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**ORDINANCE 2008-12-53** 

# AN ORDINANCE GRANTING COMCAST OF GEORGIA I, LLC A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CABLE AND OTHER SERVICES TO SUBSCRIBERS WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES. GRANTING THE RIGHT TO USE THE CITY'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN RELATION TO PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES. PROVIDING FOR ASSOCIATED FRANCHISE FEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Georgia General assembly authorized the creation of a created a new political subdivision, the City of Dunwoody (hereinafter, the "Franchising Authority") effective December 1, 2008 and

WHEREAS, Comcast of Georgia I, LLC (hereinafter, the "Grantee") provides cable and other services to subscribers in the newly incorporated area; and

WHEREAS, the Franchising Authority, pursuant to its charter and police powers; is authorized to regulate the public rights-of-way within the boundaries of the political subdivision; and

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

### **SECTION 1 – Definitions of Terms**

For the purpose of this Franchise Agreement, capitalized terms, phrases, words and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time, 47 U.S.C § 521 et seq. (the "Cable Act"), unless otherwise defined herein.

- 1.1 "Customer" means a Person or user of the Cable System who lawfully receives Cable Service therefrom with the Grantee's express permission.
- 1.2 "Effective Date" means December 1, 2008.
- 1.3 "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.
- 1.4 "Franchise" means the initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the Franchising Authority, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, agreement, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, ordinance or otherwise, which authorizes the construction and operation of the Cable System.
- 1.5 "Franchise Agreement" or "Agreement" shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications hereto.
- 1.6 "Franchise Area" means the legal boundaries of the City of Dunwoody as of the Effective Date, and shall also include any additions thereto, by annexation or other legal means.
- 1.7 "Franchising Authority" means the City of Dunwoody or the lawful successor, transferee, designee, or assignee thereof.
- 1.8 "Grantee" shall mean Comcast of Georgia I, LLC.
- 1.9 "Gross Revenue" means the revenue derived by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including but not limited to monthly basic, premium and pay-per-view fees, installation fees, and equipment rental fees. Gross Revenue shall not include advertising or home

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- shopping revenue, refundable deposits, bad debt, late fees, investment income, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any government authority.
- 1.10 "Law" shall include all federal, state or local laws, regulations or rules, and any other action by an authorized entity or person that has the effect of law.
- 1.11 "Person" means any natural person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for profit, but shall not mean the Franchising Authority.
- "Public Way" shall mean the surface of, and the space above and below, any street, 1.12 highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority in the Franchise Area, which shall entitle the Franchising Authority and the Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. Public Way shall also mean any easement now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority within the Franchise Area for the purpose of public travel, or for the utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle the Franchising Authority and the Grantee to the use thereof for the purposes of installing, operating, and maintaining the Grantee's Cable System over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the Cable System.
- 1.13 "Video Service Provider" or "VSP" shall mean any entity using the public rights-of-way to provide multiple video programming services to subscribers, for purchase or at no cost, regardless of the transmission method, facilities, or technology used. A VSP shall include but is not limited to any entity that provides cable services, multichannel multipoint distribution services, broadcast satellite services, satellite-delivered services, wireless services, and Internet-Protocol based services.

# **SECTION 2 – Grant of Authority**

- 2.1 <u>Grant.</u> The Franchising Authority hereby grants to the Grantee under the Cable Act a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under, or in any manner connected with Public Ways and easements within the Franchise Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, or along any Public Way and all extensions thereof and additions thereto, such poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prohibit the Grantee from offering any service over its Cable System that is not prohibited by federal or state law.
- 2.2 <u>Term of Franchise.</u> The term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be ten (10) years, commencing upon the Effective Date of the Franchise, unless the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and the Cable Act.

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- 2.3 <u>Continuing Obligation.</u> In the event the Grantee continues to operate all or any part of the System after the term of this Agreement expires, then the Grantee shall continue to comply with all applicable provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, all compensation and other payment provisions of this Agreement, throughout the period of such continued operation, provided that any such continued operation shall in no way be constructed as a renewal or other extension of this Agreement or the Franchise.
- 2.4 <u>Renewal.</u> Any renewal of this franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, as amended. Both the Grantee and the Franchising Authority hereby preserve their rights under the formal renewal procedure of Section 626 of the Cable Act.
- 2.5 <u>Reservation of Authority.</u> Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall (A) abrogate the right of the Franchising Authority to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the Franchising Authority, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the Franchising Authority in and to the Public Ways.

