an accord by the City that the amount paid is, in fact, the correct amount, nor shall any acceptance of payments be construed as a release of any claim the City may have for further or additional sums payable or for the performance of any other obligation of Grantee.

3.5 Audits. No more than once every three (3) years the City shall have the right to conduct audits of Grantee's records related to the Franchise Fee payments made pursuant to this Agreement as well as Grantor's compliance with Sections 9.9(D) and 9.11. No audit may go back more than five (5) years. Grantee shall pay City's out-of-pocket expenses associated with such audit up to a limit of \$50,000.00.

3.6 Financial Records. Grantee agrees to meet with a representative of the City upon request to review Grantee's methodology of record keeping related to the computation of the Franchise Fee.

3.7 Late Franchise Fee Payments. In the event any Franchise Fee payment is not received within thirty (30) days from the end of the calendar quarter, Grantee shall be assessed a late fee and may be assessed interest in accordance with the City's Cable Communications Ordinance.

3.8 Compensation. In the event the obligation of Grantee to compensate the City through Franchise Fees as set forth in this Franchise is lawfully suspended or eliminated, in whole or part, then Grantee shall, to the extent required by applicable law, pay to the City equivalent compensation to the compensation paid to the City by other similarly situated users of Right of Way for Grantee's use of Right of Way, provided that in no event shall such payments exceed the equivalent of five percent (5%) of Grantee's Gross Revenues or such other cap required by applicable law.

3.9 Payment on Termination. If this Agreement is revoked pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Grantee shall, as per Section 3.3, file with the City within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the revocation, a gross revenue statement, certified by a certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by Grantee since the end of the previous fiscal year. The City reserves the right in the event of revocation or expiration (if no application for renewal or appeal related thereto is pending), to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of Grantee to the City by utilizing the funds available in a Letter of Credit or other security provided by Grantee.

3.10 Tax Liability. The Franchise Fees shall be in addition to any and all taxes or other levies or assessments which are now or hereafter required to be paid by businesses in general by any law of the City, the State of Nebraska or the United States including, without limitation, sales, use and other taxes, business license fees or other payments. Payment of the Franchise Fee under this Agreement shall not exempt Grantee from the payment of any license fee, tax or charge on business, occupation, property or income that may be imposed by the City. Any other license fees, taxes or charges shall be of general applicability in nature and shall not be levied against Grantee solely because of its status as a Grantee as defined herein.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

4.1 Authority. The City shall be vested with the power and right to administer and enforce the requirements of this Agreement or to delegate that power and right, or any part thereof, to the extent permitted under Federal, State or local law, to any agent.

4.2 Rates and Charges. All Grantee rates and charges related to or regarding Cable Services shall be subject to regulation by the City to the full extent authorized by applicable Federal or State laws.

4.3 Filing of Rates and Charges. Upon request of City, Grantee shall file with the City a complete schedule of rates and charges for Cable Services and leased Access Channels provided under this Agreement.

4.4 Late Fees. Fees for the late payment of bills shall not be assessed until after the Service has been fully provided.

4.5 Performance Evaluation.

(A) Evaluation sessions may be held at any time by the City during the term of this Agreement, but no more frequently than annually.

(B) All evaluation sessions shall be open to the public and announced at least one week in advance in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. City shall notify Subscribers of all regular evaluation sessions by announcement on at least one Access Channel seven (7) times between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for five (5) consecutive days preceding each session.

(C) Topics which may be discussed at any evaluation session may include, but are not limited to, Cable Service rate structures; Franchise Fees; occupation taxes; liquidated damages; free or discounted Cable Services; application of new technologies; system performance; Cable Services provided; programming offered; customer complaints; privacy; amendments to this Agreement; judicial and FCC rulings; line extension policies; and the City's or Grantee's rules; provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the renegotiation of this Agreement.

(D) During evaluations under this Section, Grantee shall fully cooperate with the City and shall provide such information and documents as the City may lawfully and reasonably require to perform the evaluation.

(E) As a result of a periodic review or evaluation session, upon notification from City, Grantee shall meet with City and undertake good faith efforts to reach agreement on changes and modifications to the terms and conditions of this Franchise which are both economically and technically feasible.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Indemnification.

(A) General Indemnification. Upon timely notice and tender as set forth in Section 5.1(D), Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers, elected and appointed officials, boards, committees, commissions, agents, volunteers and employees, harmless from any action or claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and attorneys' fees or expenses, in any way arising out of, resulting from, or alleged to arise out of or result from any construction, excavation, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, or any other act done under this Agreement, by or for Grantee, its agents or its employees, or arising out of, resulting from or alleged to arise out of or result from any neglect or omission of Grantee. Grantee shall consult and cooperate with the City while conducting its defense of the City.

(B) Indemnification for Relocation. Grantee shall indemnify the City for any damages, claims, additional costs or expenses assessed against, or payable by, the City related to, arising out of or resulting, directly or indirectly, from Grantee's failure to remove, adjust or relocate any of its facilities in the Streets in a timely manner in accordance with any relocation lawfully required by the City.

(C) Non-Waiver. The fact that Grantee carries out any activities under this Agreement through independent contractors shall not constitute an avoidance of or defense to Grantee's duty of defense and indemnification under Section 5.1(A).

