PROPOSED BY 86 - 728

MOTION NO. 6693

A MOTION authorizing the King County Executive to enter into a franchise transfer agreement transferring the control and operation of the Group W Seattle and Group W Auburn cable television franchises operated by Group W Cable, Inc. in King County to its wholly owned subsidiaries, known as GWC Auburn, Inc. and GWC Seattle, Inc. and acknowledging a subsequent change of control of said subsidiaries from Group W Cable, Inc. to TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc.

WHEREAS, Group W Cable, Inc., a New York corporation, owns and operates cable television systems in King County known as Group W Cable Seattle and Group W Cable Auburn pursuant to cable television franchises granted by King County, and

WHEREAS, the cable system operated by said Group W Cable Seattle, owned by Group W Cable, Inc., is pursuant to King County franchise numbers 547, 551, 552, 553, 562, 599, and 609, and

WHEREAS, there is no record of a formal transfer to Group W Cable, Inc. of franchises numbered 547, 551, 552, 553, 562, 599, and 609. King County acknowledges that Group W Cable has in fact operated under said franchises for the past few years, and

WHEREAS, the cable system operated by said Group W Cable Auburn, owned by Group W Cable, Inc., is pursuant to King County franchise numbers 565A,591, and 1209 which were transferred by King County to Group W Cable, Inc. by Motion 5730 and Franchise Numbered 5730, and

WHEREAS, Group W Cable, Inc. has created wholly owned subsidiaries known as GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Group W Cable, Inc. intends to cause the transfer of its King County franchises numbered 547, 551, 552, 553, 562, 599, and 609, currently operated by Group W Cable Seattle, to its wholly owned subsidiary GWC Seattle, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Group W Cable, Inc. intends to cause the transfer of its King County franchises numbered 565A,591, 1209, and 5730 currently operated by Group W Cable Auburn, to its wholly owned subsidiary GWC Auburn, Inc., and WHEREAS, all of the issued and outstanding stock of Group W Cable, Inc.

was recently sold by Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable, Inc. to a group of buyers, hereinafter known as "Buyers," composed of American Television

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 and Communications Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("ATC"); Century

Southwest Cable Television, Inc., a Delaware corporation; TCI Holdings, Inc.,
a Colorado corporation; and affiliates of or subsidiaries or partnerships
owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation;

Danniels & Associates, Inc., a Delaware corporation; Houston Industries
Incorporated, a Texas corporation, and

WHEREAS, said "Buyers" intend to cause Group W Cable, Inc. to be liquidated and transfer control of GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc. to TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc., a subsidiary of TCI West, Inc. and an affiliate of one of said "Buyers," TCI Holdings, Inc., and

WHEREAS, until the change of control of the subsidiaries, GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc., to TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc., Group W Cable, Inc. shall cause said subsidiaries to comply with the terms and conditions of their respective King County franchises, and

WHEREAS, upon the change of control of the subsidiaries, GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc. to TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc., TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc. shall cause said subsidiaries to comply with the terms and conditions of their respective franchises. Furthermore, TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc., a subsidiary of TCI West, Inc. which is a subsidiary of Tele-Communications, Inc. unconditionally guarantees the performance of any and all obligations, terms, and conditions of said King County Cable Television franchises numbered 547, 551, 552, 553, 562, 565A, 591, 599, 609, 1209, and 5730, which will be operated by GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc., of which the first sheet of said franchises is attached hereto and the full text of each franchise agreement, which is on file in the Real Property Division of King County, is incorporated herin by reference and made a part hereof.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

We hereby authorize the King County Executive to enter into the attached agreement consenting to the transfer of King County-cable television franchises, operated by Group W Cable, Inc., as Group W Cable Seattle and Group W

ì Cable Auburn to its wholly owned subsidiaries GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc., respectively, and acknowledging the transfer of control of GWC Seattle, Inc. and GWC Auburn, Inc. to TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc. upon the liquidation of Group W Cable, Inc. If within 30 days after passage of this motion, TCI Cablevision of Washington, GWC Seattle, Inc., and GWC Auburn, Inc., shall have failed to sign the franchise transfer agreement incorporated herein, then the agreement shall be forfeited and said transfer shall be null and void. PASSED this 22nd day of December. 1986. KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chair Juger

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council