# 2.6 <u>Competitive Equity and Subsequent Action Provisions</u>

- 2.6.1. <u>Purposes.</u> The Grantee and the Franchising Authority acknowledge that there is increasing competition in the video marketplace among cable operators, direct broadcast satellite providers, telephone companies, broadband content providers and others; new technologies are emerging that enable that provision of new and advanced services to City residents; and changes in the scope and application of the traditional regulatory framework governing the provision of video services are being considered in a variety of federal, state and local venues. To foster an environment where video service providers using the Public Ways can compete on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis; encourage the provision of new and advanced services to City residents; promote local communications infrastructure investments and economic opportunities in the City; and provide flexibility in the event of subsequent changes in the Law, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority have agreed to the provisions in this Section 2.6, and they should be interpreted and applied with the purposes in mind.
- 2.6.2 New Video Service Provider. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other provision of Law,, if any Video Service Provider ("VSP") (i) enters into any agreement with the Franchising Authority to provide video services to subscribers in the City, or (ii) otherwise begins to provide video services to subscribers in the City (with or without entering into an agreement with the Franchising Authority), the Franchising Authority, upon written request of the Grantee, shall permit the Grantee to construct and operate its Cable System and to provide video services to subscribers in the City under the same agreement and/or under the same terms and conditions as apply to the new VSP. The Grantee and the Franchising Authority shall enter into an agreement or other appropriate authorization (to the extent the Grantee determines such an agreement or authorization is necessary) containing the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the VSP within sixty (60) days after the Grantee submits a written request to the Franchising Authority.

If there is no written agreement or other authorization between the new VSP and the Franchising Authority, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority shall use the sixty (60) day period to develop and enter into an agreement or other appropriate authorization (to the extent the Grantee determines such an agreement or authorization is necessary) that to the maximum extent possible contains provisions that will ensure competitive equity between the Grantee and other

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VSPs, taking into account the terms and conditions under which other VSPs are allowed to provide video services to subscribers in the City.

- 2.6.3 <u>Subsequent Change in Law.</u> If there is a change in federal, state or local Law that provides for a new or alternative form of authorization for a VSP to provide video services to subscribers in the City, or that otherwise changes the nature or extent of the obligations that the Franchising Authority may request from or impose on a VSP providing video services to subscribers in the City, the Franchising agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision of Law, upon the written request and at the option of the Grantee, the Franchising Authority shall: (i) permit the Grantee to provide video services to subscribers in the City on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to a VSP under the changed Law, or (iii) modify this Agreement to ensure competitive equity between the Grantee and other VSPs, taking into account the conditions under which other VSPs are permitted to provide video services to subscribers in the City. The Franchising Authority and the Grantee shall implement the provisions of this Section 2.6.3 within sixty (60) days after the Grantee submits a written request to the Franchising Authority. Notwithstanding any provision of Law that imposes a time or other limitation on the Grantee's ability to take advantage of the changed Law's provisions, the Grantee may exercise its rights under this Section 2.6.3 at any time, but not sooner than thirty (30) days after the changed Law goes into effect.
- 2.6.4 <u>Effect on This Agreement.</u> Any agreement, authorization, right or determination to provide video services to subscribers in the City under Sections 2.6.2 or 2.6.3 shall supersede this Agreement, and the Grantee, at its option, may terminate this Agreement or portions thereof, upon written notice to the Franchising Authority, without penalty or damages.

### **SECTION 3 – Construction and Maintenance of the Cable System**

3.1 Permits and General Obligations. The Grantee shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, or other forms of approval or authorization necessary to construct, operate, maintain or repair the Cable System, or any part thereof, prior to the commencement of any such activity. Construction, installation, and maintenance of the Cable System shall be performed in a safe, thorough and reliable manner using materials of good and durable quality. All transmission and distribution structures, poles, other lines, and equipment installed by the Grantee for use in the Cable System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement shall be located so as to minimize the interference with the proper use of the Public Ways and the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins any such Public Way.