(D) Duty to Give Notice and Tender Defense. The City shall give Grantee timely written notice of any claim or of the commencement of any action, suit or other proceeding covered by the indemnity in this Section. In the event any such claim arises, the City or any other indemnified party shall timely tender the defense thereof to Grantee and Grantee shall have the obligation and duty to defend any claims arising thereunder, and the City shall cooperate fully therein.

(E) The indemnification of Section 5.1(A) shall survive the term of any franchise and shall continue in full force and effect as to Grantee's responsibility to indemnify. In no event shall the indemnification requirements of this Section 5.1 be construed to impose any obligation on the part of Grantee, its agents or employees to indemnify the City, its agents or employees or with respect to Government Access programming, or any utilization of the City's network, or the City's operation of the emergency over-ride system pursuant to section 14.2(B).

5.2 Insurance Requirements.

(A) General Requirement. Grantee must have adequate insurance during the entire term of this Agreement to protect the City, against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which in any way relate to, arise from or are connected with this Agreement, or involve Grantee, its agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors and their employees. However, no coverage shall be provided for claims arising out of or due to the sole negligence of the City.

(B) Initial Insurance Limits. Grantee must keep insurance in effect in accordance with the minimum insurance limits herein set forth below. Grantee shall obtain policies for the following initial minimum insurance limits:

1. Commercial General Liability: Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage;

2. Automobile Liability: Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees and, agents are to be covered as, and have the rights of, named additional insured with respect to liability related to, arising out of by reason of activities performed by, or on behalf of, Grantee under this Agreement or applicable law, or in the construction, operation or repair, or ownership of the Cable System;

3. Employer's Liability: Two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

5.3 Deductibles and Self Insured Retentions. If Grantee changes its policy to include a self-insured retention, Grantee shall give notice of such change to the City. The City's approval will be given if the self-insured retention is consistent with standard industry practices. Any deductible or self-insured retention of the policies shall not in any way limit Grantee's liability to the City. The insurance limits set forth above shall be adjusted from time to time upon notice to Grantee but in no event shall the insurance amounts required under this Agreement exceed the maximum municipal liability under State law.

(A) Endorsements.

1. All policies shall contain, or shall be endorsed so that:

(i) The City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees and agents are to be covered as, and have the rights of, named additional insured with respect to liability

related to, arising out of by reason of activities performed by, or on behalf of, Grantee under this Agreement or applicable law, or in the construction, operation or repair, or ownership of the Cable System;

(ii) Grantee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees and agents. Any insurance or self insurance maintained by the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, employees and agents shall be in excess of Grantee's insurance and shall not contribute to it; and

(iii) Grantee's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or lawsuit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. The insurance shall provide that it shall not be cancelled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this section without thirty (30) days' written notice first being given to the City. If the insurance is cancelled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this section within the term of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide a replacement policy. Grantee agrees to maintain continuous uninterrupted insurance coverage, in the amounts required, for the duration of this Agreement.

(B) Verification of Coverage. Grantee shall furnish the City with certificates of insurance and endorsements or a copy of the page of the policy reflecting blanket additional insured status. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a Person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be on standard forms or such forms as are consistent with standard industry practices, and are to be received subject to approval by City as to compliance with Section 5.2 and 5.3 herein prior to the commencement of activities associated with this Agreement. Grantee hereby warrants that its insurance policies satisfy the requirements of this Agreement and City laws.

(C) In the alternative to providing a certificate of insurance to the City certifying insurance coverage as required above, Grantee's self-insurance shall provide the same amount and level of protection for Grantee and the City, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents and employees as otherwise required under this Section. The adequacy of the self-insurance shall be subject to the periodic review and approval of the City. If Grantee elects to provide self-insurance under this Section, any failure to maintain adequate self-insurance shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement by the City.

5.4 Letter of Credit.

(A) On the Effective Date of this Franchise, Grantee shall deliver to the City an irrevocable and unconditional Letter of Credit, in a form and substance acceptable to the City, from a National or State bank approved by the City, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

(B) The Letter of Credit shall provide that funds will be paid to the City upon written demand of the City, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in payment for liquidated damages charged pursuant to this Section, in payment for any monies owed by Grantee to the City pursuant to its obligations under this Franchise, or in payment for any damage incurred by the City as a result of any claims arising out of acts or omissions by Grantee pursuant to this Franchise.

(C) As an alternative to recovery of any monies owed by Grantee to the City for actual damages to the City as a result of any claims arising out of acts or omissions by Grantee pursuant

to the Franchise, the City, in its sole discretion, may charge to and collect from the Letter of Credit the following liquidated damages:

1. For failure to provide data, documents, reports or information as required herein, the liquidated damage shall be \$250.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

2. For failure to comply with construction, operation or maintenance standards, the liquidated damage shall be \$350.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

3. For failure to comply with any of the material provisions of this Franchise, for which a liquidated damage is not otherwise specifically provided pursuant to this paragraph (C), the liquidated damage shall be \$500.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, such failure occurs or continues.

(D) Each violation of any material provision of this Franchise shall be considered a separate violation for which a separate liquidated damage can be imposed.

