



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

Councilmembers:

Pete von Reichbauer, Chair;

Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair;

Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry

Lead Staff: Melissa Bailey (206-263-0114)

Co-Lead Staff: Gene Paul (206-477-9378)

Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

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- 3) Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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3. Approval of Minutes p. 5

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4. Public Comment



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Briefings

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John Parrott, Director, King County International Airport

David Decoteau, Deputy Director, King County International Airport

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Brooke Leary, Audit Director, King County Auditor's Office

Peter Heineccius, Senior Principal Auditor, King County Auditor's Office

Discussion and Possible Action

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A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council district six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority board of directors.

Sponsors: Balducci

Gene Paul, Council staff

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0407](#) p. 15

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Amy Calderwood, who resides in council district four, to the King County board of ethics.

Sponsors: Barón

Gene Paul, Council staff



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9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0409](#) p. 20

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31, 3033.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

Brandi Paribello, Council staff

Other Business

Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

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Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry

Lead Staff: Melissa Bailey (206-263-0114)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair von Reichbauer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 4 - von Reichbauer, Dunn, Mosqueda and Perry

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Mosqueda moved approval of the December 10, 2024 and January 14, 2025 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

*Alice Fong
Sameth Mell*

Discussion and Possible Action

5. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0382](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Velma Veloria, who resides in council district two, to the King County International Airport roundtable, as the Beacon Hill community representative.

Gene Paul, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Velma Veloria, appointee, answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - von Reichbauer, Dunn, Mosqueda and Perry

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0048](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the revision of voting precincts of King County for the year 2025.

Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, and Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunn that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - von Reichbauer, Dunn, Mosqueda and Perry

Briefings

7. [Briefing No. 2025-B0014](#)

Elections: Alternatives to Signature Verification Pilot

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

8. [Briefing No. 2025-B0015](#)

Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee Annual Report Briefing

Eliseo Juárez, Chair, Citizens' Election Oversight Committee, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0016](#)

Audit Report: Opportunities for Improvement in Returned Check Fees, Collections

Ben Thompson, Audit Director, King County Auditor's Office, and Megan Ko, Auditor III, King County Auditor's Office, briefed the committee via PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was presented.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature



King County

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

March 11, 2025

**Agenda Item No. 5
Briefing No. 2025-B0036**

Capital Projects Past, Present, and Future at the Airport

**Any materials for this item will be available after
the meeting.**



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**Government Accountability and Oversight
Committee**

March 11, 2025

**Agenda Item No. 6
Briefing No. 2025-B0035**

Audit Report: Civil Asset Forfeiture

**Any materials for this item will be available after
the meeting.**



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Gene Paul
Proposed No.:	2025-0042	Date:	March 11, 2025

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2025-0042 would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in Council District Six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND

King County created the King County Museum of Flight Authority ("Authority") in 1985 to "provide for the development and operation of a first class air and space museum."¹ The Authority is an independent legal entity governed by its Charter and By-laws. The Authority’s Board of Directors consists of seven individuals appointed as follows by the King County Executive, subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council:

- Three at-large members;
- Three members from nominations made by the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Flight or its successor; and
- One member from nominations of the Board of Directors.

Scope of Powers: Article V, Section 5.01 of the Authority’s Charter sets forth its powers. These include the power to:

- Own and sell real and personal property;
- Contract for any corporate purpose with the federal government, a state, and any political subdivision or agency of either, and with individuals, associations and corporations;
- Lend and borrow funds;
- Perform all manner and type of community services and activities; and
- Issue negotiable bonds and notes.

¹ K.C.C. 15.90.010 as authorized under RCW 35.21.730 through 35.21.755

Other powers and limitations on powers are set forth in Sections 5.01 and 5.02 of the Authority's Charter.

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Nicole Cain is a resident of Council District 6 and has been nominated by the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors for her position on the Board. According to her application materials, Ms. Cain worked at King County International Airport for 11 years, including serving as Chief Flight Instructor for Galvin Flying Service until its closure in November 2024. Her professional licenses from the Federal Aviation Administration include Airline Transport Pilot, Certified Flight Instructor for single and multiengine airplanes, Certified Flight Instructor for Instruments, and a remote pilot. In addition to her aviation background, Ms. Cain previously worked at the Maxey Museum in Walla Walla, WA, where she curated multiple exhibits and worked on the conservation of artifacts and the repatriation of Native American remains. Ms. Cain has also served on two advisory committees, the Museum of Flight Aeronautical Science Pathway Advisory Committee and the Green River College Aviation Advisory Committee.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements set by the King County Code and the King County Museum of Flight Authority Charter.

INVITED

- Nicole Cain, Appointee to the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors
- Lynda King, Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Museum of Flight, Staff Liaison to the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2025-0042
2. Transmittal Letter



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Motion

Proposed No. 2025-0042.1

Sponsors Balducci

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2 Nicole Cain, who resides in council district six, to the King
3 County Museum of Flight Authority board of directors.

4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

5 The county executive's appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council
6 district six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority board of directors, for the

Motion

7 remainder of a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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January 22, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council district six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Ms. Cain's application, board profile, and appointment letter are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff
 Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council
 Karan Gill, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive
 Penny Lipsou, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
 Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, Office of the Executive
 Lynda King, Staff Liaison
 Nicole Cain



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	8	Name:	Gene Paul
Proposed No.:	2024-0407	Date:	March 11, 2025

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2024-0407 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Amy Calderwood to the King County Board of Ethics for a partial term expiring on July 31, 2026. Ms. Calderwood would be filling a Council-nominated position.

BACKGROUND

The King County Board of Ethics was created by Ordinance 1321 in 1972 “to insure proper implementation of the code of ethics and to investigate and report on conflicts of interest.” The Board consists of five members: two to be appointed by the County Executive, two to be appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the County Council, and a fifth member, who serves as chair and is appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the other four members. Each member serves a term of three years. All appointments to the Board are subject to confirmation by the Council.¹

According to the King County Code, Board members “shall have demonstrated experience applicable to carrying out the responsibilities of the board, such as experience in the areas of ethics, law, finance, administration, compliance, human resources, or other relevant experience.” The code also specifies that members should have a “strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, and well-managed board of ethics.”²

APPOINTEE INFORMATION

Amy Calderwood is a resident of Council District 4 and a retired public servant. According to her application materials, she served as the Director of the King County Office of the Ombuds from 2002 until her retirement in 2023. Since the Office of the Ombuds is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Employee Code of Ethics (K.C.C. Chapter 3.04), Ms. Calderwood has years of experience overseeing

¹ K.C.C. 3.04.080.A.

² K.C.C. 3.04.080.B.

investigations into ethics complaints and investigating them directly. Additionally, she has firsthand experience working with the Board of Ethics and a broad cross-section of the County government. She has expressed familiarity with the types of ethics concerns that typically arise at King County. She has also expressed her belief that a clear code of ethics is essential for government to be able to carry out its work.

ANALYSIS

As noted, the Board of Ethics is a five-member board consisting of the following members: two appointed and confirmed by the executive, two appointed by the Executive from a list provided by the Council, and the Executive's appointment of the chair who is selected from a list of nominees provided by the four members. This motion would approve the appointment of Amy Calderwood as a Council-nominated member.

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of the King County Code.

INVITED

- Amy Calderwood, Appointee, King County Board of Ethics
- Thomas Barrington, Staff Liaison, King County Board of Ethics

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2024-0407
2. Transmittal Letter



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Motion

Proposed No. 2024-0407.1

Sponsors Barón

1 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of
 2 Amy Calderwood, who resides in council district four, to
 3 the King County board of ethics.

4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

5 The county executive's appointment of Amy Calderwood, who resides in council
 6 district four, to the King County board of ethics, for a partial term to expire on July 31,

Motion

7 2026, is hereby confirmed.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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December 4, 2024

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion confirming the appointment of Amy Calderwood, who resides in council district four, to the King County Board of Ethics, for a partial term expiring July 31, 2026.

Ms. Calderwood's application, financial disclosure, board profile, and appointment letter, are enclosed to serve as supporting and background information to assist the Council in considering confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed legislation. If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, at (206) 477-3306.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosures

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 Tala Mahmoud, External Affairs Coordinator, Office of the Executive
 Thomas Barrington, Staff Liaison
 Amy Calderwood



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**Metropolitan King County Council
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	9	Name:	Brandi Paribello
Proposed No.:	2024-0409	Date:	March 11, 2025

SUBJECT

An ordinance authorizing renewal of cable franchise 5602 with Wave Division I, doing business as Astound Broadband.

SUMMARY

The Federal Cable Act (47 U.S.C. Section 521, et seq.) in accordance with regulations and orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorize local governments to negotiate franchise agreements with cable television providers. The County has franchise agreements with two cable companies, Comcast and Wave, regarding their use of rights-of-way to provide cable television service to customers in unincorporated areas of the county.

The previous agreement with Wave was signed on September 2013 and expired on July 31, 2023.¹ The County and Wave entered renewal negotiations in June 2023 and the proposed ordinance and renewal agreement were transmitted to Council in December 2024.

BACKGROUND

Cable Companies in Unincorporated King County. The Federal Cable Act (47 U.S.C. Section 521, et seq.) in accordance with regulations and orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorize local governments to negotiate franchise agreements with cable television providers.

The County has franchise agreements with two cable companies, Comcast and Wave, regarding their use of rights-of-way to provide cable television service to customers in unincorporated areas of the county. As of 2021, Comcast had approximately 49,000 subscribers (customers) in unincorporated King County, mostly near the boundaries of incorporated cities and on Vashon Island. Wave has approximately 600 subscribers and

¹ Ordinance 17670 adopted September 23, 2013.

serves unincorporated King County near the towns of Carnation, Duvall, and Woodinville.

K.C.C. Chapter 6.27A (Cable Communications). K.C.C. Chapter 6.27A includes provisions related to cable communications in unincorporated King County, particularly requirements related to cable franchises and the responsibilities of the Office of Cable Communications, which is a division of the Department of Information Technology (KCIT). Washington State laws (Chapter 35.99 and Chapter 36.55 RCW) provide some guidance related to use of rights-of-way for franchises and cable television service, however, federal guidelines preempt all state and local laws on major provisions related to cable franchises.

As per K.C.C. 6.27A.020.D., Comcast and Wave must pay the county a franchise fee equal to 5% of the franchisee's gross revenues for the use of the public rights-of-way or roads to lay their cable and provide cable TV service to subscribers in unincorporated King County. Federal law allows cable companies to pass on this fee to their customers. The fee revenues are deposited into the county's General Fund to support the Office of Cable Communications. The 2025 Adopted Annual Budget assumed \$2.975 million in cable franchise revenue.

Franchise 5602. The initial 10-year franchise was granted to Summit Cablevision L.P. Summit, which was taken over by Millennium L.L.C. that later became known as Broadstripe Communications. Summit's initial 10-year franchise expired on October 11, 2009 and was extended to October 11, 2011 pursuant to Ordinance 16772.² The purpose of this extension was to give Broadstripe Communications time to reorganize or find a buyer because it was operating in Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

In 2012, Wave Broadband bought Broadstripe Communications which was under the supervision of a bankruptcy court. On October 8, 2012, the Council approved transfer of the ownership of the franchise by adopting Ordinance 17430.³

In December 2012, Wave Broadband and the County began negotiations on a successor franchise agreement. Negotiations resulted in a new agreement that was similar to the prior agreement. On September 23, 2013, the Council approved the new agreement via Ordinance 17670⁴. The agreement expired on July 31, 2023.

ANALYSIS

The current agreement between the County and Wave expired on July 31, 2023. Under the Federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., the franchise continues during renewal negotiations unless and until the franchisee voluntarily terminates the franchise or the franchising authority denies renewal. Since June 2023, the County and Wave

² Enacted March 22, 2010.

³ Enacted October 12, 2012.

⁴ Enacted September 23, 2013.

have been in negotiations and, in addition to numerous standard provisions as required by King County Code such as signal quality and technical performance standards, key elements of the new agreement are as follows:

Agreement Term: Franchise term is 10 years, expiring July 31, 2033.

Franchise Fee: Wave will pay the County a franchise fee in an amount equal to 5% of gross revenues. Given its subscriber base of approximately 600 households, Wave's 5% franchise fee is expected to generate approximately \$5,500 annually for the General Fund.

Gross revenues include revenues from: 1) cable services; 2) related equipment rentals; 3) advertising revenues; 4) service installations; 5) sales occurring because of home shopping or similar programming; 6) leased access channels; 7) sales of programming guides; and 8) fees, payments, or other consideration paid by programmers and commissions on advertising provided to subscribers in the franchise area and accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

PEG Channels and Fees: Wave agrees to maintain the existing fiber optic Institutional Network (I-Net) for the exclusive use of the County to use 10 public, educational or governmental ("PEG") channels. At least one PEG channel must be available in high-definition format and the County will designate that channel.

Wave will provide basic, and expanded basic cable, or their equivalents, including all required PEG channels, free of charge to each public school and public school administrative facility; each King County Library System facility; each fire station; and each County office and agency whether located in a County-owned or County-leased facility.

Wave will continue to set aside storage capacity on its video-on-demand ("VOD") server to store up to thirty (30) hours of PEG channel programming.

PEG fees remain at \$0.76 per month per subscriber.

Wave will provide a one-time equity and social justice grant of \$25,000 for an upgrade of the automation system, providing multi-language enhancement, for King County Civic Television.

Marketing Campaign: To increase the number of Cable TV subscribers in unincorporated King County, Wave will conduct an annual marketing campaign during the month of September to all current and potential customers, including those who are broadband only. Results will be reported to the King County Office of Cable Communications by April 30th each year.

Other Financial Requirements: Wave will provide security for the franchise in the form of a \$25,000 letter of credit and \$50,000 performance bond. Construction bonds will be required for work in the rights-of-way.

King County Code requires public notice for ordinances related to cable franchise renewals. A copy of the public notice to be published in the Seattle Times for a March 25th public hearing is included as Attachment 6 to this staff report.

AMENDMENTS

Council staff has prepared Title Amendment T1 to make a technical correction to the date in the title, and Amendment 1 which would make a technical correction to both correct the statement of facts as to the term of the agreement by removing reference to a ten-year term and to replace Attachment A with an updated version which also removes the reference to a ten-year term on page 10.