### 3.2 Conditions on Street Occupancy.

3.2.1. New Grades or Lines. If the grades or lines of any Public Way within the Franchise Area are lawfully changed at any time during the term of this Franchise Agreement, then the Grantee shall, upon reasonable advance written notice from the Franchising Authority (which shall not be less than ninety (90) days) and at its own cost and expense, protect or promptly alter or relocate the Cable System, or any part thereof, so as to conform with any such new grades or lines. If public funds are available to any Person using such street or public right-of-way for the purpose of defraying the cost of any of the foregoing, the Franchising Authority shall upon written request of the Grantee make application for such funds on behalf of the Grantee. To the extent the relocation of the System, or any

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portion thereof, is required pursuant to a development or streetscaping project, the Company shall not be responsible for the costs associated with such relocation.

- 3.2.2. Relocation at request of Third Party. The Grantee shall, upon reasonable prior written request of any Person holding a permit issued by the Franchising Authority to move any structure, temporarily move its wires to permit the moving of such structure; provided (i) the Grantee may impose a reasonable charge on any Person for the movement of its wires, and such charge may be required to be paid in advance of the movement of its wires; and (ii) the Grantee is given not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice to arrange for such temporary relocation.
- 3.2.3. <u>Restoration of Public Ways.</u> If in connection with construction, operation, maintenance, or repair of the Cable System, the Grantee disturbs, alters, or damages any Public Way, the Grantee agrees that it shall at its won cost and expense replace and restore any such Public Way existing immediately prior to the disturbance. If the Franchising Authority reasonably believes that the Grantee has not restored the Public Way appropriately, then the Franchising Authority, after providing ten (10) business days advance written notice, may have the Public Way restored and bill the Grantee for the cost of such restoration.
- 3.2.4. <u>Safety Requirements</u>. The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth overhanging any of its Cable System in the Franchise Area so as to prevent contact with the Grantee's wires, cables, or other equipment. All such trimming shall be done at the Grantee's sole cost and expense. The Grantee shall be responsible for any damage caused by such trimming and shall make reasonable efforts to notify the Franchise Authority prior to commencing such trimming.
- 3.2.5. <u>Trimming of Trees and Shrubbery</u>. The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth overhanging any of its Cable System in the Franchise Area so as to prevent contact with the Grantee's wires, cables, or other equipment. All such trimming shall be done at the Grantee's sole cost and expense. The Grantee shall be responsible for any damage caused by such trimming and shall make reasonable efforts to notify the Franchising Authority prior to commencing such trimming.
- 3.2.6 Aerial and Underground Construction. If all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all of the respective public or municipal utilities in any area of the Franchise Area are underground, the Grantee shall place its Cable Systems' transmission and distribution facilities underground; provided that such underground locations are actually capable of accommodating the Grantee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality. In any region(s) of the Franchise Area where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public or municipal utilities are both aerial and underground, the Grantee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities, or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing in this Section shall be constructed to require the Grantee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

### **SECTION 4 – Service Obligations**

4.1. <u>General Service Obligation</u>. The Grantee shall make Cable Service available to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least thirty (30) dwelling units per mile and is within one (1) mile of the existing Cable System. Subject to the density

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requirement, Grantee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within 125 feet of the Grantee's distribution cable.

The Grantee may elect to provide Cable Service to areas not meeting the above density and distance standards. The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop in or line extension in excess of the above standards. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis to be calculated on that portion of the installation that exceeds the standards set forth above.

- 4.2. <u>Programming</u>. The Grantee shall offer to all Customers a diversity of video programming services.
- 4.3. <u>No Discrimination</u>. Neither the Grantee nor any of its employees, agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors, or consultants, nor any other Person, shall discriminate or permit discrimination between or among any Persons in the availability of Cable Services provided in connection with the Cable System in the Franchise Area. It shall be the right of all Persons to receive all available services provided on the Cable System so long as such Person's financial or other obligations to the Grantee are satisfied. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Grantee from offering bulk discounts, promotional discounts, package discounts, or other such pricing strategies as part of its business practice.
- 4.4. <u>New Developments</u>. The Franchising Authority shall provide the Grantee with written notice of the issuance of building or development permits for planned developments within the Franchise Area requiring undergrounding of cable facilities. The Franchising Authority agrees to require the developer, as a condition of issuing the permit, to give the Grantee access to open trenches for deployment of cable facilities and at least ten (10) business days written notice of the date of availability of open trenches. Developer shall be responsible for engineering and deployment of labor applicable to its cable facilities.
- 4.5. <u>Prohibition Against Reselling Service</u>. No Person shall resell, without the express prior written consent of the Grantee, any Cable Service, program or signal transmitted over the Cable System by the Grantee.
- 4.6. <u>PEG Access.</u> In accordance with Section 611 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. § 531), the Grantee agrees to make available channel capacity (up to one channel) to be designated for governmental use. In accordance with Section 611 of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. § 531), the Franchising Authority may require rules and procedures for the use of government access capacity.