(E) Whenever the Mayor determines that there is a basis to charge to and collect from the Letter of Credit under subparagraph (B) above or for any other violation contemplated in subparagraph (C) above, a written notice shall be given to Grantee informing it of such basis or violation. During the thirty (30) days following such notice, Grantee shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Mayor and an opportunity to cure. Should Grantee cure such violation within such thirty-day period, no liquidated damages shall apply to the pertinent violation(s).

(F) Nothing contained herein shall preclude Grantee from appearing before the City Council at any time in response to any alleged violations in accordance with the rules of the City Council.

(G) If said Letter of Credit or any subsequent Letter of Credit delivered pursuant thereto expires prior to twelve (12) months after the expiration of the term of this Franchise, it shall be renewed or replaced during the term of this Franchise to provide that it will not expire earlier than twelve (12) months after the expiration of this Franchise. The renewed or replaced Letter of Credit shall be of the same form and with a bank authorized herein and for the full amount stated in subparagraph (A) of this Section.

(H) If the City draws upon the Letter of Credit or any subsequent Letter of Credit delivered pursuant hereto, in whole or in part, Grantee shall immediately replace or replenish it to its full amount and shall deliver to the City a like replacement Letter of Credit or certification of replenishment for the full amount as a substitution of the previous Letter of Credit. This shall be a continuing obligation for any withdrawals from the Letter of Credit.

(I) If any Letter of Credit is not so replaced or replenished, the City may draw on said Letter of Credit for the whole amount thereof and use the proceeds as satisfaction of Grantee's performance of franchise obligations to the extent necessary. The failure to replace or replenish any Letter of Credit may also, at the option of the City, be deemed a default by Grantee under this Franchise. The drawing on the Letter of Credit by the City, and use of the money so obtained for payment or performance of the obligations, duties and responsibilities of Grantee which are in default, shall not be a waiver or release of such default.

(J) The collection by City of any damages or monies from the Letter of Credit shall not affect any other right or remedy available to it, nor shall any act, or failure to act, by the City pursuant to the Letter of Credit, be deemed a waiver of any right of the City pursuant to this Franchise or otherwise.

(K) Action by the City or Mayor under this Section shall be subject to judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. CUSTOMER SERVICE

6.1 Customer Service Standards. Grantee shall comply with the customer service standards set forth by the Federal Communications Commission, as amended.

SECTION 7. REPORTS AND RECORDS

7.1 Open Records. Access to the books and records of Grantee shall be governed by Section 5.15.330 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance.

7.2 Confidentiality. The City agrees to keep confidential any trade secrets, proprietary or confidential books records, or any other filings with City by Grantee to the extent permitted by law and may not use any such information to compete with Grantee in any manner, directly or through any operating division, department or agent. Grantee shall be responsible for clearly and conspicuously stamping the work "Confidential" on each page that contains trade secret, confidential or proprietary information, and shall provide a brief written explanation as to why such information is trade secret, confidential or proprietary and how it may be treated as such under State or Federal law. If the City receives a demand from any Person for disclosure of any information designated by Grantee as trade secret, proprietary or confidential, the City shall, so far as consistent with applicable law, advise Grantee and provide Grantee with a copy of any written request by the party demanding access to such information within a reasonable time. City will reasonably cooperate with Grantee in any efforts by Grantee to protect the confidentiality of any such material.

7.3 Reports Required.

(A) Grantee is expressly exempted from and relieved of compliance with the following Section 5.15.320 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance. In lieu thereof Grantee shall be subject to the requirements set forth below.

(B) Grantee shall submit to the City no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each of Grantee's fiscal years, an annual written report with the following information:

(1) A summary of the previous calendar year's activities in development of this system, including but not limited to services begun or dropped, number of subscribers, including gains and losses, homes passed, and miles of cable distribution plants in service, including different classes if applicable.

(2)(i) A financial statement including a statement of income, a balance sheet, and a statement of cash flows that, at Grantee's election, may be audited or unaudited. To the extent that the Grantee submits unaudited financial statements, such submission shall be accompanied by a certification from a corporate officer attesting to the accuracy of such financial statements. The statement shall include notes that specify all significant accounting policies and practices upon which it is based,

including, but not limited to, depreciation rates and methodology, and basis for interest expense. A summary shall be provided comparing the current year with the three previous years.

(ii) If the Grantee operates other cable systems, then, in lieu of financial statements of the system in (i), the Grantee may submit the financial statement referred to above as supplementary information to the financial statements of its entire operations. Such financial statements of a multiple system operator shall contain an accountant's report stating what procedures have been applied to the supplementary information and the accountant's opinion on the supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Grantee shall obtain written permission from the City in advance in order to submit his financial statements in this manner, and an officer of the company shall attest to the accuracy of the financial information provided.

(3) A current statement of cost of any construction by component category.

(4) A summary of complaints, identifying the number and nature of complaints and their disposition.

(5) A list of corporate officers and members of the board and the officers and board members of any parent corporation.

(6) A list of all partners or stockholders holding one percent or more ownership interest in Grantee and any parent corporation; provided, however, that when any parent corporation has in excess of 1,000 shareholders and its shares are publicly traded on a national stock exchange, then a list of the twenty largest stockholders of the voting stock of such corporation shall be disclosed.