INVITED

- Christina Jaramillo, Cable Compliance Officer and Manager, KCIT-Office of Cable Communications

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Ordinance 2024-0409 (and its attachment)
2. Amendment 1
 - a. Attachment A. Cable System Franchise and Agreement Between WAVEDIVISION I LLC and King County - Updated 3-6-25
3. Title Amendment T1
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Fiscal Note
6. Copy of Public Hearing Notice



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Ordinance

Proposed No. 2024-0409.1

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a
2 renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with
3 WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31,
4 3033.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. In accordance with K.C.C. chapter 6.27A and the federal Cable Act, 47
7 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., as well as regulations and orders issued by the
8 Federal Communications Commission, King County is authorized to
9 negotiate, award, and renew nonexclusive franchise agreements with cable
10 television companies.
- 11 2. It is in the interests of the residents of unincorporated King County that
12 the county negotiates franchise agreements with cable television
13 companies that are willing to serve these residents.
- 14 3. County staff and the management of WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a
15 Washington limited liability company doing business as Astound
16 Broadband ("Astound"), have negotiated a ten-year renewal of cable
17 television franchise 5602.
- 18 4. Astound acquired this franchise from the former franchisee,
19 Broadstripe Communications. Ordinance 17251, enacted January 21,
20 2012, approved the transfer to Astound.

- 21 5. Ordinance 17430, enacted October 12, 2012, approved a change in
22 control within Astound, and extended the franchise term to September 11,
23 2013.
- 24 6. Ordinance 17670, enacted September 26, 2013, approved a renewal of
25 the franchise to July 31, 2023.
- 26 7. King County and Astound began negotiations for a renewed franchise
27 in June 2023.
- 28 8. Under the federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., the franchise
29 continues during franchise renewal negotiations unless and until the
30 franchisee voluntarily terminates the franchise or the franchising authority
31 denies renewal.
- 32 9. The county has identified future cable-related needs and interests of the
33 county and its residents, has considered the financial, technical, and legal
34 qualifications of Astound, and finds that renewal of the nonexclusive
35 franchise agreement, which is Attachment A to this ordinance, is
36 consistent with the public interest.
- 37 10. The council has published its intent to consider the renewal of
38 franchise 5602 in a local newspaper of broad public circulation.
- 39 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
- 40 SECTION 1. The council hereby authorizes the executive to enter into a renewal

41 of cable television franchise 5602 held by WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, in substantially the
42 form at Attachment A to this ordinance, for a term ending on July 31, 2033.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Cable System Franchise and Agreement Between WAVEDIVISION I, LLC and King County

Attachment A

Ordinance _____

**CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE
AND
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WAVEDIVISION I, LLC,
a Washington limited liability company
d/b/a Astound Broadband;
AND
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
_____, 2024**

CABLE SYSTEMS

FRANCHISE NO. _____

_____, 2024

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband (“Franchisee”), has applied to King County, Washington (“County”) to renew a nonexclusive franchise Franchisee holds to construct, operate and repair a Cable System in, over, along and under Rights-of- Way in King County, Washington, identified in Franchise No. 5602.

The King County Council held a public hearing on the application on _____.

Legal notice of the application and of the hearing was given as required by law.

The King County Council, having considered the interests proposed and advanced, found that the renewal of a Franchise, subject to conditions, is in the public interest.

Accordingly, the King County Council ORDERED, pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ that a Cable System franchise is granted to Franchisee within the unincorporated portion of the County described in Appendix A, subject to the conditions set forth in the Franchise Agreement attached as Appendix B hereto. This Franchise grants the right, subject to conditions, to construct, operate and repair a Cable System in, over, along and under Rights-of-Way within the unincorporated portions of the County described in Appendix A for the purpose of providing cable services

- I. commencing on the Effective Date of this Franchise through and including July 31, 2033. This Franchise shall become effective when Franchisee and County have signed this Franchise, and the Franchise Agreement attached as Appendix B; and
- II. Franchisee has made all payments, posted all securities and supplied all information that it is required to supply prior to or upon the Effective Date of this Franchise.

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound
Broadband By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

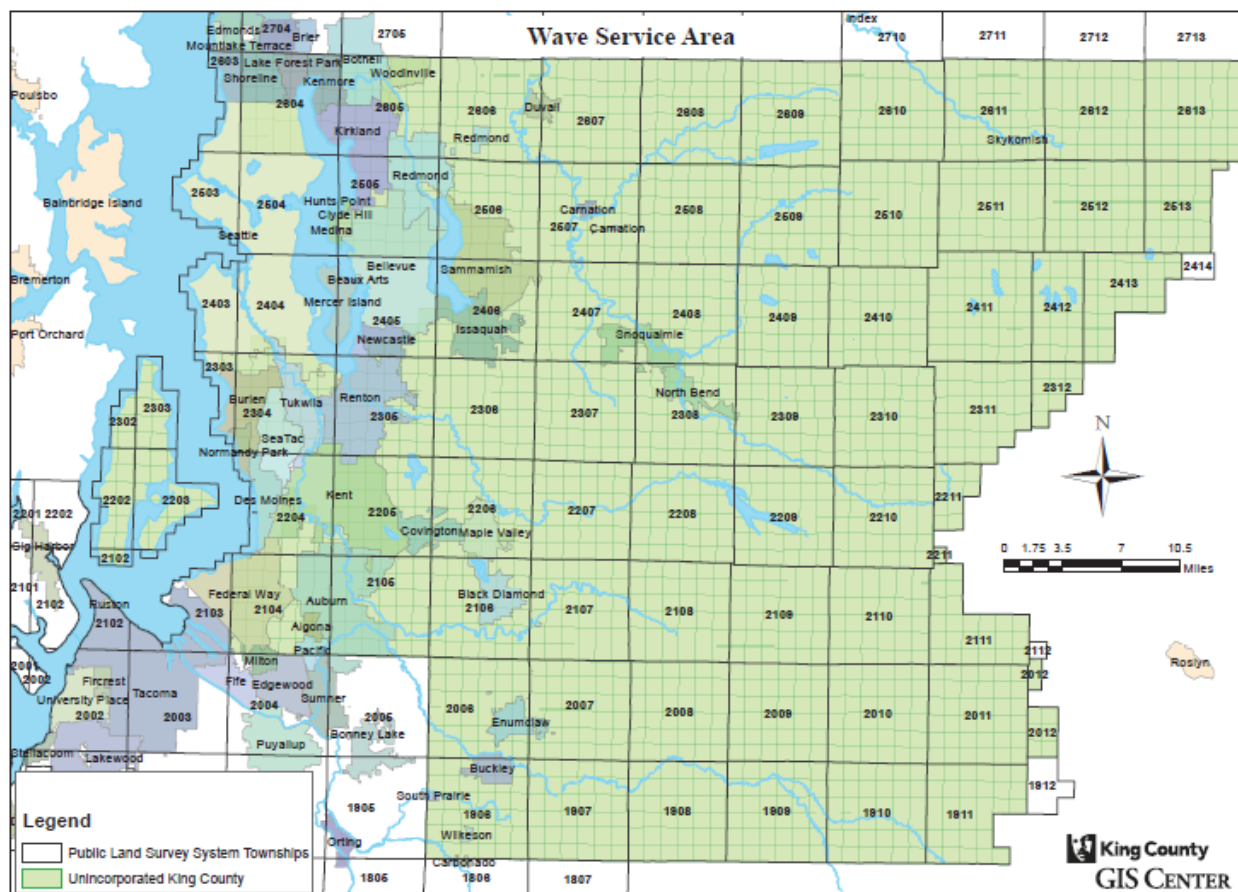
Appendix A

DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF FRANCHISE AREA

All those portions of unincorporated King County excluding all incorporated Cities located in the following Townships and Ranges:

Township 26, Ranges 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township, 25, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 24, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 23, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 22, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Township 21, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Township 20, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Township 19, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

The foregoing includes all sections within the described townships and ranges.



Appendix B

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC,
a Washington limited liability company
d/b/a Astound Broadband;

AND

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FOR

FRANCHISE NO. _____

WHEREAS, WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband (“Franchisee”), has asked King County, Washington (“County”) to renew the nonexclusive Franchise it holds to provide cable television and other services within the unincorporated part of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed Franchisee’s performance under Franchise No. 5602 (the “2013 Franchise”) and the quality of service during the 2013 Franchise term, has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the community, has considered the financial, technical and legal qualifications of Franchisee, and has determined that Franchisee’s plans for constructing, operating and maintaining its Cable System are adequate and reasonable, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all concerned; and

WHEREAS, based in part upon Franchisee’s representation and information, the County has determined that, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, renewal of Franchisee’s nonexclusive franchise is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to issue such a franchise, conditioned on, Franchisee, accepting the terms and conditions hereof; and

WHEREAS, Franchisee is willing to accept this Franchise subject to such terms and conditions and to abide by those terms and conditions:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, THE SIGNATORIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and provisions governing the interpretation of terms set forth in King County Code, Section 6.27A.010, shall govern this Franchise Agreement. References to any County official or office also refer to any official or office that succeeds to any or all of the responsibilities of the named official or office.

References to “laws” or “applicable laws” include federal, State and local laws and regulations adopted pursuant to those laws; unless otherwise stated, references to laws includes laws now in effect, as the same may be amended from time to time, and new laws. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) Affiliate. Another Person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, Franchisee.
- (b) Books and Records. Any recorded information relating to the Cable System or its management that is maintained by Franchisee in the ordinary course of business, including but not limited to information regarding construction, operation or repair of the Cable System and compliance with applicable law, in whatever form stored, including, but not limited to, electronic records and programs, and paper records.
- (c) Cable Ordinance. King County Code chapter 6.27A, as may be amended from time to time.
- (d) Cable Service. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).
- (e) Cable System. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(7), except that as used herein, it specifically refers to the Franchisee’s Cable System. The term is used to refer to the Cable System as a whole, or to any part of the Cable System within the Franchise Area, including equipment or facilities appurtenant thereto.
- (f) Channel. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).
- (g) Construct or Construction. Means work performed by the Franchisee, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors, and/or subcontractors to construct, reconstruct, install, reinstall, extend, align, realign, locate, relocate, underground, adjust, affix, attach, modify, improve, and/or remove all or any part of the Cable System.
- (h) [Reserved]
- (i) Day. Calendar day.
- (j) Effective Date. The date this Franchise Agreement shall become effective, which shall occur when: (i) Franchisee and County have signed this Franchise Agreement; and (ii) Franchisee has made all payments,

posted all securities and supplied all information that it is required to supply prior to or upon the Effective Date of this Franchise.

- (k) Franchise. The franchise granted to the Franchisee in this Franchise Agreement.
- (l) Franchise Agreement. This contract and any amendments, exhibits or appendices hereto.
- (m) Franchise Area. The area described in Exhibit A, Description and Map of Franchise Area.
- (n) Franchisee. WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband, and its lawful and permitted successors and assigns.
- (o) Gross Revenues. The annual gross revenue of the Franchisee or its Affiliates from all sources derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Franchise Area, calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), or any replacement standard that may be adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), applicable to Franchisee's treatment of revenues and expenses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County reserves the right to challenge Franchisee's calculation of Gross Revenues, including the use or interpretation of GAAP as promulgated and defined by the FASB.

Gross Revenues shall include, without limitation revenue from: 1) Cable Services; 2) Cable Services related equipment rentals, e.g. converters; 3) advertising revenues derived from sales of advertising that are made available to Franchisee's Subscribers as part of the Cable Services within the Franchise Area; 4) Cable Services installations; 5) sales occurring as a result of home shopping or similar Cable Services programming; 6) Leased Access Channels; 7) sales of Cable Services programming guides; and 8) fees, payments or other consideration paid by Cable Services programmers and commissions on advertising provided to Subscribers in the Franchise Area, and accounted for in accordance with GAAP. Gross Revenues shall not include any bad debt, refundable deposits, sales tax, excise tax, or other taxes or fees collected for direct pass-through to, or that Franchisee is obligated to collect and submit to, local, State or federal government. No portion of the capital grant in Section 16, whether passed through to Subscribers or not, shall be included in the term Gross Revenues.

Gross Revenues shall be determined without deduction for (1) any operating expense; (2) any accrual; or (3) any other expenditure, regardless of whether such expense, accrual or expenditure reflects a

cash payment, and revenue shall be counted only once in determining Gross Revenues. This definition shall be construed so as to include all Gross Revenues to the maximum extent permitted by federal and State law, except to the extent specifically excluded in this section, and encompasses revenues that may develop in the future, whether or not anticipated. If a statutory change in State or federal law or a decision of the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction expands or restricts the categories or sources of revenue available to the County for the Franchise Fee assessment beyond or within those permitted under this definition as of the Effective Date, that change shall automatically be included in the definition of Gross Revenues under this Franchise, provided that the County imposes the same requirement upon any other similarly situated cable operator over which the County has jurisdiction and authority to impose such fees.

- (p) Institutional Network or I-Net. The communication network described in Section 15 of this Franchise Agreement.
- (q) K.C.C. The King County Code.
- (r) Maintenance or Maintain. Means to examine, test, inspect, repair, maintain, relocate, and/or replace the existing Cable System or any part thereof as necessary for safe and normal operations and related activities, as performed by the Franchisee, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors and/or subcontractors, unless otherwise provided herein.
- (s) PEG. Public, educational, or governmental access.
- (t) PEG Channel(s). Channel(s) designated for public, educational, or governmental use.
- (u) Person(s). Any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation or limited liability company or limited liability partnership, or any other form of legal entity and any lawful trustee, successor, assignee, transferee or personal representative thereof.
- (v) Rights-of-Way. The surface of and the space along, above and below any street, road, highway, freeway, lane, sidewalk, alley, court, boulevard, parkway, drive, utility easement and road right-of-way now or hereafter held or administered by the County. It does not include recreational or nature trails, except where the trails intersect or are within roads, streets, avenues, alleys or highways.
- (w) State. The state of Washington.
- (x) Subscriber(s). A Person who lawfully receives Cable Services over the Cable System.

- (y) Subscriber Network. Refers to that portion of the Cable System used to provide Cable Services to Subscribers.

2. Grant of Authority; Term; Limits and Reservations.

- (a) Grant of Authority and Term. The Franchisee is hereby granted, subject to the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement and local, State and federal law, the right, privilege, and authority to Construct, Maintain and operate a Cable System within the Rights of Way within the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, and to provide a related Institutional Network for public, educational or governmental use (including, but not limited to, County governmental use). This Franchise shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years from the Effective Date unless otherwise terminated or extended by action of the County.

- (b) Scope of Franchise.