### **SECTION 5 – Fees and Charges to Customers**

- 5.1. All rates, fees, charges, deposits and associated terms and conditions to be imposed by the Grantee or any affiliated Person for any Cable Service as of the Effective Date shall be in accordance with applicable FCC's rate regulations. Before any new or modified rate, fee, or charge is imposed, the Grantee shall follow the applicable FCC notice requirements and rules and notify affected Customers, which notice may be by any means permitted under applicable law.
- 5.2. <u>Network Support and PEG Fees</u>. The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the Grantee had made certain capital investments as required by the Franchise Agreement between the

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Grantee, its Affiliates and Fulton County Georgia. As of the Effective Date, the Company collects additional fees from customers as reimbursed for those costs.

Additionally, the Grantee will incur significant costs associated with administration of this Franchise. To offset both the embedded capital costs and the one-time administrative costs, the parties agree that the Grantee may continue to pass through and retain fees up to \$.70 per customer per month through December 31, 2008. These fees will be reflected on customer's bill as a "Network Support Fee" and "PEG Support Fee".

# <u>SECTION 6 – Customer Service Standards: Customer Bills; and Privacy Protection</u>

- 6.1. <u>Customer Service Standards</u>. The Franchising Authority hereby adopts the customer service standards set forth in Part 76 subpart H, §76.309 of the FCC's rules and regulations, incorporated herein by reference. The Grantee shall comply in all respects with the customer service requirements established by the FCC.
- 6.2. <u>Customer Bills</u>. Customer bills shall be designed in such a way as to present the information contained therein clearly and comprehensibly to Customers, and in a way that (A) is not misleading and (B) does not omit material information, Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 6.1, above, the Grantee may, in its sole discretion, consolidate costs on Customer bills as may otherwise be permitted by Section 622(c) of the Cable Act (47 U.S.C. §542(c)).
- 6.3. <u>Privacy Protection</u>. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws, including Section 631 of the Cable Act and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

### **SECTION 7 – Oversight and Regulation by Franchising Authority**

7.1. <u>Franchise Fees</u>. The Grantee shall pay to the Franchising Authority a franchise fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenues received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Franchise Area; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Grantee shall not be compelled to pay any higher percentage of franchise fees than any other cable operator providing service in the Franchise Area. The payment of franchise fees shall relieve the Grantee from any administrative permit fees or other fees required by the Franchising Authority related to the Grantee's use of Public Ways. The payment of franchise fees shall be made on a quarterly basis and shall be due thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar quarter. Each franchise fee payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation of the Franchise Fees paid during that period.

### 7.2. Franchise Fees Subject to Audit.

- 7.2.1. Upon reasonable prior written notice, during normal business hours, at Grantee's principle business office, the Franchising Authority shall have the right to inspect the Grantee's financial records used to calculate the Franchising Authority's franchise fees; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such inspection shall take place within three (3) years from the date the Franchising Authority receives such payment, after which period any such payment shall be considered final.
- 7.2.2. Upon the completion of any such audit by the Franchising Authority, the Franchising Authority shall provide to the Grantee a final report setting forth the Franchising Authority's

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findings in detail, including any and all substantiating documentation. In the event of an alleged underpayment, the Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of the report to provide the Franchising Authority with a written response agreeing to or refuting the results of the audit, including any substantiating documentation. Based on these reports and responses, the parties shall agree upon a "Finally Settled Amount." For purposes of this Section the term "Finally Settled Amount(s)" shall mean the agreed upon underpayment, if any, to the Franchising Authority by the Grantee as a result of any such audit. If the parties cannot agree on a "Final Settlement Amount," the parties shall submit the dispute to a mutually agreed upon mediator within sixty (60) days of reaching an impasse. In the event an agreement is not reached at mediation, either party may bring an action to have the disputed amount determined by a court of law.