(7) A report of Grantee's employees in the City designed to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.15.490 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance upon a form prescribed by the City.

(8) A copy of all the Grantee's rules and regulations applicable to subscribers and users of the cable communications system.

(9) A report relating to all copyright fees paid and copies of all reports or documents submitted to the copyright office of the Library of Congress.

(10) To the extent that Grantee's take rate, that is, the percentage of homes passed exceeded 25% as of the end of the reporting period, a description of Grantee's plans to increase the number of homes passed in the ensuing reporting period.

(11) A summary of franchise fee payments and any adjustment thereto as specified in Section 5.15.210 of the City's Cable Communications Ordinance, including a summary comparing the current year with the three previous years. Such summary shall be accompanied by a certification from a corporate officer attesting to the accuracy of such summary.

(C) A written report summarizing complaints, identifying the number and nature of complaints and their disposition shall be filed no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each of Grantee's fiscal quarters that are not also the end of Grantee's fiscal year.

(D) Except with regard to Section 7.3(B)(2), the City may specify the form and details of all reports, with the Grantee given an opportunity to comment in advance upon such forms and details. The City may change the filing dates for reports upon reasonable request of Grantee.

SECTION 8. PROGRAMMING AND CHANNEL CAPACITY

8.1 **Provision of Programming and Channel Capacity.** Grantee shall provide the programming and Channel capacity required in this Agreement.

8.2 **Broad Programming Categories.** Grantee shall offer programming in the following broad categories:

- News
- Weather
- Sports
- Public affairs
- Educational
- Cultural
- Music
- Religious

8.3 **Cable Service to City Offices, Schools, Libraries.** Grantee shall provide without charge one drop and Standard Service (defined to be the Basic Service and the next most highly penetrated tier of programming) to current and future buildings with City and County employees, state-accredited Public and Parochial K-12 schools and City libraries to the extent that Grantee is required to provide service to such particular location under Section 13.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION ACCESS CHANNELS

9.1 Grantee shall initially provide four (4) channels for non-commercial Public, Educational and Government ("PEG") access use. The channels will be initially allocated as follows:

- (A) 1 channel for Public Access
- (B) 2 channels for Government Access
- (C) 1 channel for Educational Access

9.2 The City may reallocate the four PEG access channels among "Public", "Educational" and "Government" with the approval of Grantee.

9.3 At the City's request, Grantee shall provide a secured digital video stream for city government training purposes and provide the converters in training rooms at the city locations for viewing that training channel.

9.4 Grantee shall provide an additional channel for Educational Access, upon request of the City, at any time after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date of this Agreement, if the then existing Educational Access channel(s) is Fully Programmed. For the purposes of this requirement, Fully Programmed means that the Educational Access channel(s) is programmed with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated or bulletin board type programming) from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks.

9.5 Grantee shall provide an additional channel for Government Access, upon request of the City, whenever the then existing Government Access channels are Fully Programmed. For the purposes of this provision, Fully Programmed means:

(A) The Government Access channel is programmed with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated programming) from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks; and

(B) The Health Government Access channel is programmed at least fifty percent of the time from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with Locally-Produced audio-video television programming (i.e. not character generated programming) seven (7) days a week for six (6) consecutive weeks.

9.6 For the purposes of the "triggers" set forth in this Section 9, a program may be repeated twice for the purposes of calculating the hours of programming. Additional repeats of programming are permitted but such additional repeats shall not be counted in any usage formula set forth above.

9.7 For the purposes of the triggers set forth in this Section 9, "Locally-Produced" means audio-video television programming produced within the City of Lincoln; except, however, up to 10% of such programming may be imported from outside the City of Lincoln.

9.8 Grantor Channel Flexibility, PEG Channel Resolution.

(A) Upon written notice of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, Grantor may request and elect that Grantee provide additional Public Access, Government Access, Educational Access, or training channels in either SD or HD in addition to those described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, and 9.5. Grantor may elect no more than a cumulative total of four (4) additional channels pursuant to this Section 9.8(A) under this Agreement. Absent election to the contrary by Grantor, Grantee shall bear the cost of any encoders necessary for provision of such channels which shall be deemed to be an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D).

(B) Grantee shall initially provide each of the channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, and 9.5 in SD. Upon written notice of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, Grantor may request and elect that one or more PEG channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) that are then-currently provided in SD be converted to HD. To the extent that Grantee has begun to provide any programming in a particular HD format, Grantor may also request that that one or more PEG channels described in Sections 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) that are then-currently provided in SD or HD be converted to the same HD format. Absent election to the contrary by Grantor, Grantee shall bear the cost of any encoders necessary for the conversion described in this Section 9.8(B), which shall be deemed to be an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D). Grantor and Grantee shall jointly decide the types of encoding equipment that may be used in this Section.

(C) To the extent that Grantor wishes to make a one-time election to convert a single channel described in Section 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, or 9.8(A) to multiple audio channels and Grantor has made similar requests to all other providers of Cable Service in the City, Grantee agrees to negotiate in good faith commercially-reasonable conditions for such conversion provided that under no circumstances shall Grantee both be required to bear the cost of any necessary encoders and not be permitted to classify such cost as an approved capital expenditure pursuant to Section 9.9(D).