- (1) This Franchise is intended to convey to Franchisee limited rights and interests only as to those Rights-of-Way in which the County has an actual interest. It is not a warranty or title or interest in any Rights-of-Way; it does not provide the Franchisee any interest in any particular location within the Rights-of-Way; and it does not confer rights other than as expressly provided herein. This Franchise does not deprive the County of any powers, rights or privileges it now has or may later acquire in the future to use, perform work on or to regulate the use of and to control the County's Rights-of-Way covered by this Franchise, including without limitation the right to perform work on its roadways, Rights-of-Way or appurtenant drainage facilities, including constructing, altering, renewing, paving, widening, grading, blasting or excavating.
- (2) Whenever any of the County Rights-of-Way as designated in this Franchise, by reason of the subsequent incorporation of any town or city, or extension of the limits of any town or city by annexation, shall fall within town or city limits, this Franchise Agreement shall continue in full force and effect within the incorporated or annexed area, and may continue to be fully enforced by the County until such time as the incorporation or annexation is complete according to applicable State law. The completion of the incorporation or annexation shall not affect the County's interest in any I-Net or PEG facilities or equipment which may be located in the incorporated or annexed area.
- (3) Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall obligate the Franchisee to operate as a common carrier, and no application of Franchisee's facilities as utilized by the County will place the Franchisee within the regulation of a public utility by reason of such use.

- (c) Exercise of Authority under Franchise. This Franchise Agreement only authorizes Franchisee to engage in Cable Services in accordance with the Federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 521, et seq., as amended (“Cable Act”).
- (d) Activities of Affiliates. Franchisee promises and guarantees, as a condition of exercising the privileges granted by this Franchise, that any Affiliate of the Franchisee directly involved in offering Cable Services in the Franchise Area, or directly involved in managing or operating the Cable System in the Franchise Area will comply with the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement.
- (e) Nonexclusive Franchise. This Franchise is nonexclusive. Without limitation, the issuance of this Franchise shall not preclude the County from granting other or further franchises or permits; or preclude the County from using any Rights-of-Way or other public properties or easements of any sort, or affect its jurisdiction over them or any part of them; or limit the full power of the County to make such changes, as the County shall deem necessary, including without limitation the dedication, establishment, maintenance and improvement of all new Rights-of-Way and other public properties and easements.
- (f) Competitive Equity. The County reserves the right to grant one (1) or more additional franchises or similar lawful authorizations to provide Cable Services (“Additional Franchises”). If the County grants an Additional Franchise requiring Gross Revenue payments and support obligations for PEG and other material terms and conditions that, overall, are more favorable than those required under this Franchise, then, at the Franchisee’s request, this Franchise will be modified to provide similar terms and conditions on a per-Subscriber or Gross Revenue basis for that portion of the Franchise Area where the overlap occurs. In considering whether the Additional Franchise provides more favorable overall Gross Revenue payments and support obligations for PEG, all support provided for PEG and all fees required to be paid under the Additional Franchise shall be considered. No modification is required if terms are substantially the same in value on a per-Subscriber or Gross Revenues basis.
 - (1) The County is not required to make a modification to this Franchise, and this Section 2(f) shall not apply to an Additional Franchise:
 - (i) granted to a Person that is not subject to the same regulatory requirements as Franchisee, unless the County has clear authority to impose equivalent Gross Revenues payments and support obligations for PEG and other material terms and conditions; or
 - (ii) where the difference in treatment is required by local, state, or federal law governing the issuance of franchises.

- (2) Franchisee's rights under this Section 2(f) are prospective. Franchisee shall have no right to recoup monies already paid by Franchisee under this Franchise prior to any modification.
- (3) The County shall notify Franchisee of all applications for Additional Franchises that propose to serve the Franchise Area in whole or in part.
- (g) Relation to Cable Ordinance. The provisions of the Cable Ordinance, as may be amended by the County in the exercise of its police power, shall apply to this Franchise Agreement as if fully set forth in this Franchise Agreement, and the express terms of the Cable Ordinance will prevail over conflicting or inconsistent provisions in this Franchise Agreement unless this Franchise Agreement expresses an explicit intent to waive a requirement of the Cable Ordinance. The express provisions of this Franchise Agreement constitute a valid and enforceable contract between the parties. Neither party may take any unilateral action which materially changes the explicit performance promised in this Franchise Agreement.
- (h) Relation to Other Provisions of Law. This Franchise Agreement and all rights and privileges granted under this Franchise are subject to the County's police powers and applicable federal, State and local laws. This Franchise and the franchise fee paid hereunder are not in lieu of any other required permit, authorization, fee, charge or tax, unless expressly stated herein.
- (i) Relation to Prior Franchise. As of the Effective Date of this Franchise, the franchise previously held by the Franchisee is superseded and of no further force and effect (except for the Franchisee's obligation to pay the County any final quarterly franchise fee, which is paid in arrears). As of the Effective Date, the Franchisee represents that it is in compliance with its financial obligations of the prior franchise agreement.
- Franchisee hereby indemnifies the County against Franchisee's acts and omissions which occurred when the prior franchise was effective to the extent any claims related to such acts and omissions are not barred by the statute of limitations.
- (j) Effect of Grant. By granting this Franchise, the County acknowledges and agrees that it has the authority to issue this Franchise and did so pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with applicable law, and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.
- (k) Effect of Acceptance. By accepting this Franchise, the Franchisee: acknowledges and accepts the County's legal right to issue and enforce this Franchise; (2) accepts and agrees to comply with each and every provision of this Franchise Agreement; and (3) agrees that this Franchise

was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with applicable law, and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.

- (l) Franchisee Bears Its Own Costs. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Franchise Agreement, all acts the Franchisee is required to perform must be performed at the Franchisee's own expense.
- (m) No Waiver. The failure of the County or the Franchisee on one or more occasions to exercise a right or to require compliance or performance under this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance, or any other applicable law shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of compliance or performance, unless such right has been specifically waived in writing. Any waiver of a breach is not a waiver of any other breach, whether similar or different from that waived.
- (n) Suits for Damages Prohibited. The Franchisee shall be limited to injunctive or declaratory relief against the County or its elected officials, boards, commissions, agents or employees for any loss, costs, expenses, or damages arising out of any provision or requirement of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance because of the enforcement of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance, except to the extent such loss, costs, expenses, or damages are the result of the gross negligence or willful act or omission on the part of the County or its agents. The rights of the County under this provision are in addition to, and shall not be read to limit, any immunities the County may enjoy or rights which the Franchisee may enjoy under federal or State law. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this paragraph and the terms of the Cable Ordinance, the parties intend the provisions of this paragraph to prevail over the provisions of the Cable Ordinance, but only to the extent necessary to resolve the conflict.
- (o) External Costs. The Franchisee may itemize any external costs on Subscriber bills to the extent not prohibited by federal law. Notices of price changes by external costs shall be in accordance with the Cable Act.

3. Severability; Effect of Changes in Law.

- (a) Severability. In the event that a court or agency or legislature of competent jurisdiction acts or declares that any provision of this Franchise Agreement is unenforceable according to its terms, or otherwise void, said provision shall be considered a separate, distinct, and independent part of this Franchise Agreement, and such holding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of all other provisions hereof.
- (b) Effect of Change in Law. Except as provided in subsection 3(c) below, in the event that State or federal laws, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this Franchise Agreement, then 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 by law. In the event such State or federal law, rule, or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended, voided, 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 either party.

- (c) Notwithstanding subsection 3(b) above, the Franchisee will maintain at its cost the fiber optic Institutional Network at the ten facilities designated in Section 15(c) and provide the free cable services at the facilities designated in Section 15(d) The Franchisee must provide at least one hundred twenty (120) days' prior written notice to the Cable Office if it intends to invoke its right consistent with applicable law to charge for such maintenance or free cable services so that the County may make an informed decision as to whether to continue to receive such maintenance or services and/or take any other such steps as may be appropriate under applicable law. Such notice shall document the proposed offset or services charges calculated consistent with applicable law. The foregoing applies only to the extent applicable law allows such maintenance or free cable services to be offset against franchise fees. In the event that the applicable law provides that the County may require such maintenance services or cable services at no charge, or at a lower charge, then the County may request the same be provided in accordance with this paragraph, upon no less than one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice to the Franchisee.

4. Transfers.

- (a) The Cable System and this Franchise shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, leased or disposed of, either in whole or in part, either by involuntary sale or by voluntary sale, merger or consolidation to any Person ("Transfer"); nor shall there be a change in, transfer of, or acquisition of control of Franchisee by any other Person ("Change in Control"); nor shall title to the Cable System and this Franchisee, either legal or equitable, or any right, interest or property therein pass to or vest in any Person without the prior written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
- (b) The word "Control" as used in this section is not limited to majority stock ownership but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.
- (c) Franchisee shall promptly notify the Cable Office of any actual or proposed Transfer or Change in Control. Every Transfer or Change in Control, except as set forth in Section 4(i), shall make this Franchise subject to termination unless and until the County shall have consented

thereto, by ordinance, except as otherwise provided under the Cable Ordinance or applicable state or federal law or regulation.

- (d) Applications for Transfer or Change in Control shall be considered in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations governing cable system transfer applications. The parties to the Transfer or Change in Control shall make a written request to the Cable Office for its approval of the Transfer or Change in Control and shall furnish all information required by law to be submitted to the County with the application.
- (e) In seeking the County's consent to any Transfer or Change in Control, the proposed transferee or controlling Person shall include in its application a statement that it will comply with this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance and applicable law, and indicate whether, as applicable, it:
 - (1) Has ever been convicted or held liable for acts involving deceit including any violation of federal, State or local law, or is currently under an indictment, investigation or complaint charging such acts;
 - (2) Has ever had a judgment in an action for fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation entered against it by any court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (3) Has pending any material legal claim, lawsuit, or administrative proceeding arising out of or involving a Cable System;
 - (4) Is financially solvent, by submitting financial data, including financial information as required by FCC Form 394; and
 - (5) Has the legal, financial and technical capability to enable it to maintain and operate the Cable System for the remaining term of this Franchise.
- (f) In reviewing a request related to a Transfer or Change in Control, the County may inquire into matters including but not limited to the following (it being understood the scope of such inquiry shall be consistent with federal laws and regulations):
 - (1) The ability of the prospective controlling Person or transferee to perform.
 - (2) The legal, technical and financial qualification of the prospective controlling Person or transferee, including but not limited to the controlling Person or transferee's agreement to assume responsibility for and cure any violations or defaults under this Franchise.
 - (3) The effect of the Transfer or Change of Control on Subscribers and on the County.

- (4) Whether the Franchisee is in compliance with its obligations under this Franchise and applicable law.
- (g) Franchisee, prospective transferee and prospective controlling Person shall promptly respond to all reasonable requests of information so that the County may complete its review within the time period specified in this Section 4(g). Failure to do so shall be deemed a tolling of the application. The County shall act by ordinance on the request within the time required by 47 U.S.C. §537 unless the requesting party and the County agree to an extension of time. Any determination by the County with respect to a Transfer or Change of Control shall be made solely in accordance with applicable law.
- (h) Within sixty (60) Days of closing of any Transfer or Change in Control, if approved or deemed granted by the County, Franchisee shall file with the Cable Office a copy of the deed(s), agreement(s), lease(s) or other written instrument(s) evidencing such Transfer or Change in Control, certified and sworn to as correct by Franchisee and the transferee or new controlling Person. In the case of a Transfer or Change in Control, the transferee or the new controlling Person shall upon request by the County file its written acceptance agreeing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Franchise, the Cable Ordinance, and applicable law.
- (i) The prior approval of the County shall not be required for any:
 - (1) Transfer of ownership or other interest in this Franchise or Cable System or any Change in Control of the Franchisee in connection with an internal reorganization or internal merger to a direct or indirect parent, subsidiary or Affiliate under common control with the Franchisee where there is no direct or indirect change in the control of the ultimate parent, so long as (in each case as reasonably determined by the County):
 - (i) the County is notified of the proposed transfer no later than thirty (30) Days prior to the transfer of ownership or other interest;
 - (ii) the transferee or any resulting controlling Person shall insure that insurance coverage and all other commitments under this Franchise Agreement continue in force and without interruption and provide evidence to the same of the County no later than thirty (30) Days prior to the proposed transfer; and
 - (iii) there is no increased risk of liability to the County or nonperformance of the terms of this Franchise.

- (2) Mortgage or similar hypothecation for the purpose of financing without the consent of the County; provided that such pledge of assets shall not impair or mitigate Franchisee's responsibilities and capabilities to meet all of its obligations under the provisions of this Franchise and do not result in a Transfer of the Franchise or Cable System or a Change in Control.
- (j) The consent or approval of the County to any Transfer or Change in Control shall not constitute a waiver or release of any rights of the County.

5. Franchise Fee.

- (a) Payment to County. As compensation for use of Rights-of-Way for the offering of Cable Services, the Franchisee shall pay the County a franchise fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues.
- (b) Not in Lieu of Any Other Assessments, Tax or Fee. The franchise fee is in addition to all other fees, assessments, taxes or payments that this Franchisee may be required to pay under any federal, State, or local law, subject to any limitations set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 542.
- (c) Payments. Franchise fees shall be paid quarterly in arrears within one (1) month of the end of each calendar quarter, which shall end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of every year. In the event that a franchise fee payment or other sum due is not subject to good faith dispute and not received by the County on or before the date due, or is underpaid, the Franchisee shall pay in addition to the payment, or sum due, interest from the due date at a rate equal to the maximum rate permitted under State law, compounded daily.
- (d) No Accord or Satisfaction. No acceptance of any payment by the County shall be construed as a release or an accord and satisfaction of any claim the County may have for further or additional sums payable as a franchise fee under the Cable Ordinance or for the performance of any other obligation of the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall be released of further responsibility for any unclaimed past or undue franchise fees for a particular calendar year following the agreed resolution of a County financial audit or financial review of Franchisee's books and records related to payments for that year or years.
- (e) Payment on Termination. If this Franchise terminates for any reason, the Franchisee shall file with the County within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the date of the termination, a financial statement, certified by an independent certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by the Franchisee since the end of the previous fiscal year. The County reserves the right to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of the Franchisee to the County by utilizing the funds available in a letter of credit, and/or other security provided by the Franchisee.

6. Notices.

- (a) Any notice required or permitted to be given to the parties under this Franchise may be sent to the following addresses unless otherwise specified, with courtesy copies to be remitted via email:

KING COUNTY:

King County Office of Information Technology
Attn: King County Office of Cable Communications
King County Chinook Building
401 Fifth Avenue Suite 700
Seattle, Washington 98104
Email: cableoffice@kingcounty.gov
Phone: (206) 263-7880

FRANCHISEE:

WaveDivision I, LLC
900 Lenora St. Suite 140
Seattle, WA 98121
Attn: Jared Sonne, SVP/GM, West Region
Email: jared.sonne@astound.com

With a copy to:

WaveDivision I, LLC
650 College Road East, Suite 3100
Princeton, NJ 08540
Email: legal@astound.com

- (b) Notices shall be sent by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, or by reliable overnight courier to the addresses listed above, unless different addresses shall be designated in writing and delivered to the other party. Notices shall be deemed to have been given and received upon delivery receipt, or within three (3) business days of deposit in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, with first class postage prepaid.