- 7.2.3. Any "Finally Settled Amount(s)" due to the Franchising Authority as a result of such audit shall be paid to the Franchising Authority by the Grantee within thirty (30) days from the date the parties agree upon the "Finally Settled Amount." Once the parties agree upon a Finally Settled Amount and such amount is paid by the Grantee, the Franchising Authority shall have no further rights to audit or challenge the payment for that period. The Franchising Authority shall bear the expense of its audit of the Grantee's books and records.
- 7.2.4. <u>Interest on Late Payments</u>. If any payment required by this Agreement is not actually received by the Franchising Authority, on or before the applicable date fixed in this Agreement, the Grantee shall pay interest thereon, from the due date to the date paid at rates published by the Internal Revenue Service for tax refunds and additional tax payments for the period of delinquency.
- 7.3. Oversight of Franchise. In accordance with applicable law, the Franchising Authority shall have the right to oversee, regulate and, on reasonable prior written notice and in the presence of the Grantee's employee, periodically inspect the construction, operation and maintenance of the Cable System in the Franchise Area, and all parts thereof, as necessary to monitor Grantee's compliance with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement.
- 7.4 <u>Technical Standards</u>. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable technical standards of the FCC as published in subpart K of 47 C.F.R. § 76. To the extent those standards are altered, modified, or amended during the term of this Franchise, the Grantee shall comply with such altered, modified or amended standards within a reasonable period after such standards become effective. The Franchising Authority shall have, upon request, the right to obtain a copy of tests and records required to be performed pursuant to the FCC's rules.

### 7.5. Maintenance of Books, Records, and Files.

7.5.1. <u>Books and Records</u>. Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee agrees that the Franchising authority, upon reasonable prior written notice to the Grantee, may review such of the Grantee's books and records regarding the operation of the Cable System and the provision of Cable Service in the Franchise Area which are reasonably necessary to monitor Grantee's compliance with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement at the Grantee's business office, during normal business hours, and without unreasonably interfering with Grantee's business operations. Such books and records shall include any records required to be kept in a public file by the Grantee pursuant to the rules and regulations of the FCC. All such documents pertaining to financial matters that may be the subject of an inspection by the Franchising Authority shall be retained by the Grantee for a minimum period of three (3) years.

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- 7.5.2. <u>File for Public Inspection</u>. Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall maintain at its business office, in a file available for public inspection during normal business hours, those documents required pursuant to the FCC's rules and regulations.
- 7.5.3. Proprietary Information. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Section, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The Franchising Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the Franchising Authority that have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise Agreement and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. The Grantee shall not be required to provide Customer information in violation of Section 631 of the Cable Act or any other applicable federal or state privacy law. For purposes of this Section, the terms "proprietary or confidential" include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of franchise fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by the Grantee to competitively sensitive. In the event that the Franchising Authority receives a request under a state "sunshine", in public records or similar law for the disclosure of information the Grantee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the Franchising Authority shall notify Grantee of such request and cooperate with Grantee in opposing such request.

### SECTION 8 – Transfer or Change of Control of Cable System or Franchise

8.1. Neither the Grantee nor any other Person may transfer the Cable System or the Franchise without the prior written consent of the Franchising Authority, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No change in control of the grantee, defined as an acquisition of 50% or greater ownership interest in Grantee, shall take place without the prior written consent of the Franchising Authority, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No consent shall be required, however, for (i) a transfer in trust, by mortgage, hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or in the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or (ii) a transfer to an entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for consent, the Franchising Authority shall, in accordance with FCC rules and regulations, notify the Grantee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the Franchising Authority has not taken actions on the Grantee's request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed given.

### **SECTION 9 – Insurance and Indemnity**

9.1. <u>Insurance</u>. Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and provide the Franchising Authority certificates of insurance designating the Franchising Authority and its officers, boards, commissions, councils, elected officials, agents and employees as additional insured's and demonstrating that the Grantee has obtained the insurance required in this Section. Such policy or policies shall be in the minimum amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one person, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death of any two or more persons resulting from one occurrence, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one accident. Such policy or policies shall be non-cancelable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Franchising Authority. The Grantee shall provide workers' compensation coverage in accordance with applicable law. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the

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Franchising Authority from any workers compensation claims to which the Grantee may become subject during the term of this Franchise Agreement.