(D) Grantee shall provide on Basic Service all additional PEG channel feeds the Grantor chooses to provide, whether Standard Definition or High Definition feeds. Digital Programming provided for any PEG or training channel, regardless of source (the Grantor, LPS, Grantee's studio,

outside videotape or DVD, etc.) shall not have its quality reduced by Grantee (by rate shaping or down sampling or any other method) either during direct broadcast or by any method used to store the programming for later broadcast or rebroadcast, without the Grantor's consent. Grantee may compress any analog source at rates that show no noticeable difference in quality from the original feed.

9.9 Public Access.

(A) Grantee shall have the exclusive responsibility for administering and operating Public Access subject to the following conditions:

1. Grantee will operate Public Access on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. Grantee shall not exercise any editorial control except as otherwise permitted by applicable law. Grantee shall be the final arbiter on scheduling conflicts.
3. The City or its designee may review and comment upon the Public Access rules.
4. Grantee shall maintain a public access studio. This obligation may be met through the sharing of the costs of another Cable Service provider in the City that administers Public Access and/or maintains a Public Access studio, so long as Grantee maintains the interconnection arrangements described in Section 9.9(C).
5. This Section 9.9(A) shall not become effective until six (6) months after Grantee has reported serving at least twenty thousand (20,000) subscribers.

(B) Grantee shall continue to operate Public Access at the same level, if any, that it operates Public Access as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

(C) To the extent that Section 9.9(A) is not effective, Grantor's obligation to deliver content on any Public Access channels shall be met through interconnecting with a Cable Service provider in the City that administers Public Access and/or maintains a Public Access studio. In this regard, Grantee shall make a good faith effort at its own expense to enter into a fair and equitable agreement on interconnection and cost sharing with the current provider of any operator of a Cable System maintaining a Public Access studio so as obtain Public Access content for distribution as required under this Agreement. Failure or refusal by such Cable System operator to provide such interconnection on commercially reasonable rates, terms and conditions, shall excuse Grantee's performance under this Agreement with regard to delivery of Public Access channel content; provided, however, that any alleged failure or refusal of the Cable System operator to provide interconnection to Grantee, on commercially reasonable terms and conditions shall be subject to review by the Mayor, and the corresponding excusal must be approved by the City.

(D) Expenditures to support the capital needs of Public Access.

1. For the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the third anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

2. For the period commencing on the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the eighth anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

3. For the period commencing on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the fifteenth anniversary of the Effective Date, Grantee shall expend a minimum of four dollars (\$4.00) per subscriber (measured as of the thirteenth anniversary of the Effective Date (reported pursuant to Section 7.3(F)) cumulatively over such period;

4. For Grantee's expenditures to be considered as fulfilling the requirements of this Subsection (D), they must be approved as eligible by the Grantor. Such requests for approval shall include the expected or actual date/period of expenditure. Grantee may seek approval after such expenditures have been made, so long as such expenditures were made on or after the Effective Date. To the extent that Grantee has made a written request for approval, such approval shall be deemed granted if not denied in writing by the Mayor within ninety (90) days. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(E) Grantee shall make reasonable efforts to develop an advisory group of Public Access users and to consider the suggestions from this group when making Public Access capital expenditures; provided, however, the role of the users is advisory only and all purchasing decisions shall be at the sole discretion of Grantee.

9.10 Unused Access Channels. The City shall adopt rules that enable Grantee to use a PEG access channel when that channel is not being used for its designated purpose.

9.11 Grantee shall collect and remit to the City forty-one cents (\$0.41) per directly billed Basic Service customer (or subscriber to higher tier of service) per month hereinafter the "G/E Grant"). The G/E Grant shall be used exclusively for the support of the capital needs associated with Government and Educational Access; provided, however, up to \$.05 (5 cents) of the G/E Grant may be applied to the non-capital needs (operating costs) associated with Government and Educational Access.

9.12 Live Cablecasting Return Locations. Grantee shall maintain a return path from City Hall and the Q St. Fire Station to Grantee's headend to accommodate programming originated by the City for the Government Access channel(s). Grantee shall maintain a return path from the Lincoln Public School's District Office to Grantee's headend to accommodate programming originated by the schools for the Educational Access channel.

9.13 City Fiber Grant.

(A) Grantee shall make a City Fiber Grant to the City of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) in each of the first ten (10) Term Years, payable within sixty (60) days of the commencement of each such Term Year. Within sixty (60) days of the commencement of Term Years 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Grantee shall make a City Fiber Grant to the City of three dollars (\$3.00) per subscriber as reflected in the most recently-submitted annual report described in Section 7.3(B) (which the City acknowledges may pertain to a Term Year two years prior to the Term Year in which payment is made) up to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

(B) The City Fiber Grant shall be used by the City exclusively for completing fiber loops, conduits or conduit appurtenances, or electronic transport equipment connected to the fiber loop for the City's internal communications needs as requested by the City and shall not be used for commercial

or competitive purposes except where the City is required by applicable law or has current efforts to share conduit space with another user.