7. Insurance Requirements.

- (a) The Franchisee shall procure and maintain for the term of this Franchise (and any extensions thereafter), insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from, or in connection with any Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise by the Franchisee or the Franchisee's agents, representatives, employees, or contractor(s). Upon request of the County, the Franchisee shall furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements from each of its contractors operating for or on behalf of Franchisee in the Franchise Area, as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Franchise.

- (b) The Franchisee is responsible for ensuring compliance with all the insurance requirements stated herein. Failure by the Franchisee or its contractors to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein shall constitute a default of this Franchise.
- (c) Each insurance policy shall be written on an “occurrence” basis/form; excepting insurance for professional liability (errors and omissions) and/or pollution liability. Professional liability (errors and omissions) or pollution liability required by this Franchise is acceptable on a “claims made” basis/form. If any insurance required under this Franchise is purchased on a “claims made” basis/form, the coverage provided under that insurance shall be maintained through: (i) consecutive policy renewals for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise or, if such renewals are unavailable, (ii) the purchase of a tail/extended reporting period for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise. All insurance written on a “claims made” basis/form must have its policy inception or retroactive date be no later than the Effective Date of the Franchise, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County’s Risk Management Office.
- (d) Nothing contained within these insurance requirements shall be deemed to limit the scope, application, and/or limits of the coverage afforded, which coverage will apply to each insured to the full extent provided by the terms and conditions of the policy(ies). Nothing contained in this provision shall affect and/or alter the application of any other provision contained within this Franchise.
- (e) Risk Assessment by the Franchisee: By requiring such minimum insurance, the County does not and shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risks that may be applicable to the Franchisee or its contractors under this Franchise, or in any way limit County’s potential recovery to insurance limits required hereunder. To the contrary, this Franchise’s insurance requirements may not in any way be construed as limiting any potential liability to the County or the County’s potential recovery from the Franchisee or its contractors. The Franchisee and its contractors shall assess their own risks and if they deem appropriate and/or prudent, maintain greater limits and/or broader coverage.
- (f) Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance Coverage shall be at least as broad as and with limits not less than the following:
 - (1) General Liability:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and property damage.

Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CG 00 01. Such insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to, premises liability, products- completed operations, ongoing operations, and contractual liability. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy and satisfy all other requirements applicable to liability insurance including but not limited to additional insured status for the County. Explosion & Collapse, Underground Damage (XCU) shall apply for the same limits as the General Liability coverage.

(2) Automobile Liability:

\$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CA 00 01 covering business auto coverage, symbol 1 “any auto”; or the appropriate coverage provided by symbols 2, 7, 8, or 9. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy.

(3) Pollution Liability:

Coverage in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence/claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate to cover sudden and non-sudden bodily injury and/or property damage, to include the destruction of tangible property, loss of use, clean-up costs, and the loss of use of tangible property that has not been physically injured or destroyed. If asbestos, lead, or PCBs are a potential exposure, such insurance shall not exclude pollution arising out of asbestos, lead, and/or PCB operations.

(4) Workers’ Compensation:

Workers’ Compensation coverage, as required by the Industrial Insurance Act of the State of Washington, as well as any similar coverage required for this work by applicable law.

(5) Employers Liability or “Stop Gap”:

Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and shall be at least as broad as the indemnification protection provided by the Workers’ Compensation policy Part 2 (Employers Liability)

or, in states with monopolistic state funds, the protection provided by the “Stop Gap” endorsement to the general liability policy.

- (g) Minimum Limits of Insurance - Construction Period: Prior to commencement of Construction and until Construction is complete and approved by the parties, the Franchisee shall cause its contractor(s) to procure and maintain insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from, or in connection with the activities related to this Franchise. The Franchisee and the County shall be named as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits, on liability policies except Workers’ Compensation and Professional Liability.

The County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents are not responsible for payment of the cost of such insurance. The Franchisee’s contractor(s) shall maintain coverage and limits no less than the following:

- (1) Commercial General Liability: \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CG 00 01. Such insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to, premises liability, Products-Completed Operations, ongoing operations, and contractual liability. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy and satisfy all other requirements applicable to liability insurance including but not limited to additional insured status for County. Explosion & Collapse, Underground Damage (XCU) shall apply for the same limits as the General Liability coverage.
- (2) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CA 00 01 covering business auto coverage, symbol 1 “any auto”; or the appropriate coverage provided by symbols 2, 7, 8, or 9. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy.
- (3) Contractor’s Pollution Liability Coverage: Coverage in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence/claim and in the aggregate to cover sudden and non-sudden bodily injury and/or property damage, to include the destruction of tangible property, loss of use, clean-up costs, and the loss of use of tangible property that has not been physically injured or destroyed. If asbestos, lead, or PCBs

are a potential exposure, such insurance shall not exclude pollution arising out of asbestos, lead, and/or PCB operations.

- (4) **Workers' Compensation:** Workers' Compensation coverage, as required by the Industrial Insurance Act of the State of Washington, as well as any similar coverage required for this work by applicable federal or "Other States" state law, or the statutory requirements of the state of residency.
- (5) **Employers Liability or "Stop Gap":** Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and shall be at least as broad as the indemnification provided by the Workers' Compensation policy Part 2 (Employers Liability) or, in states with monopolistic state funds, the protection provided by the "Stop Gap" endorsement to the general liability policy.
- (h) **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions:** Any deductible and/or self-insured retention of the policy(s) shall not in any way limit the County's right to coverage under the required insurance, or to the Franchisee's or any contractor's liability to the County, and shall in all instances be the sole responsibility of the Franchisee and its contractor(s), even if no claim has actually been made or asserted against the Franchisee or its contractor(s).
- (i) **Other Insurance Provisions:** The insurance policies required in this Franchise shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - (1) **All Liability Policies except Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) and Workers' Compensation.**
 - (i) The County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents shall be covered as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits, as respects liability arising out of ongoing and completed Construction, Maintenance, operations, or any work or any other activities performed by or on behalf of the Franchisee or its agents, representatives, employees, or contractor(s) in connection with this Franchise. Additional insured status shall include Products-Completed Operations.
 - (2) **With respect to all liability policies (except Workers' Compensation):**
 - (i) Coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officials, officers, employees, and agents. Any insurance and/or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, officers, employees, or agents shall not contribute with the Franchisee's or any contractor's

insurance or benefit the Franchisee its contractor(s), or their respective insurers in any way.

(ii) Insurance shall expressly state that it applies separately to each insured and additional insured against whom a claim is made and/or lawsuit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

(3) All Policies: Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled until after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the County. In the event of said cancellation or intent not to renew, the Franchisee shall obtain and furnish to the County evidence of replacement insurance policies meeting the requirements of this Section by the cancellation date. Failure to provide proof of insurance could result in revocation or termination of the Franchise.

(j) Acceptability of Insurers: insurance is to be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best rating of no less than A:VII, or, if not rated with A.M. Best, with minimum surpluses the equivalent of A.M. Best surplus size VIII. Professional Liability, Errors, and Omissions insurance may be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best rating of B+:VII.

If, at any time, the foregoing policies shall fail to meet the above requirements, the Franchisee shall promptly obtain a new policy, and shall submit appropriate certificates and endorsements, to the County.

(k) Verification of Coverage: Prior to the execution of this Franchise, the Franchisee shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and endorsements certifying the issuance of all insurance required by this Franchise. All evidence of insurance shall be signed by a properly authorized officer, agent, general agent, or qualified representative of the insurer(s), shall set forth the name of the insured(s), the type and amount of insurance, the location and operations to which the insurance applies, the inception and expiration dates, and shall specify the form number of any endorsements issued to satisfy this Franchise's insurance requirements.

Upon request of the County, and within five (5) business days, the Franchisee must provide copies of any renewal certificates of insurance and endorsements. In the event of a claim, the Franchisee must provide complete copies of all required insurance policies, which may be redacted of confidential or proprietary information. The County's receipt or acceptance of the Franchisee's or its contractor's evidence of insurance at any time without comment or objection, or the County's failure to request certified copies of such insurance, does not waive, alter, modify, or invalidate any of the insurance requirements set forth in this Section or, consequently, constitute County's acceptance of the adequacy of the Franchisee's or any contractor's insurance or preclude or prevent any

action by County against the Franchisee for breach of the requirements of this Section.

- (l) **Contractors:** The Franchisee shall include all contractors as insured under its policies or, alternatively, the Franchisee must require each of its contractors to procure and maintain appropriate and reasonable insurance coverage and insurance limits to cover each of the contractor's liabilities given the scope of work and the services being provided herein. All liability insurance policies (except Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation) provided by the contractor(s) must name the County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits. The Franchisee is obligated to require and verify that all contractors maintain insurance and ensure that the County is covered as additional insured. Upon request by the County, and within five (5) business days, the Franchisee must provide evidence of contractor(s)' Insurance coverage (including endorsements).

- (m) **Insurance Review:** In consideration of the duration of this Franchise, the parties agree that the Insurance Section herein, at the discretion of the County Risk Manager, may be reviewed and reasonably adjusted with each amendment and within ninety (90) days of the end of the first five (5) year period of the term of this Franchise and the end of each successive five (5) year period thereafter. Any adjustments made as determined by the County Risk Manager, shall be in accordance with reasonably prudent risk management practices and insurance industry standards and shall be effective on the first day of each successive five (5) year period.

Adjustment, if any, in insurance premium(s) shall be the responsibility of the Franchisee. Any failure by the County to exercise the right to review and adjust at any of the aforementioned timings shall not constitute a waiver of future review and adjustment timings.

- (n) The Franchisee shall furnish the County with original certificates and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to the additional insured endorsements, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Franchisee or its contractor(s) before commencement of any Construction, Maintenance, operations, or any work or any other activities associated with this Franchise.

- (o) In satisfaction of the insurance requirements set forth in this Section, the Franchisee may maintain a fully-funded self-insurance program for its liability exposures in this Franchise, which is consistent with good utility practice. The Franchisee agrees to provide the County with a letter of self-insurance as adequate proof of coverage. If the Franchisee decides to no longer maintain a self-insurance program for its liabilities, the Franchisee must promptly notify the County and provide certificates of

insurance and corresponding endorsements evidencing the insurance requirements in this Franchise have been satisfied.

8. Condition of Franchise Area.

- (a) Franchisee accepts the Franchise Area in an “as-is with all faults” basis with any and all patent and latent defects in effect as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement, and is not relying on and shall not rely upon any representation or warranties, express or implied, of any kind whatsoever from King County as to any matters concerning the Franchise Area whether made prior to the Effective Date or afterwards, including, but not limited to: the physical condition of the Franchise Area; zoning status; presence and location of existing utilities; operating history; compliance by the Franchise Area with environmental laws or other laws and other requirements applicable to the Franchise Area; the presence of any hazardous substances or wetlands, asbestos, or other environmental conditions in, on, under, or in proximity to the Franchise Area; the condition or existence of any of the above ground or underground structures or improvements, including tanks and transformers in, on or under the Franchise Area; the condition of title to the Franchise Area, and the leases, easements, franchises, orders, licensees, or other agreements, affecting the Franchise Area.
- (b) King County hereby disclaims any representation or warranty, whether expressed or implied, as to the design or condition of the Franchise Area, its merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, the quality of the material or workmanship of Rights-of-Way, or the conformity of any part of the Rights-of-Way to its intended uses. King County shall not be responsible to Franchisee or any of Franchisee’s contractors for any damages to any of them relating to the design, condition, quality, safety, merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose of any part of the Rights-of-Way present on or constituting any Franchise Area, or the conformity of any such property to its intended uses.

9. Indemnification.

- (a) To the extent permitted by law, and except for matters arising out of the County’s sole negligence, Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the County, and its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees, against any and all claims, including but not limited to third-party claims, suits, causes of action, proceedings, and judgments for damages or equitable relief arising out of the Construction, Maintenance or operation of its Cable System, or in any way arising out of the Franchisee’s enjoyment or exercise of its Franchise, regardless of whether the act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed, or prohibited by this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance.

Without limiting in any way the Franchisee's obligation to indemnify the County and its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees as set forth above, this indemnity provision applies to, but is not limited to, expenses for reasonable legal fees (except for County in-house legal fees not relating to litigation), disbursements incurred by the County, and liabilities as follows:

- (1) To persons or property, in any way arising out of or through the acts or omissions of the Franchisee, its officers, employees, or agents, or to which the Franchisee's negligence shall in any way contribute;
 - (2) Arising out of any claim or invasions of the right of privacy, for defamation of any person, firm or corporation, for the violation or infringement of any copyright, trademark, trade name, service mark, or patent, or a failure by the Franchisee to secure consents from the owners or authorized distributors of programs to be delivered by the Cable System, or for violation of any other right of any person, excluding claims arising out of or relating to programming provided by the County; and
 - (3) Arising out of Franchisee's failure to comply with the provisions of any federal, State or local statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the Franchisee with respect to any aspect of its business to which the Cable Ordinance and/or this Franchise Agreement apply.
- (b) Duty to Give Notice and Tender Defense. The County shall give the Franchisee timely written notice of the making 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 County or any other indemnified party shall tender the defense thereof to the Franchisee and the Franchisee shall have the right and duty to either defend, settle or compromise any claims arising hereunder and the County shall cooperate fully therein.
- (c) Additional Indemnifications. The County may require Franchisee to execute specific and additional indemnifications in connection with issuing any permits related to performance under this Franchise Agreement.

10. Letter of Credit and Performance Bond.

- (a) Letter of Credit.
- (1) Amount. As of the Effective Date, Franchisee shall provide to the County and shall maintain for the term of the Franchise Agreement a letter of credit as security for the faithful performance by the Franchisee of this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance and

applicable federal, State, and local laws. The letter of credit shall be in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and meet the following requirements:

- (i) Be issued by a bank licensed to do and doing business in the State and acceptable to the County;
- (ii) Be irrevocable and in a form reasonably acceptable to the County;
- (iii) Provide for automatic renewal of the letter unless the bank has given the Cable Office written notice by certified mail at least thirty (30) Days prior to expiration of the letter;
- (iv) Provide that the County may draw against the letter for any reason and at any time;
- (v) Provide that, after termination of this Franchise, the County may draw against the letter and hold the funds in escrow:
 - a. If the County has filed an action;
 - b. If the County has issued a written notice and order or sought to draw against the letter prior to termination and Franchisee has contested the action or appealed the notice and order.