9.2. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Franchising Authority, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury including accidental death) that arise out of the Grantee's construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, provided that the franchising Authority shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the Franchising Authority within ten (10) business days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. If the Franchising Authority determines that it is necessary for it to employ separate counsel, the costs for such separate counsel shall be the responsibility of the Franchising Authority.

### SECTION 10 – System Description and Service

- 10.1. <u>System</u>. The Company, as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement, maintains and operates a 750 MHz system capable of providing over 250 Channels of video programming which Channels may be delivered by analog, digital or other transmission technologies.
- 10.2. <u>Service to School Buildings</u>. The Grantee shall provide free "Basic" and "Expanded Basic" tier Cable Service and free standard installation at one outlet to each public and private school, not including "home schools," located in the Franchise Area within 125 feet of the Grantee's distribution cable. For purposes of this subsection, "Expanded Basic" shall mean that tier of cable service just above the most basic level of service offered by the Grantee.
- 10.3. Service to Governmental and Institutional Facilities. The Grantee shall provide free "Basic" and "Expanded Basic" tier Cable Service and free standard installation at one outlet to each municipal building located in the Franchise Area within 125 feet of the Grantee's distribution cable. "Municipal buildings" are those buildings owned or leased by the Franchising Authority for government administrative purposes, and shall not include buildings owned by Franchising Authority but leased to third parties or buildings such as storage facilities at which government employees are not regularly stationed. For purposes of this subsection, "Expanded Basic" shall mean that tier of cable service just above the most basic level of service offered by the Grantee.
- 10.4 <u>System Technical Standards.</u> Throughout the term of this Agreement, the System shall be designed, maintained and operated such that quality and reliability of System Signal will be in compliance with Section 624A (Consumer Electronics Equipment Compatibility Standards) of the Cable Act as may be amended from time to time.
- 10.5 <u>Testing Procedures; Technical Performance.</u> Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company shall operate and maintain the System in accordance with the testing procedures and the technical performance standards of the FCC detailed in Title 47 Telecommunication, Chapter 1 Federal Communications Commission, Part 76, Subpart K, 76.601, 76.605, 76.609, 76.610, and 76.611 which may change from time to time.

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## **SECTION 11 – Enforcement and Termination of Franchise**

- 11.1. <u>Notice of Violation or Default</u>. In the event the Franchising Authority believes that the Grantee has not compiled with the material terms of the Franchise, it shall notify the Grantee in writing with specific details regarding the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance or default.
- 11.2. <u>Grantee's Right to Cure or Respond</u>. The Grantee shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the Franchising Authority's written notice: (A) to respond to the Franchising Authority, consenting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (B) to cure such default; or (C) in the even that, by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within the forty-five (45) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the Franchising Authority of the steps being taken and the projected date that they will be completed.
- 11.3. <u>Public Hearings</u>. In the even the Grantee fails to respond to the Franchising Authority's notice or in the event that the alleged default is not remedied within forty-five (45) days or the date projected by the Grantee, the Franchising Authority shall schedule a public hearing to investigate the default. Such public hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Franchising Authority that is scheduled at a time that is no less than ten (10) business days therefrom. The Franchising Authority shall notify the Grantee in writing of the time and place of such meeting and provide the Grantee with a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- 11.4. <u>Enforcement</u>. Subject to applicable federal and state law, in the even the Franchising Authority, after such public hearing, determines that the Grantee is in default of any provision of the Franchise, the Franchising Authority may:
- 11.4.1. Seek specific performance of any provision that reasonably lends itself to such remedy as an alternative to damages, or seek other equitable relief; or
- 11.4.2. In the case of a substantial default of a material provision of the Franchise, declare the Franchise Agreement to be revoked in accordance with the following:
- (i) The Franchising Authority shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent to revoke the Franchise on the basic of a pattern of noncompliance by the Grantee, including one or more instances of substantial noncompliance with a material provision of the Franchise. The notice shall set forth with specificity the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Grantee shall have ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Franchising Authority has not received a response from the Grantee or upon receipt of the response does not agree with the Grantee's proposed remedy, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a public hearing. The Franchising Authority shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least ten (10) days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to request termination of the Franchise.
- (ii) At the designated hearing, the Franchising Authority shall give the Grantee an opportunity to state its position on the matter, present evidence and question witnesses, after which it shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be revoked. The public hearing shall be on the record and a written transcript shall be made available to the grantee within ten (10) business days. The decision of the Franchising Authority shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grantee by certified mail. The Grantee may appeal such determination to an appropriate court, which shall have to power to

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review such decision as justice may require. Such appeal to the appropriate court must be taken within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the determination of the Franchising authority.