9.14 **Payments Not Franchise Fees.** Except as specifically provided by federal law or regulations of the FCC, none of the payments required under this Section 9 shall be treated by Grantee, or considered in any way by Grantee, a Franchise Fee and all such payments shall be in addition to the Franchise Fee required of Grantee pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof. Provided that the City expends the additional financial obligations, payments and other commitments in a manner required herein, Grantee agrees not to assert or claim at any time before any court or administrative agency that the additional financial obligations, payments and other commitments expressed herein are franchise fees, so as to form the basis for offset or credit against any payments due the City.

SECTION 10. GENERAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AND CONSTRUCTION

10.1 Grantee agrees to all general and specific Right of Way use, permitting, engineering, location, relocation, contractor, agent and construction standards outline in the Grantee's Broadband Franchise. The Grantee's Broadband Franchise will be executed on the same date and time as this Cable Franchise.

SECTION 11. SYSTEM DESIGN

11.1 **Cable System.** Grantee shall maintain and operate a modern, high quality Cable System technically capable of delivering Customers' choice of no fewer than 140 channels of digital programming. The Cable System shall be two-way activated; support interactive cable services; and shall be designed for optimum reliability and flexibility; and Grantee shall regularly evaluate the need for new programming or incorporating new technologies.

11.2 **Corrective Action.** Grantee will take prompt corrective action if it finds that any facilities or equipment in the Cable system are not operating in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement or applicable law.

SECTION 12. TECHNICAL STANDARDS

12.1 **Technical Performance.** Grantee shall comply with the technical standards set forth in the rules and regulations of the FCC as such rules and regulations may from time to time be amended.

12.2 **System Tests and Inspections; Special Testing.**

(A) Grantee shall perform all tests required under the rules and regulations of the FCC.

(B) The City shall have the right to inspect all construction or installation work performed pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise. In addition, the City may require special testing of a location or locations within the System if there is a particular matter of controversy or unresolved complaints regarding System construction, operations or installation work pertaining to such location(s). Such tests shall be limited to the particular matter in controversy and the applicable standards. The City shall endeavor to so arrange its request for such special testing so as to minimize hardship or inconvenience to Grantee or to the Subscribers of such testing.

(C) Before ordering such tests, Grantee shall be afforded thirty (30) days following receipt of written notice to investigate and, if necessary, correct problems or complaints upon which tests were ordered. The City shall meet with Grantee prior to requiring special tests to discuss the need for such and, if possible, visually inspect those locations which are the focus of concern. If, after such meetings and inspections, the City wishes to commence special tests and the thirty (30) days have elapsed without correction of the matter in controversy or resolution of complaints, the tests shall be conducted by a qualified engineer selected by the City and Grantee, and Grantee shall cooperate in such testing. If Grantee fails to meet the applicable lawful standards as evidenced by the test results, such tests shall be paid for by Grantee.

(D) Unless otherwise provided in this Franchise, the test shall be supervised by Grantee's chief technical authority, or an appropriate designee, who shall certify all records of tests provided to the City.

(E) Test results under this Section shall be filed with the City within fourteen (14) days of written request of the City.

(F) If any test indicates that any part or component of the System fails to meet applicable requirements, Grantee, without requirement of additional notice or request from the City shall take corrective action, retest the locations and advise the City of the action taken and the results achieved by filing a written report certified by Grantee's chief technical authority or its appropriate designee.

SECTION 13. SERVICE EXTENSION

13.1 Grantee shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to extend the System to pass every residence within the Franchise Area within the first four (4) Term Years. Commercially reasonable best efforts would take into consideration customer demand, competitive offerings from other providers, System extension costs, weather conditions, and other potential unforeseen issues outside of Grantee's control that adversely affect the ability to extend the System within such timeframe.

13.2 Grantee shall offer and provide Services to all residential Subscribers under non-discriminatory rates, terms, and conditions.

13.3 The Grantee shall not require residential contracts for service.

SECTION 14. STANDBY POWER EAS

14.1 Standby Power. Grantee shall maintain standby power at the headend, hubs and node locations.

14.2 Emergency Alert Capability.

(A) Grantee shall comply with the EAS requirements imposed under federal law.

(B) Grantee shall continue to provide the City with a separate over-ride system that can provide local alerts.

SECTION 15. AGREEMENT BREACHES; TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

15.1 Procedure for Revocation. The City shall undertake the following procedures for revocation:

(A) If the City believes that Grantee has breached any material provision of this Agreement and the City intends to pursue revocation of this Agreement, the City shall notify Grantee in writing, stating with reasonable specificity the nature of the alleged default. Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice to:

1. Respond to the City, contesting the City's assertion that a default has occurred, and requesting a hearing in accordance with subsection (B), below; or

2. Cure the default; or

3. Notify the City that Grantee cannot cure the default within the thirty (30) days, because of the nature of the default. In the event the default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, Grantee shall promptly take all reasonable steps to cure the default and notify the City in writing and in detail as to the exact steps that will be taken and the projected completion date. In such case, the City may set a hearing in accordance with subsection (B) below to determine whether additional time beyond the thirty (30) days specified above is indeed needed, and whether Grantee's proposed completion schedule and steps are reasonable. Upon five (5) business days' prior written notice, either the City or Grantee may call an informal meeting to discuss the alleged default.