- (2) Use. The County may draw on the letter of credit to ensure the Franchisee's faithful performance of and compliance with this Franchise Agreement, applicable law, and all orders and permits of the County. This may include, without limitation, if Franchisee fails to pay the County any fees or taxes due, liquidated damages, damages, costs or expenses incurred by the County by reason of any act or default of the Franchisee, or if Franchisee fails to comply with any provisions of this Franchise Agreement, applicable law or with any order or permit of the County, which failure the County determines can be remedied by an expenditure from the letter of credit. The County shall notify the Franchisee of the amount and date of the withdrawal. The County shall comply with K.C.C. 6.27A.230 of the Cable Ordinance.

Franchisee's recourse, in the event Franchisee believes any taking of funds is improper, shall be through legal action after the security has been drawn upon. If County's action or taking is found to be improper by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, Franchisee shall be entitled to a refund of the funds plus interest and/or any other specific performance which such court or agency shall order.

- (3) Restoration of Funds. Within thirty (30) Days after the County gives Franchisee written notice that an amount has been withdrawn from the letter of credit, the Franchisee must deposit a sum of money sufficient to restore the letter of credit to the original amount.
 - (4) Effect of Assessment for Liquidated Damages. If the County draws on the letter of credit in an amount exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for violations relating to the liquidated damages provision of this Franchise Agreement and Franchisee believes that such assessment is improper, County and Franchisee may mutually agree that the assessment shall be subject to mediation before pursuing any legal remedies otherwise available.
 - (5) Return of Funds. If this Franchise terminates for any reason, or the Franchisee has ceased to provide service in the County, the letter of credit may be terminated upon the earlier of (x) the date of any written confirmation by the County that the Franchisee does not owe funds to the County, and (y) the date that is one (1) year after such termination of the Franchise provided that County does not at such time have any claim pending against the letter of credit.
- (b) Franchise Performance Bond. As of the Effective Date, Franchisee shall post a performance bond in the form attached as Exhibit C in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to ensure performance under this Franchise Agreement. The bond shall be executed by a duly licensed surety registered with the Washington State Insurance Commissioner, and the surety shall appear in the current Authorized Insurance Company list in the State published by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The surety shall designate an attorney-in-fact in the State. The County may require the surety to appear and qualify upon any bond. All duties and obligations of the principal as set forth in the performance bond are hereby incorporated as duties of the Franchisee under this Franchise Agreement as though fully set forth herein. This bond is not in lieu of bonds that may be required in connection with the issuance of Right-of-Way permits by the County.

11. Liquidated Damages.

- (a) Amounts. Because the Franchisee's failure to comply with provisions of this Franchise Agreement will result in injury to the County, and because it will be difficult to estimate the extent of such injury, the County and the Franchisee agree that liquidated damages may be assessed against the Franchisee for the violations specified below. These damages represent both parties' best estimate of the damages resulting from the specified injury. The liquidated damages amounts are in 2024 dollars and shall be increased each year by the increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

- (1) For failure to extend a service line as required: \$2.00/Day for each affected potential Subscriber requesting service for each Day the violation continues;
 - (2) For failure to provide any capability for PEG use of the Cable System required in this Franchise: \$20 for each violation for each Day the violation continues;
 - (3) For failure to maintain a local office as required by the Cable Ordinance: \$940 per month;
 - (4) For deliberate failure to supply information, reports, or filings required by the County pursuant to this Franchise Agreement or applicable law: \$90/Day for each violation for each Day the violation continues;
 - (5) For violation of each federal quarterly customer service standards: \$940 for the first violation; \$1,850 for any violation within twelve (12) months after the first violation; and \$3,700 for any violation within twelve (12) months after the second or any subsequent violation; and
 - (6) For all other material violations of this Franchise Agreement, including County customer service standards, for which actual damages may not be ascertainable: \$100/Day for each violation for each Day the violation continues. For violations of customer service standards under Section 11(a)(1) or (a)(6) the County hereby elects to have those damages credited to the affected Subscribers, and Franchisee agrees to do so.
- (b) Each violation of the provisions enumerated in Section 11(a) shall be considered a separate violation for which separate liquidated damages can be imposed. Subject to the procedures in Section 11(c), any liquidated damages for any given violation may be imposed upon Franchisee by the County for a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) Days after the Franchisee receives notification of the violation, and may be recovered by the County by drawing upon any security; provided however, in no event shall Franchisee's aggregate liability for any liquidated damages exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000) in any calendar year. If after that amount of time Franchisee has not cured, or commenced to cure, the alleged breach to the satisfaction of the County, the County may pursue all other remedies. Additional liquidated damages may be assessed for a specific breach if a court or agency of competent jurisdiction determines that the Franchisee was in breach of a specific obligation for a period longer than any period for which liquidated damages have been already recovered for the same breach. The foregoing procedures apply to instances where the County chooses to assess liquidated damages prior to seeking damages from a court or

agency of competent jurisdiction, but does not limit the County's right to commence an action with a court or agency of competent jurisdiction at any time.

(c) Date of Violation, Notice and Opportunity to Cure.

- (1) Prior to assessing any liquidated damages, the County shall notify Franchisee in writing stating with reasonable particularity the provision or provisions the County believes Franchisee may have been in default of, and the details of any alleged default relating thereto.
- (2) Franchisee shall have forty-five (45) Days from the date of written notice: (1) to respond to the County, contesting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (2) to cure such default; or (3) in the event 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 County of the steps being taken and the projected date that the cure will be completed.
- (3) If the County, in its sole reasonable discretion, determines that the response, the cure, or the proposed cure is adequate, it shall not assess liquidated damages.

Otherwise, the County may assess liquidated damages at any time after the forty-five (45) Day period has passed, retroactive to the date of violation, or such other later date as the County specifies, but subject to the limits stated in Section 11(b).

- (4) If Franchisee fails to comply with a cure plan in any material respect, the County may impose liquidated damages without further notice and opportunity to cure, and such damages shall not be subject to the limits in Section 11(b).
- (5) The requirements of this Section 11(c) do not apply to liquidated damages assessed under Section 11(a)(5), nor do they apply in the case of repeated violations or willful violations. In such cases liquidated damages may be assessed at any time the County determines a violation subject to this Section 11 has occurred.

(d) Effect on Duty to Comply. The collection of liquidated damages by the County shall in no respect affect:

- (1) Compensation owed to Subscribers; or
- (2) The Franchisee's obligation to comply with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement or applicable law.

- (e) Relationship of Remedies. Nothing in this Section 11 shall affect the County's rights in Section 20.

12. Non-Discrimination.

- (a) Non-Discrimination Among Subscribers.

The Franchisee shall comply with all applicable local, State and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, including without limitation, laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in the provision of Cable Services. Subject to such laws:

- (1) The Franchisee is specifically prohibited from denying Cable Service or discriminating against any Subscriber, access programmer, or resident on the basis of age, ancestry, creed, color, marital status, national origin, race, religious affiliation, political affiliation, income, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability or use of a service or assistive animal by a Person with a disability, or taking any retaliatory action against a Person because of that Person's exercise of any right it may have under federal, State, or local law nor may the Franchisee require a Person to waive such rights as a condition of taking Cable Services.
- (2) The Franchisee is specifically prohibited in the provision of Cable Services from denying access or levying different rates and charges for Cable Services on any group of potential residential cable Subscribers because of the income of the residents of the local area in which such group resides.
- (3) To the extent the County may enforce such a requirement, the Franchisee is specifically prohibited in the provision of Cable Services from discriminating in its rates or charges for Cable Services or from granting undue preferences to any Subscriber, potential Subscriber, or group of Subscribers or potential Subscribers. The Franchisee may, however, offer temporary, bona fide promotional discounts in order to attract or maintain Subscribers, so long as such discounts are offered on a non-discriminatory basis to similar classes of Subscribers throughout the Franchise Area; and the Franchisee may offer special discounted rates for the basic and other regulated service tiers to economically disadvantaged Subscribers who receive federal Supplemental Security Income assistance, and such other discounts as it is expressly entitled to provide under federal law, if such discounts are applied in a uniform and consistent manner.
- (4) The Franchisee may request in writing, and the County may grant, temporary authority to the Franchisee for periods not to exceed

twenty-four (24) months to offer specifically identified services, packages and combinations of services to selected groups of Subscribers at terms and conditions not generally available to all Subscribers. The County may refuse to grant this waiver unless it is persuaded upon sufficient showing by the Franchisee that the temporary authority will be used solely to offer services on an experimental or test market basis, and that the services will either be withdrawn at the conclusion of the test or will be made generally available to all Subscribers in a uniform, consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

(b) No Discrimination.

- (1) Franchisee shall fully comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. These laws include but are not limited to, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Chapter 49.60 of the Revised Code of Washington, as amended, King County Charter Section 840, and Chapters 12.16 and 12.18 of the King County Code, as amended.
- (2) During the performance of this Franchise Agreement, neither Franchisee nor any party subcontracting under the authority of this Franchise Agreement shall discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, creed, color, marital status, national origin, race, religious affiliation, political affiliation, income, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or physical or mental disability or use of a service or assistive animal by a Person with a disability, against any employee or applicant for employment, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification, or in the administration or delivery of services or any other benefit under this Franchise Agreement.
- (3) The Franchisee and any party subcontracting under the authority of this Franchise Agreement shall undertake equal employment opportunity efforts to ensure that applicants and employees are treated, without regard to their sex, race, color, marital status, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, status as a family caregiver, military status or status as a veteran who was honorably discharged or who was discharged solely as a result of the person's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification. The Franchisee's equal employment opportunity efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. The Franchisee agrees to post in conspicuous

places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth this non-discrimination clause.

- (4) If Franchisee engages in unfair employment practices as defined in King County Code Chapter 12.18, as amended, the remedies set forth in that Chapter, as amended, shall apply.

13. Rates

- (a) Rates and Charges for Regulated Services. The County may regulate the Franchisee's rates and charges to the extent allowed by applicable law.
- (b) Manner of Regulation. Without limiting the foregoing, and except as inconsistent with applicable law,
 - (1) The County may require the Franchisee to submit to the County the rates in effect on the date this Franchise is issued.
 - (2) The Franchisee may not change a rate or charge that is subject to the County's regulation without the County's prior approval, except as federal law otherwise provides.
- (c) Rate Schedules. The Franchisee must provide a rate card to the Cable Office on the Effective Date of the Franchise Agreement, and at least annually thereafter, or, if more frequently, whenever its published rates change. The Franchisee must update the rate card so that the schedule of rates and charges is current. In accordance with federal law, the Franchisee must give a minimum of thirty (30) Days prior notice before changing any rate or charge. Franchisee may satisfy its obligation to provide a rate card by posting its rates on a website generally available via the Internet. Notice to the County of any changes to the schedule of rates and charges shall remain as required in this subsection.
- (d) Experimental Cable Services. Subject to Section 12(a), the Franchisee may conduct testing of experimental Cable Services to particular regions of the County without making the service generally available throughout the County.

14. Customer Service.

The Franchisee shall meet or exceed any customer service standards adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, and, to the extent the same are stricter or address different matters, customer service standards set forth in the Cable Ordinance. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement limits any rights the County or Franchisee may have under 47 U.S.C. § 552.

15. System Facilities, Equipment and Services.

- (a) System Capabilities. At all times, the Franchisee shall maintain its cable system infrastructure to a minimum bandwidth of 750 MHz capacity. Active and passive devices shall be two-way, capable of passing a minimum of 750 MHz and delivering high-quality digital and/or Internet protocol (IP) video signals meeting or exceeding FCC technical quality standards. Cable System nodes shall be designed for future segmentation as necessary to maximize shared bandwidth.
- (b) Other Cable System Characteristics. In addition:
- (1) The Cable System shall use equipment generally used in high-quality, reliable, redundant, modern systems of similar design.
 - (2) Each hub shall have adequate ventilation and space reserved such that the hub meets or exceeds applicable design and technical requirements and reasonably accommodates equipment for the County. Upon thirty (30) Days' written notice to the Franchisee the County shall be allowed to use without charge space in the amount of one (1) rack and power in the Franchisee's hub, located in Duvall, so long as the Franchisee maintains the hub as a technical facility.
 - (3) The Cable System shall meet the technical specifications for end-of-line performance as described in Exhibit B for all areas served unless otherwise approved by the County.
 - (4) All closed-caption programming retransmitted by the System Shall include the closed-caption signal. The Franchisee shall have TDD/TTY (or equivalent) equipment at the company office and a telephone number listed on subscriber bills, in local telephone directories and with directory assistance for such equipment, that will allow hearing impaired customers to contact the Franchisee.
- (c) Institutional Network.
- (1) Subject to the terms of subsection 3(c), Franchisee shall maintain the existing fiber optic Institutional Network for the exclusive use of the County or its lawfully designated users to link the ten (10) facilities listed below for public, educational or governmental ("PEG") use, including but not limited to voice, video and data use:
 - (i) King County Ring Hill EMS at 22705 NE Old Woodinville-Duvall Road, Woodinville, WA;
 - (ii) East Ridge Elementary at 22150 NE 156th Place, Woodinville, WA;
 - (iii) Duvall Library at 15619 Main Street NE, Duvall, WA;

- (iv) Stillwater Elementary at 11530 320th Avenue NE, Carnation, WA;
- (v) Carnation Elementary at 4950 Tolt Avenue, Carnation, WA.
- (vi) Duvall Police Station, 26225 NE Burhen Way, Duvall, WA.
- (vii) Duvall Fire Department at 15600 1st Ave NE, Duvall, WA.
- (viii) Riverview School District Administration Office, 15510 1st Ave NE, Duvall, WA.
- (ix) Duvall City Hall, 15535 Main St NE, Duvall, WA.
- (x) King County Carnation Treatment Plant, 4405 Larson Ave, Carnation, WA.

As of the Effective Date, the County acknowledges and confirms to the Franchisee that the existing fiber optic Institutional Network is fully functional and is sufficient to meet the County's needs.