- 11.5. <u>Technical Violation</u>. The Franchising Authority agrees that it is not its intention to subject the Grantee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of the Franchise for so-called "technical" breach(es) or violation(s) of the Franchise, which shall include, but not be limited, to the following:
- 11.5.1. in instances or for matters where a violation or a breach of the Franchise by the Grantee was good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on the Customers within the Franchise Area; or
- 11.5.2. where there existed circumstances reasonably beyond the control of the Grantee and which precipitated a violation by the Grantee of the Franchise, or which were deemed to have prevented the Grantee from complying with a term or condition of the Franchise.

### **SECTION 12 – Miscellaneous Provisions**

- 12.1. Force Majeure. The Grantee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default (including termination, cancellation or revocation of the Franchise), where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by strike, riot, war, earthquake, flood, tidal wave, unusually severe rain or snow storm, hurricane, tornado or other catastrophic act of nature, labor disputes, failure of utility service necessary to operate the Cable System, governmental, administrative or judicial order or regulation or other event that is reasonably beyond the Grantee's ability to anticipate or control. This provision also covers work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their own utility poles on which the Grantee's cable or equipment is attached, as well as unavailability of materials or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.
- 12.2. <u>Notice</u>. All notices shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and served upon the other party by hand delivery, first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable overnight courier service and addressed as follows:

### **To the Franchising Authority:**

City Manager City of Dunwoody PO Box 888074 Dunwoody, GA 30356

### With a copy to:

City Finance Director City of Dunwoody 400 Northridge Road Suite 1250 Atlanta, GA 30356

### To the Grantee:

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Comcast of Georgia I, LLC Attn: Vice President, Government & Community Affairs 2925 Courtyards Drive Norcross, GA 30071

# With a copy to:

Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Attn: Vice President, Government Affairs 600 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1100 Atlanta, GA 30339

And: Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.

Attn: Legal Dept. One Comcast Center Philadelphia, PA 19103

- 12.3. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Franchise Agreement, including all Exhibits, embodies the entire understanding and agreement of the Franchising Authority and the Grantee with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements and communications, whether written or oral. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with or otherwise impose obligations different from the provisions of this Franchise Agreement are superseded by this Franchise Agreement.
- 12.4. <u>Severability</u>. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Franchise Agreement is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.
- 12.5. Governing Law. This Franchise Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the State of Georgia, and shall be governed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia, as applicable to contracts entered into and performed entirely within the State.
- 12.6. <u>Modification</u>. No provision of this Franchise Agreement shall be amended or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, except by an instrument, in writing, duly executed b the Franchising Authority and the Grantee, which amendment shall be authorized on behalf of the Franchising Authority through the adoption of an appropriate resolution or order by the Franchising Authority, as required by applicable law.
- 12.7. <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is or was intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise Agreement.
- 12.8. <u>No Waiver of Rights</u>. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, substantive or procedural, Grantee may have under federal or state law unless such waiver is expressly stated herein.

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**SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

	Approved:
	Ken Wright, Mayor
Attest:	
Joan C. Jones, Acting City Clerk	
Approved as to Form and Content:	
Brian Anderson, City Attorney	

# **COUNTY OF DEKALB**

# **CERTIFICATION BY CITY CLERK**

I,Clerk of the City of	Dunwo	ody, Geor	gia, hereb	by certify the	at I was
present at the meeting of the City Council of the City of	Dunwoo	ody, Georg	gia, held o	n	
, 20 which meeting was duly and legally ca	lled and	held, and	at which a	quorum was	present,
and that an ordinance, a true and correct copy of which					
passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of D	unwood	y, Georgia	a, at said m	neeting.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set n	ny hand	and the	corporate	seal of the	City of
Dunwoody, County of Dekalb, State of Georgia, this		_ day of _			_, 2009.
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	Clerk				
Accepted on behalf of Comcast of Georgia I, LLC, this		_day of _		, 20	··
		Comcast	of Georgi	a I, LLC.:	
	By:				
	Title:				