(B) If Grantee does not cure the alleged default within the cure period stated above, or by the projected completion date under subsection (A)(3), or denies the default and requests a hearing in accordance with subsection (A)(1), or the City orders a hearing in accordance with subsection (A)(3), the City Council shall set a public hearing to investigate said issues or the existence of the alleged default. The City shall notify Grantee of the hearing in writing and such hearing shall take place no sooner than fourteen (14) days after Grantee's receipt of notice of the hearing. At the hearing, Grantee shall be provided an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in its defense. The City Council's determination as to whether a default or a material breach of this Agreement has occurred shall be subject to judicial review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(C) If, after the public hearing, the City Council determines that a default or material breach still exists, the City shall order Grantee to correct or remedy the default or breach within seven (7) business days or within such other longer time frame as the City shall determine. In the event Grantee does not cure within such time to the City's reasonable satisfaction, the City may revoke this Agreement.

15.2 Alternative Remedies. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to bar the right of the City to seek or obtain judicial relief from a violation of any provision of the Agreement or any rule, regulation, requirement or directive promulgated thereunder. Neither the existence of other remedies identified in this Agreement nor the exercise thereof shall be deemed to bar or otherwise limit the right of the City to recover monetary damages for such violations by Grantee, or to seek and obtain judicial enforcement of Grantee's obligations by means of specific performance, injunctive relief or mandate, or any other remedy at law or in equity.

15.3 Revocation.

(A) In addition to revocation in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement, the City may revoke this Agreement and rescind all rights and privileges associated with this Agreement in the following circumstances, each of which represents a material breach of this Agreement:

1. If Grantee, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure, continues to fail to perform or attempts to evade any material obligation under this Agreement or under any other agreement, ordinance or document between the City and Grantee;

2. If Grantee abandons the Cable System, or terminates the Cable System's operations;

3. If Grantee fails to restore service to the Cable System or institutional networks after three consecutive days of an outage or interruption in service; except when approval of such outage or interruption is obtained from the City, it being the intent that there shall be continuous operation of the Cable System;

4. If Grantee becomes insolvent, unable or unwilling to pay its debts, or is adjudged bankrupt, or there is an assignment for the benefit of Grantee's creditors, or all or part of Grantee's Cable System is sold under an instrument to secure a debt and is not redeemed by Grantee within thirty (30) days from said sale; or

5. This Agreement may be revoked one hundred twenty (120) days after the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take over and conduct the business of Grantee (at the option of the City and subject to applicable law) whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless elsewhere provided herein.

(B) The City shall provide Grantee written notice of its intent to consider revocation under this subsection and hold a hearing and provide Grantee due process and the opportunity to cure in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.1 of this Agreement.

15.4 Reservation of Rights. Unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement, each party expressly reserves any right it may now have or be hereafter granted under federal or state law. The rights of the City under this Agreement shall not be read to limit any immunities the City may enjoy under Federal, State or local law.

SECTION 16. ABANDONMENT

16.1 Effect of Abandonment. If the Grantee abandons its Cable System (meaning that portion or portions of the System used exclusively for the provision of Cable Services) during the term of this Agreement, the Grantee shall pay a liquidated damage amount of the greater of: (a) five hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$500,000.00); or (b) fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$50.00) per subscriber, as most recently reported pursuant to Section 7.

16.2 What Constitutes Abandonment. The Grantee shall be deemed to have abandoned the System and the City shall be entitled to exercise its option if the Grantee willfully or without cause fails to provide Cable Service to a substantial portion of the Franchise Area for seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, unless the City authorizes a longer interruption of service. The calculation of such seventy-two hour period shall exclude twenty-four (24) hour periods on any calendar day of any City-recognized holiday in which its offices are closed.

SECTION 17. TRANSFER

17.1 A transfer of the Franchise to any Person controlling, controlled by or under the same common control as Grantee shall not require prior City approval. The Transferee shall represent to the City that it has the legal, technical and financial qualifications to fulfill the Franchise. A breach of that representation shall be a material breach of the Franchise.

17.2 A Transfer pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed to waive any rights of the City to subsequently enforce noncompliance issues relating to the Franchise.

17.3 In no event shall a transfer of this Franchise be effective without the transferee becoming a signatory to this Agreement and assuming all of the rights and obligations hereunder.

17.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the City also has rights related to transfer evaluations under Chapter 5.15 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

SECTION 18. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

18.1 Notices. Throughout the term of the Agreement, each party shall maintain and file with the other a local address for the service of notices by mail. All notices shall be sent to such respective address, and such notices shall be effective upon the date of mailing. At the Effective Date of this Agreement:

Grantee's address shall be:

With a copy to:

The City's address shall be: City of Lincoln, Nebraska
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
Attn: Steve Huggenberger, Assistant City Attorney

18.2 Costs to be borne by Grantee. Grantee shall pay for all costs of publication of this Agreement.

18.3 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their permitted successors and assigns.

18.4 Authority to Amend. This Agreement may be amended at any time by written agreement between the parties.

18.5 Rights of Third Parties. This Franchise is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, grant any rights to or vest any rights in third parties, unless expressly provided herein.