- (2) The Franchisee shall conduct tests and submit results from those tests to the County in writing demonstrating the compliance of the fiber optic links with specifications set forth in Exhibit _ when it installs, repairs, Maintains, or relocates Institutional Network fiber. No fiber Construction, repair, Maintenance, or relocation shall be deemed to be complete unless it is tested according to the procedure described in this section and meets the requirements of Exhibit B. The County has the right to observe all tests on work undertaken for it and to conduct its own tests on that work. To facilitate this, the Franchisee shall give the County advanced notice in writing, by email, of the time and place for the Franchisee's testing. Acceptance testing shall be conducted no sooner than seven (7) Days after the County has received notice of the testing unless the Franchisee and the County agree to an earlier test date. When the Franchisee performs an emergency repair of the Institutional Network fiber, the Franchisee shall test it immediately after completion of the repair to determine whether the fiber, as repaired, meets the specifications and shall send a copy of the test results to the County as soon as practicable.
- (3) Maintenance and Repairs. The Franchisee shall Maintain and repair the Institutional Network at no cost to the County.
 - (i) Timing of Repairs. The Franchisee shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have qualified staff available twenty-four (24) hours a Day, seven (7) Days a week, every day of the year to repair the I-Net fiber. In the event any fiber

installed as part of the I- Net is damaged or cut, or there is a service disruption or other condition which causes such fiber to not meet the required specifications, qualified repair staff engaged by the Franchisee shall commence work on site to restore the fiber and I-Net operations within (A) two (2) hours after the sooner of (x) the time the Franchisee becomes aware of the problem and (y) the time of the Franchisee's receipt of notification by the County between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and (B) within four (4) hours after the sooner of (x) the time the Franchisee becomes aware of the problem and (y) the time of the Franchisee's receipt of notification by the County during any other period.

Such restoration shall be done at a speed or diligence that is at least as great as the Franchisee uses in restoring fibers for its own use. Within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall develop a rapid response plan to implement this provision, and on written request of the County shall submit the Plan to the County for its review.

- (ii) I-Net Network Maintenance Program. The Franchisee shall conduct a preventive maintenance program to ensure that all fiber in the I-Net is maintained in good condition and that it continues to meet all clearance and cable support requirements to guard against physical damage to the network. This program shall provide preventive maintenance to I-Net fibers that is at least as great as the Franchisee provides for the Subscriber Network. Subject to force majeure events, I-Net availability shall not fall below 99.9% in any year during the term of this Franchise. Within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall develop a routine maintenance plan to implement this provision, and on written request shall submit the plan to the County for its review.
- (iii) Notice of Interruptions. The Franchisee agrees not to take any preventive Maintenance that is likely to result in an interruption of service over the I-Net fibers without the prior consent of the County. Whenever the Franchisee plans to take any preventive Maintenance that will interrupt service over any of the I-Net fibers, it shall notify the King County INET network operations center at 206.263.7000 or at inet.operations@kingcounty.gov at least fourteen (14) Days prior to commencing such action. Such notice shall include the date, nature, and location of the proposed preventive Maintenance action, and the beginning and ending date and time proposed for the interruption. If the County objects to

any part of the proposed action or interruption, it shall so notify the Franchisee in writing, by e-mail, within fifteen (15) Days of receipt of the notice. No preventive Maintenance that will result in an interruption of service shall be taken until the Franchisee and the County have first agreed to the date, nature, and location of the proposed action, and the beginning and ending date and time for the proposed interruption.

(iv) Cost of the I-Net. The repair and Maintenance of the I-Net, and all of the Franchisee's costs arising therefrom, shall be provided at no cost to the County during the term of this Franchise Agreement. Any costs related to expansion of the I-Net shall be borne by the County at the Franchisee's customary time and materials rate. The parties agree that the County shall be a perpetual lessee of the I-Net at no cost to the County.

(d) Cable Services to Certain Facilities. Upon the request of the County, the Franchisee shall provide basic, and expanded basic Cable Services, or their equivalent, including all required PEG Channels activated on the Cable System to the locations in the Franchise Area designated below. Subject to the terms of subsection 3(c), these services shall be free of charge to each of the following locations in the Franchise Area: each public school and public school administrative facility; each King County Library System facility; each fire station; each County office and agency whether located in a County-owned or County-leased facility. The Franchisee shall provide services to the above facilities located within the Franchise Area or in other jurisdictions located within King County where the Franchisee has a franchise, permit, license or other right to serve to the extent designated by the County from time to time. To the extent any drop to any such facility exceeds sixty (60) feet underground trench or one hundred twenty-five (125) feet aerial, the Franchisee shall be compensated for its time and materials for installations in excess of those distances. Inside wiring will not be the Franchisee's responsibility. The obligation to provide service otherwise includes the obligation to provide and install such devices as may be required so that each television receiver within the location connected to internal wiring can view and individually tune signals being provided as part of the service. Each service outlet will have sufficient power to serve all rooms in each facility. Free service will not be provided to any private or for-profit concessionaire using County facilities.

16. Channels, Facilities, Equipment and Services for Public, Educational and Governmental Use.

- (a) General. The Franchisee shall provide PEG Channels on its Cable System for public, educational and government (“PEG”) use in accordance with Section 16(b).
- (b) Characteristics of PEG Channels. Each PEG Channel provided pursuant to subsection 16(c) shall be subject to the following.
 - (1) Each PEG Channel shall be viewable by every Subscriber as part of that Subscriber’s service, without any additional service charge.
 - (2) It is the responsibility of the County’s PEG access providers to provide the Franchisee with an upstream PEG signal at the termination panel hand-off point that meets or exceeds FCC technical standards, and the Franchisee shall deliver to Subscribers a downstream PEG signal that meets or exceeds FCC technical standards.
 - (3) The entire upstream PEG signal delivered to the Franchisee by a designated PEG access provider will be passed through to Subscribers. By way of example, if a PEG provider places closed captioning on its upstream PEG signal, the Franchisee shall deliver the PEG signal, including closed captioning, to its Subscribers.
 - (4) The Franchisee shall provide digital-to-analog, converters for the primary television set to any Subscriber on request.
 - (5) Once assigned, PEG Channel locations cannot be changed without ninety (90) Days prior written notice to the County, except in circumstances beyond the Franchisee’s reasonable control.
- (c) Number of Channels. The Franchisee will continue to carry one (1) of the PEG Channels in high-definition format. The County may designate which of the PEG Channels will be carried in high- definition format.
 - (1) For the elimination of doubt, the Franchisee will not be required under subsection (c) above to (i) transmit more than one (1) PEG Channel in high-definition format, (ii) provide any equipment to the County to facilitate the creation, storage or distribution of any high-definition programming, or (iii) provide to Subscribers any equipment (other than the digital- to-analog converters described above) necessary to view the PEG Channel in high-definition format.
 - (2) The County shall administer the use and allocate responsibility for the operation of all PEG Channels. The County shall have the right to allocate the individual additional PEG Channels to any entity responsible for managing PEG Channels, or to maintain them as separate channels under the County’s own control.

(3) Video On Demand. The Franchisee will continue to set aside sufficient storage capacity on its video-on-demand (“VOD”) server to store up to thirty (30) hours of PEG Channel programming. The County will have the obligation and shall bear all costs and expenses to format (i.e., encode the PEG Channel programming in the appropriate VOD format along with the appropriate metadata to enable its use in the Franchisee’s VOD server) and transport the formatted PEG Channel programming to the Franchisee’s VOD server via a transport mechanism that is commonly used in the cable television industry. At such time that the County provides formatted PEG Channel programming, the Franchisee will make such programming available to Subscribers that have access to the Franchisee’s other VOD programming in a manner consistent with such other VOD programming and at no additional cost to such Subscribers. The County will be responsible for “refreshing” the PEG Channel programming on a periodic basis.

(d) Use of Capacity. The County agrees that it will use its designated PEG Channels and facilities, its Institutional Network and Franchisee Cable System facilities necessary for the delivery of PEG programming, if any, solely for non-commercial PEG communication purposes and not for any for-profit or commercial purposes by the County or third parties. However, the County may authorize charges to pay the direct costs of the services, such as fees for video class instruction or charges to recover the cost of special use equipment. The Franchisee shall have the right to audit the County’s use of such facilities and equipment to ensure compliance with this Section 16(d).

(e) Contribution and Grant for Equipment and Facilities.

The Franchisee shall provide the County the contribution and grant specified below for use by the County in its sole discretion for any PEG-related purpose to the fullest extent allowed by law.

(1) During the term of the Franchise, commencing within ninety (90) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall provide the County a PEG fee equal to seventy six cents (\$0.76) per Subscriber per month. Payments shall be made quarterly and in conjunction with, but are hereby acknowledged by the County and the Franchisee to be separate from, the payment of franchise fees under Section 5(a) and shall be expended consistent with any limitations under federal law. The PEG fee may be passed through by the Franchisee to Subscribers and itemized on monthly billing statements.

(2) The Franchisee shall make a one-time equity and social justice grant in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), payable within one hundred twenty (120) Days of the Effective Date, to be used by the County for PEG capital purposes.

- (f) Return Feed from Facilities; Monitoring.
- (1) The Cable System was designed and built, and is maintained with all terminal interface equipment and facilities needed to transport PEG signals for the PEG Channels identified in Section 16(c) from PEG access facilities designated by the County to the Franchisee's head end for delivery to Subscribers.
 - (2) Each PEG access provider should be able to monitor its PEG channel.
- (g) Management of Channels. The County may designate one (1) or more designated access providers, including a non-profit access management corporation, to manage the use of all or part of the Institutional Network and the PEG channels. Until such an entity has been designated; the County shall perform all functions assigned to the entity in this Franchise Agreement.
- (h) Program Guide. If the County or PEG access provider chooses to contract with the Franchisee's program guide provider, PEG Channels programming shall be listed on the guide in the same manner as programming of other commercial channels.
- (i) Costs and Payments Not Franchise Fees. The parties agree that any capital costs to the Franchisee associated with the provision of support for PEG access pursuant to this Franchise Agreement, and any capital contribution payments made to the County pursuant to this Section 16, do not constitute and are not part of a franchise fee, and fall within one or more of the exceptions to 47 U.S.C. § 542(g).
- (j) Editorial Control. Except as expressly permitted by federal law, the Franchisee shall not exercise any editorial control over the content of programming on the designated PEG Channels, nor shall the Franchisee be held liable in any way for the content delivered on the County's PEG Channels to the Franchisee's Subscribers via its Cable System.
- (k) Interconnection.
- (1) For the purpose of exchanging PEG Channels, the Franchisee shall:
 - (i) interconnect PEG Channels on its Cable System with all other cable systems that it or any Affiliate owns or controls within the County; and
 - (ii) interconnect PEG Channels on the Cable System with unaffiliated geographically contiguous cable systems within the County that request interconnection.

- (2) The interconnection terms under Section 16 (k)(1)(ii) shall be as mutually agreed between the Franchisee and the party requesting interconnection or, if no agreement can be reached, the party requesting interconnection will bear the cost of bringing its system to the nearest node or logical interconnection point on the Franchisee's system, and the initial and ongoing actual costs of maintaining the devices at the interconnection point necessary to allow signals to be exchanged. The County may relieve the Franchisee of its obligation to interconnect if the County finds that requiring the interconnection would unfairly advantage the party requesting interconnection.
- (3) The Franchisee shall provide signals to and receive signals from all interconnected operators so as to provide real time carriage of PEG programming without interruption.
- (4) The County may use the I-Net to deliver PEG programming to or receive PEG programming from any provider of video services. The Franchisee is not required to interconnect with the portions of any unaffiliated cable systems that receive PEG signals via the I-Net.
- (5) Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to excuse the Franchisee's compliance with any interconnection obligations under State or federal law or regulations.

17. Timing, Planning of Construction, and Line Extensions.

- (a) Prior to entering onto private property to Construct, operate or repair its Cable System, the Franchisee shall provide reasonably adequate notice to the resident or owner of the property that it intends to work on the property, a description of the work it intends to perform and a name and phone number the resident or owner can call to protest or seek modification of the work. Work shall be done in a manner that causes the least interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners, residents and users.
- (b) Drop Distance and Line Extensions.
 - (1) The Franchisee must provide Cable Service to all Persons within the Franchise Area that meet its standard credit qualifications, and shall extend its Cable System to do so in accordance with this Franchise Agreement.
 - (2) The Franchisee must make Cable Service available for the standard installation charge to all Persons within the Franchise Area who request Cable Service and agree to subscribe for a minimum period of one (1) year if, using the most direct route, the distance the distribution line would be extended to provide service

divided by the number of Persons requesting service is not more than three hundred (300) feet from the Cable System, and the drop distance is not more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the Cable System.

- (3) Subject to Section 17(b)(2), the Franchisee must make Cable Services available to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least twenty-five (25) dwelling units per strand mile in areas served by overhead facilities and sixty (60) dwelling units per mile in areas served by underground facilities.
- (4) The Franchisee must provide Cable Services to areas not meeting the above density standard upon confirmed request of a dwelling unit resident in the Franchise Area, provided that Franchisee shall only be required to contribute a maximum of \$1,750 per occupied dwelling unit in the expansion area, and may charge the requesting resident(s) for the line extension on a time and material cost basis for the balance of the extension costs. For any such request, Franchisee shall provide to the requesting party engineering schematics, and a materials and labor cost estimate. The Franchisee may require that the payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential customers be paid in advance. The contribution amount is in 2024 dollars and shall be increased each year by the increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

(c) Joint Utility Trenches.

The Franchisee shall share joint or common utility trenches with electric, telephone or similar utilities, unless the cost of participating in the joint trench exceeds the Franchisee's cost of constructing its own trench.

- (d) Construction of the Institutional Network. The parties will work in good faith to coordinate design and construction of additions to the Institutional Network beyond those described in Section 15(c) with any upgrade of the Franchisee's network. Both parties will use best efforts to coordinate on the location of the Franchisee's fiber nodes to maximize the savings to the County while not altering the cost of Construction or specifications for the upgrade to Franchisee.

18. Conditions on Use of Rights-of-Way and King County Owned Property: Specific Practices.

- (a) All Work Performed in Accordance with Applicable Laws. The Construction, Maintenance, and operation of the Cable System, and all

other work performed in Rights-of-Way must be performed in compliance with this Franchise Agreement and all applicable laws, regulations and permit conditions. By way of illustration and not limitation, the Franchisee must comply with the following: The then-current edition of the County Road Design and Construction Standards; King County Regulations for Accommodation of Utilities; Washington State Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Municipal Construction; National Electric Code (NEC Article 820). published by the National Fire Protection Association (currently ANSI/NFPA 70-1990, and replaced by subsequently adopted additions); National Electrical Safety Code published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (currently ANSI CZ-1990 and replaced by subsequently adopted additions); and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Safety and Health Standards. All traffic control shall be done in compliance with the then-current edition of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part VI.

19. Operation and Reporting Provisions.

(a) Books and Records and Facilities.

- (1) The County and its representatives shall have the right to inspect and copy any and all Books and Records reasonable and necessary to evidence compliance with the terms of the Cable Ordinance, this Franchise Agreement, and applicable laws and regulations.

The County may conduct its inspection and copying at any time during normal business hours upon reasonable written notice.

Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, the right to audit Franchisee's Books and Records and to inspect and test Franchisee's technical facilities.

- (2) Franchisee and its Affiliates shall maintain for a period of six (6) years all Books and Records reasonably necessary to document its compliance with this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance, and all applicable laws and regulations, including those respecting its equal employment opportunity plan in accordance with the FCC's EEO regulations. Books and Records shall be made available within the County (it being understood that the Franchisee's office in Seattle,

Washington is located within the County). The County will agree to inspect and copy Books and Records at a location other than within the County, but only if the Franchisee agrees to pay all reasonable expenses of the County, its representatives or an outside firm performing the work under contract to the County, associated with traveling to inspect, audit or copy the Books or Records, and it

agrees it will not treat such payment as a franchise fee or offset it against any amounts owed to the County.

- (3) If the Franchisee considers all or any portion of any Book or Record the County requests to copy, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected under law, the Franchisee shall clearly mark the portion of the Book or Record with words such as “PROPRIETARY” “CONFIDENTIAL” OR “TRADE SECRET” (collectively, “DESIGNATED MATERIAL”). If a request is made for disclosure of DESIGNATED MATERIAL under the Public Records Act (“the Act”), chapter 42.56 (RCW), the County will determine whether the DESIGNATED MATERIAL is subject to disclosure under the Act. If the County, in its judgment, determines the DESIGNATED MATERIAL is arguably exempt, the County will notify the Franchisee of the request and allow the Franchisee ten (10) business days to obtain a court order enjoining release in accordance with applicable law. If the Franchisee fails or neglects to take such action within this period, the County will release the DESIGNATED MATERIAL deemed by the County to be subject to disclosure. The County shall not be liable to the Franchisee for releasing Books and Records pursuant to a request under the Act not clearly identified by the Franchisee as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROPRIETARY” OR “TRADE SECRET”.
 - (4) To the extent Books and Records the County deems relevant are held by the Franchisee or its Affiliates, the Franchisee is responsible for collecting those Books and Records and producing them at the approved location.
 - (5) After the County determines it no longer has a need for copied Books and Records of the Franchisee, the Franchisee may request the County’s representatives or its outside firm performing the work under contract to the County to either destroy such copies or return them to the Franchisee at the Franchisee’s sole cost to the extent permitted by law.
- (b) Reports and Marketing. The Franchisee shall provide the items specified below.
- (1) Each year of the Franchise during the month of September, Franchisee will initiate contact with all current Franchise customers in the Franchise Area who are not already Subscribers and all Persons as described in Section 17(b)(3) to encourage cable television subscribership. Contact shall be through written mailer, email, and social media. Franchisee will report the number of contacts made and the number of new Subscribers obtained to the Cable Office as of December 31 of each year.

- (2) Within four (4) months of the close of its fiscal year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with a copy of the following:
- (i) A report detailing whether each applicable customer service standard as defined by FCC Rules, Cable Ordinance, and required by this Franchise were met.

For each standard not met, the report will explain the cause and corrections taken for each.
 - (ii) An estimate of the number of disabled, elderly and low income Subscribers receiving any rate discounts, and the percentage of the monthly discount.
 - (iii) A statement of the resolution of complaints referred to it by the Cable Office. Notwithstanding any provision of the Cable Ordinance that could be read to require a more formal response, such statement shall be by telephone unless the Cable Office requests a written statement, and shall be given as soon as practicable.
 - (iv) A report summarizing Cable System outages in the County Franchise Area. An outage includes any loss of one or more video or audio channels by three (3) or more Subscribers not including instances where the audio or video is lost prior to its receipt by the Cable System.
- v. The report required in Section 19(b)(1) above.

(3) Within one (1) month of the end of each quarter, which shall end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of every year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with a statement, in a form specified by the County, showing the number of Subscribers served in the Franchise Area. In addition, the statement shall separately list revenues for each source of revenue which is included within the definition of Gross Revenues in this Franchise Agreement.

(4) Upon the Effective Date and thereafter within thirty (30) Days of written request, but not more than once per calendar year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office the following:

- (i) A route map that depicts the general location of the Cable System facilities placed in the Right-of-Way.

The route map shall identify Cable System facilities as aerial or underground and any cabinets or other structures in the

Rights-of-Way, but is not required to depict cable types, number of cables, electronic equipment, and service lines to individual Subscribers. The Franchisee shall also provide, if requested, mapping information in a “Shape files” or other mutually agreeable electronic format that can be imported into the County’s Geographic Information System (“GIS”) to show the location of the aerial/underground facilities (including cabinets) in relation to a Right-of-Way centerline reference, to that the County may add this information to the County’s GIS.

- (ii) As soon as practicable given the time of day, Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with notice via e-mail or telephone of any unanticipated or unplanned complete or partial loss of service affecting one hundred (100) or more Subscribers within the County’s Franchise Area, and lasting longer than twenty-four (24) hours. Franchisee’s notice shall include the date, time, cause, general location by street, and expected time of repair. As soon as possible after completion of the repair work, the Franchisee shall notify the Cable Office of the actual date and time of completion of the repair.
 - (iii) Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office within a 24-hour period advance notice of any planned outages affecting 100 or more Subscribers on the same distribution line or fiber node within the County’s Franchise Area.
- (5) EEOC. On written request, Franchisee shall provide King County a copy of its equal employment opportunity plan filed with or submitted to the FCC, any changes to the employment opportunity plan made in the last year, and a copy of its most recent FCC Form 396-C. If the FCC replaces Form 396-C, the Franchisee shall file the succeeding forms which contain any of the information previously required in Form 396-C.
- (c) Retention of Records: Relation to Privacy Rights. The Franchisee shall take all steps required, if any, to ensure that it is able to provide the County all information which must be provided or, may be requested under the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement, including, by providing appropriate Subscriber privacy notices. Nothing in this section 19 shall be read to require the Franchisee to violate 47 U.S.C. § 551. The Franchisee shall be responsible for redacting any data that federal law prevents It from providing to the County.
 - (d) Charges for Inspection, Audits or Tests. In addition to any expenses the Franchisee must bear under section 19(c):

- (1) if an inspection or test determines that the Franchisee has not materially complied with applicable FCC technical standards, the Franchisee shall reimburse the County for all reasonable costs including expert fees arising from the inspection or test.
- (2) if an audit determines that the Franchisee has underpaid amounts due the County by more than five percent (5%) of the amount owing, the Franchisee shall pay all reasonable costs of the audit. These charges are incidental to the enforcement of this Franchise; they do not limit any right the County may have to exercise any other remedy. To the extent this Section 19(d) conflicts with the Cable Ordinance, this section will prevail.

20. Remedies.

- (a) Remedies Are Nonexclusive. Subject to applicable law, the remedies provided for in this Franchise Agreement and the Cable Ordinance are cumulative and not exclusive; the exercise of one remedy shall not prevent the exercise of another, or any rights of the County at law or equity; provided however, cumulative remedies may not exceed the total wrong involved.
- (b) No Election of Remedies. Without limitation, the withdrawal of amounts from the letter of credit in Section 10 or the recovery of amounts under the bond, insurance, indemnity or liquidated damages provisions of this Franchise Agreement shall not be construed to be: an election of remedies; a limit on the liability of the Franchisee under this Franchise for damages or otherwise; or an excuse of faithful performance by the Franchisee.
- (c) Rights of the County. In addition to exercising any of the other remedies provided in this Franchise Agreement or the remedies available under applicable law, the County may revoke this Franchise and void this Franchise Agreement if the Franchisee:
 - (1) attempts to or does practice any fraud or deceit in its conduct or relations under this Franchise Agreement or in the process of being granted the rights, authority, power, privileges and permission herein; or
 - (2) attempts deliberately to evade any material provision of the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement; or
 - (3) fails to correct any material breach of the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement, after written notice and opportunity to cure. Without limitation, the failure of the Franchisee to comply with the deadlines established in this Franchise Agreement, its failure to provide or maintain the required reports and records, or its failure to

comply with applicable law shall be deemed a material breach of this Franchise Agreement; or

- (4) repeatedly violates the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement regardless of whether any single provision violated is deemed immaterial; or
 - (5) abandons its Franchise.
- (d) Rights of the Franchisee. Notwithstanding any provision of the Cable Ordinance to the contrary that could be read to limit the Franchisee's rights, before the County revokes this Franchise, it shall:
- (1) Provide written notice to the Franchisee describing with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation;
 - (2) Permit the Franchisee an opportunity to be heard on the issue; and
 - (3) If the Franchisee timely requests an opportunity to be heard, allow the Franchisee to appear and present information relevant to determining whether the violation occurred, and the appropriate remedy for the violation, if any. The parties agree that K.C.C. 6.27A.240 satisfies the requirements of this section 20(d).
- (e) Procedures Prior to Revocation.
- (1) **Notice of Violation.** The County shall provide the Franchisee with a detailed written notice of any Franchise violation upon which it proposes to take revocation action and a ninety (90) Day period within which the Franchisee may demonstrate that a violation does not exist, or cure the alleged violation; or if the violation cannot be cured within the ninety (90) Day cure period, present a cure plan to the County for review and approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
 - (2) **Default.** If the Franchisee fails to disprove or cure the violation within ninety (90) Days In accordance with the approved cure plan, then the County may, declare the Franchisee in default, which declaration must be in writing stating with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation.
 - (3) **Hearing Available to the Franchisee.** Within fifteen (15) Days after receipt of a written declaration of default from the County, the Franchisee may request, in writing, a hearing before the County or its agent, in a public proceeding. Such hearing shall allow the Franchisee an opportunity to dispute such default declaration and shall be held within forty-five (45) Days of the receipt of the request therefore and a decision rendered within thirty (30) Days after the

conclusion of the hearing. Any decision shall be in writing and shall be based upon written findings of fact.

- (f) Duty to Exhaust Remedies. In the event of any dispute between the Franchisee and the County arising out of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance, the Franchisee agrees to pursue and exhaust all administrative remedies pursuant to law prior to pursuing any legal or equitable remedy.
- (g) Effect of Revocation or Forfeiture. The revocation or forfeiture of the Franchisee's rights under this Franchise shall not affect any of the County's rights under this Franchise or applicable law. The Franchisee shall continue to be bound, for example, by any duties it may have under the Cable Ordinance to continue to provide service.

21. Abandonment.

- (a) Effect of Abandonment. If the Franchisee abandons its Cable System during the term of this Franchise in accordance with its duty to provide continuous service, the County, at its option, may operate the Cable System; designate another entity to operate the Cable System temporarily until the Franchisee restores service under conditions acceptable to the County or until this Franchise is revoked and a new Franchisee selected by the County is providing service; or obtain an injunction requiring the Franchisee to continue operations. If the County is required to operate or designate another entity to operate the Cable System, the Franchisee shall reimburse the County or its designee for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and damages incurred that are in excess of the revenues from the Cable System.
- (b) What Constitutes Abandonment. The County shall be entitled to exercise its option and obtain any required injunctive relief if:
 - (1) The Franchisee fails to provide Cable Services in accordance with this Franchise Agreement over a substantial portion of the Franchise Area for two hundred forty (240) consecutive hours in the absence of a force majeure event; or
 - (2) The Franchisee, for any period, willfully and without cause refuses to provide Cable Services in accordance with this Franchise Agreement.

22. Exercise of Right to Purchase.

- (a) Option to Purchase. The County shall have the option to purchase the Cable System to the extent consistent with federal law.
- (b) Arbitration.

- (1) If the County exercises a right to purchase the Cable System pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, and the parties are unable to agree on a price for the purchase of the Cable System, or the terms and conditions of the sale, the price of the Cable System may be determined by arbitration as set forth below.
 - (2) The arbitration procedure employed shall be consistent with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association. The Cable Office and the Franchisee shall each select a qualified arbitrator. The two arbitrators selected shall select a third qualified arbitrator, and the three arbitrators will constitute a panel whose decision is binding on the County and the Franchisee. The fees of the arbitrators selected by each party shall be paid by that party, and the fees of the third arbitrator shall be paid one-half each by the County and the Franchisee. The other costs of the proceeding shall be shared equally by the County and the Franchisee.
 - (3) Notwithstanding the above, nothing shall require the County to submit the matter to arbitration should it purchase a Cable System through an exercise of the right of eminent domain.
- (c) Rights Not Waived. The purchase option provided under section 22(a) does not waive any rights the Franchisee may have under applicable law.

23. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Governing Law. This Franchise Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Washington and the United States of America. All actions brought by the Franchisee against the County; whether brought in State or federal court, shall be brought in a court located in King County, Washington, unless prohibited by law.
- (b) Force Majeure. The Franchisee shall not be deemed in default with provisions of its Franchise where performance was rendered impossible by war or riots, civil disturbances, labor strikes, floods or other weather events, or other circumstances beyond the Franchisee's reasonable control; and this Franchise shall not be revoked or the Franchisee penalized for such noncompliance, provided that the Franchisee takes immediate and diligent steps to bring itself back into compliance and to comply as soon as possible under the circumstances with its Franchise without unduly endangering the health or safety of the Franchisee's employees or the integrity of its property, or the health or safety of the public, or the integrity of public Rights-of-Way, public property, or private property; and only if the Franchisee has notified the County in writing of the reason for the inability within three (3) business days of the Franchisee's discovery of the reason or the existence of such a force majeure event is manifest from events and circumstances. Such notice

shall not be required if the force majeure event renders notice impossible. In such case, notice shall be provided as soon as reasonably possible.

- (c) Connections to System; Use of Antennas. Subject to reasonable provisions to prevent signal and service theft, Subscribers shall have the right to use their own remote control devices and converters, and other similar customer premise equipment with the Franchisee's Cable System.
- (d) Calculation of Time. Unless otherwise indicated, when the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, or payment is required hereunder and a period of time or duration for the fulfillment of doing thereof is prescribed and is fixed herein, the time shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last Day of the prescribed or fixed period of time. For example, if on January 1, the Franchisee is directed to file action within ten (10) Days, the action must be completed no later than midnight, January 11.
- (e) Time of Essence. In determining whether the Franchisee has substantially complied with Its Franchise, the parties agree that time is of the essence to this Franchise Agreement.
- (f) Captions. The captions and headings of this Franchise Agreement are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning and interpretation of any provisions of this Franchise Agreement.
- (g) Counterparts. This Franchise Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original copy, and all of which together shall constitute one Franchise Agreement binding on all parties hereto, notwithstanding that all parties shall not have signed the same counterpart.

AGREED TO AS OF THE DAY OF ____ , 2024.