18.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Nebraska.

18.7 Captions. The captions and headings of this Agreement are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of any provisions of this Agreement.

18.8 No Joint Venture. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create a joint venture or principal agent relationship between the parties, and neither party is authorized to, nor shall either party act toward third persons or the public in any manner which would indicate any such relationship with the other.

18.9 Waiver. Except as expressly provided herein, the failure of the City at any time to require performance by Grantee of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the right of the City hereafter to enforce the same. Nor shall the waiver by the City of any breach of any provision hereof be taken or held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision, or as a waiver of the provision itself or any other provision.

18.10 Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.

(A) This Agreement shall at all times be subject to applicable local, state and federal law, except as specifically provided otherwise.

(B) *If any federal or State law or regulation shall require or permit City or Grantee to perform any service or act or shall prohibit City or Grantee from performing any service or act which may be in conflict with the terms of this Franchise, either party shall notify the other of the point in conflict believed to exist between such law or regulation. Grantee and City shall, to the extent terms in this Franchise are clearly preempted, conform to State laws and regulations regarding cable communications as they become effective, unless otherwise stated, and to conform to federal laws and regulations as they become effective.*

(C) In the event that federal or state laws or regulations clearly preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this Franchise, the provision shall be read to be preempted to the extent and for the time, but only to the extent and for the time, required or necessitated by law. In the event such federal or state law or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision hereof that had been preempted is no longer preempted, such provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect, and shall thereafter be binding on the parties hereto, without the *requirement of further action on the part of the City.*

(D) If any term, condition or provision of this Franchise or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof and the application of such term, condition or provision to Persons or circumstances other than those as to whom it shall be held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and this Franchise and all terms, provisions and conditions hereof shall, in all other respects, continue to be effective. In the event such law or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision which had been held invalid or modified is no longer in conflict with the law and regulations then in effect, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect and shall thereafter be binding on Grantee and City without further action by the City.

18.11. Grantee Acknowledgment of Validity of Franchise. Grantee acknowledges that it has had an opportunity to review the terms and conditions of this Franchise and that under current law Grantee believes that said terms and conditions are not unreasonable or arbitrary, and that Grantee believes City has the power and legal authority to make the terms and conditions contained in this Franchise.

18.12 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and all Exhibits represent the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior oral negotiations between the parties, including any prior franchises, cable ordinances or proposals.

18.13 Cumulative Rights. All rights and remedies given to the City by this Franchise or retained by the City herein shall be in addition to and cumulative with any and all other rights and remedies, existing or implied, now or hereafter available to City, at law or in equity, and such rights and remedies shall not be exclusive, but each and every right and remedy specifically given by this Franchise or otherwise existing or given may be exercised from time to time and as often and in such order as may be deemed expedient by City and the exercise of one or more rights or remedies shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise at the same time or thereafter any other right or remedy.

18.14 Force Majeure. Grantee shall not be deemed in default of provisions of this Franchise or the City Code (and Grantee shall not be subject to any sanction, or enforcement measure of any kind whatsoever) where performance was rendered impossible by war or riots, labor strikes or civil disturbances, extreme weather, floods or other causes beyond Grantee's control, and the Franchise shall not be revoked or Grantee penalized for such noncompliance, provided that Grantee, when possible, takes immediate and diligent steps to bring itself back into compliance and to comply as soon as possible, under the circumstances, with the Franchise without unduly endangering the health, safety and integrity of Grantee's employees or property, or the health, safety and integrity of the public, the Rights-of-way, public property or private property.

18.15 Non-Waiver. Unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement, neither party waives any right, immunity, limitation or protection otherwise available to such party, its officers, employees or agents under federal or state law.

18.16 Costs. Any cost to be borne by Grantee may, at the discretion of Grantee, be passed through to Grantee's customers, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law.

18.17 Miscellaneous Fees. Grantee shall not be required to and shall be relieved of any requirement to reimburse the City for any franchise consultant services related to this franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is signed in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, this date _____.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
a municipal corporation,

City Clerk

Chris Beutler, Mayor

ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Bradley A. Moline, President

ORDINANCE NO. 20268

AN ORDINANCE - Approving a cable television franchise agreement for a 15 year term between the City of Lincoln and Allo Communications, LLC to provide cable television services and products to the citizens of Lincoln.

Read First Time November 23, 2015
Read Second Time DEC 07 2015
Read Third Time DEC 14 2015
Passed DEC 14 2015
Published in Lincoln Journal Star
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CERTIFICATE

State of Nebraska)
) ss
County of Lancaster)

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the within ordinance is the original Ordinance No. 20268 as passed by the City Council of said City, as indicated above, and as approved by the Mayor of said City and as the same appears of record in my office and is now in my charge remaining as City Clerk aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and affixed the seal of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska this 17th day of December, 2015.

Teresa J. Meier
City Clerk of Lincoln, Nebraska

The seal of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, is a circular emblem. It features a central profile of a man facing right, with the word "SEAL" below it. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CITY OF LINCOLN" at the top and "LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA" at the bottom. Inside the ring, on the left, it says "FOUNDED JULY 21, 1857" and on the right, "INCORPORATED APRIL 1, 1889".