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: _____ By: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF FRANCHISE AREA

All those portions of unincorporated King County excluding all incorporated Cities located in following townships and Ranges: Township 26, Ranges 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 25, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 24, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 23, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 22, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Township 21, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 20, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 19, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The foregoing includes all sections within the described townships and ranges.

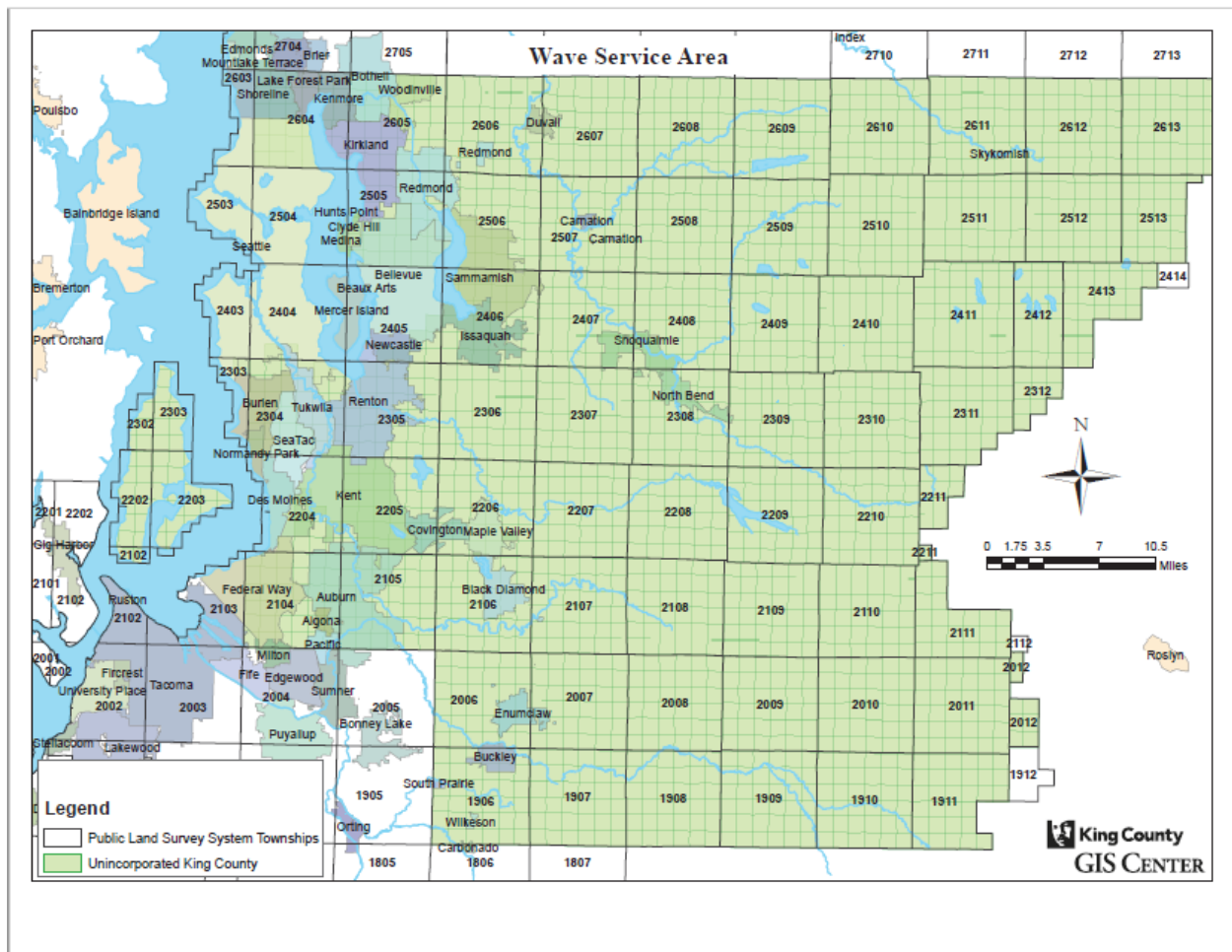


EXHIBIT C
FRANCHISE BOND

Bond: _____

Franchise # _____

GL Code: _____

Risk File: _____

Location: Seattle, Washington

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, **WAVEDIVISION I, LLC**, as Principal and, _____, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **County of King, Seattle**, as Obligee, in the sum of **Fifty Thousand & No/100 Dollars** (\$50,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid unto said Obligee, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above-bound Principal has entered into a written agreement dated _____, 2024, with the Obligee which grants a Franchise to the Principal to use Obligee's public streets and places to transmit and distribute electrical impulses through fiber optical cable and open line-coaxial cable system located therein. Principal has agreed to faithfully perform and observe and fulfill all terms and conditions of said Franchise agreement referred to above and said agreement is hereby made a part of this bond with like force and effect as if herein set forth in length.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above named Principal, its successors or assigns, does and shall well and truly observe, perform and fulfill its obligation as set forth in the above-mentioned Franchise agreement, for Which a bond must be posted, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

The bond is subject, however, to the following express conditions:

FIRST: That in the event of a default on the part of the Principal, its successors or assigns, a written statement of such default with full details thereof shall be given to Surety promptly, and in any event, within thirty (30) days after the Obligee shall learn of such default, such notice to be delivered to surety at its Home Office in _____ by registered mail.

SECOND: That no claim, suit or action under this bond by reason of any such default shall be brought against Surety unless asserted or commenced within twelve (12) months after the effective date of any termination or cancellation of this bond.

THIRD: That this bond may be terminated or canceled by Surety by thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to Principal and to Obligee, such notice to be given by certified mail. Such termination or cancelation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued under this bond prior to the effective date of such termination or cancellation. The liability of the Surety shall be limited to the amount set forth above and is not cumulative.

FOURTH: That no right of action shall accrue under this bond to or for the use of any person other than the Obligee; and Its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE ABOVE BOUND PRINCIPAL AND THE ABOVE BOUND SURETY HAVE; HEREUNTO SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS ON THE

____ day of _____, 2024.

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC

By:

By:
Attorney-in-fact,

March 6, 2025

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Term Correction

[B. Paribello]

Sponsor: von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2024-0409

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2024-0409, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, on line 16, after "negotiated a" strike "ten-year"

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4 Strike Attachment A. Cable System Franchise and Agreement Between

5 WAVEDIVISION I, LLC and King County, and insert Attachment A. Cable System

6 Franchise and Agreement Between WAVEDIVISION I LLC and King County - Updated

7 3-6-25

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9 **EFFECT prepared by B. Paribello: *Correcting the statement of facts as to the term of***
10 ***the agreement by removing reference to a ten-year term. Replacing Attachment A with***
11 ***an updated version which also removes the reference to a ten-year term on page 10.***

Attachment A, Updated March 6, 2025

Ordinance _____

**CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE
AND
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WAVEDIVISION I, LLC,
a Washington limited liability company
d/b/a Astound Broadband;
AND
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
_____, 2024**

CABLE SYSTEMS

FRANCHISE NO. _____

_____, 2024

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband (“Franchisee”), has applied to King County, Washington (“County”) to renew a nonexclusive franchise Franchisee holds to construct, operate and repair a Cable System in, over, along and under Rights-of- Way in King County, Washington, identified in Franchise No. 5602.

The King County Council held a public hearing on the application on _____.

Legal notice of the application and of the hearing was given as required by law.

The King County Council, having considered the interests proposed and advanced, found that the renewal of a Franchise, subject to conditions, is in the public interest.

Accordingly, the King County Council ORDERED, pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ that a Cable System franchise is granted to Franchisee within the unincorporated portion of the County described in Appendix A, subject to the conditions set forth in the Franchise Agreement attached as Appendix B hereto. This Franchise grants the right, subject to conditions, to construct, operate and repair a Cable System in, over, along and under Rights-of-Way within the unincorporated portions of the County described in Appendix A for the purpose of providing cable services

- I. commencing on the Effective Date of this Franchise through and including July 31, 2033. This Franchise shall become effective when Franchisee and County have signed this Franchise, and the Franchise Agreement attached as Appendix B; and
- II. Franchisee has made all payments, posted all securities and supplied all information that it is required to supply prior to or upon the Effective Date of this Franchise.

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound
Broadband By: _____

Name: _____

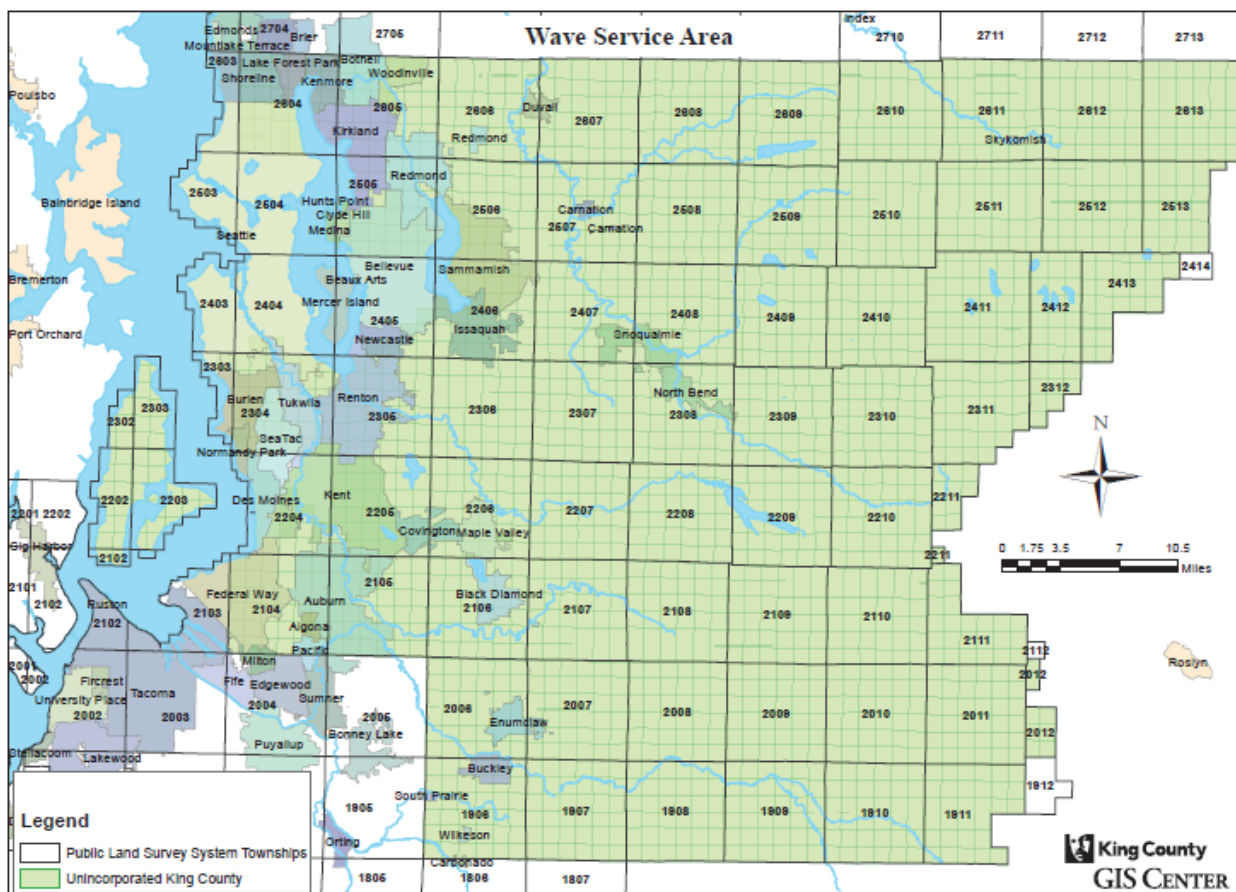
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Appendix A

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The foregoing includes all sections within the described townships and ranges.



Appendix B

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC,
a Washington limited liability company
d/b/a Astound Broadband;

AND

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

FOR

FRANCHISE NO. _____

WHEREAS, WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband (“Franchisee”), has asked King County, Washington (“County”) to renew the nonexclusive Franchise it holds to provide cable television and other services within the unincorporated part of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed Franchisee’s performance under Franchise No. 5602 (the “2013 Franchise”) and the quality of service during the 2013 Franchise term, has identified the future cable-related needs and interests of the community, has considered the financial, technical and legal qualifications of Franchisee, and has determined that Franchisee’s plans for constructing, operating and maintaining its Cable System are adequate and reasonable, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all concerned; and

WHEREAS, based in part upon Franchisee’s representation and information, the County has determined that, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, renewal of Franchisee’s nonexclusive franchise is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to issue such a franchise, conditioned on, Franchisee, accepting the terms and conditions hereof; and

WHEREAS, Franchisee is willing to accept this Franchise subject to such terms and conditions and to abide by those terms and conditions:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, THE SIGNATORIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the definitions and provisions governing the interpretation of terms set forth in King County Code, Section 6.27A.010, shall govern this Franchise Agreement. References to any County official or office also refer to any official or office that succeeds to any or all of the responsibilities of the named official or office.

References to “laws” or “applicable laws” include federal, State and local laws and regulations adopted pursuant to those laws; unless otherwise stated, references to laws includes laws now in effect, as the same may be amended from time to time, and new laws. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) Affiliate. Another Person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, Franchisee.
- (b) Books and Records. Any recorded information relating to the Cable System or its management that is maintained by Franchisee in the ordinary course of business, including but not limited to information regarding construction, operation or repair of the Cable System and compliance with applicable law, in whatever form stored, including, but not limited to, electronic records and programs, and paper records.
- (c) Cable Ordinance. King County Code chapter 6.27A, as may be amended from time to time.
- (d) Cable Service. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).
- (e) Cable System. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(7), except that as used herein, it specifically refers to the Franchisee’s Cable System. The term is used to refer to the Cable System as a whole, or to any part of the Cable System within the Franchise Area, including equipment or facilities appurtenant thereto.
- (f) Channel. Is as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).
- (g) Construct or Construction. Means work performed by the Franchisee, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors, and/or subcontractors to construct, reconstruct, install, reinstall, extend, align, realign, locate, relocate, underground, adjust, affix, attach, modify, improve, and/or remove all or any part of the Cable System.
- (h) [Reserved]
- (i) Day. Calendar day.
- (j) Effective Date. The date this Franchise Agreement shall become effective, which shall occur when: (i) Franchisee and County have signed this Franchise Agreement; and (ii) Franchisee has made all payments,

posted all securities and supplied all information that it is required to supply prior to or upon the Effective Date of this Franchise.

- (k) Franchise. The franchise granted to the Franchisee in this Franchise Agreement.
- (l) Franchise Agreement. This contract and any amendments, exhibits or appendices hereto.
- (m) Franchise Area. The area described in Exhibit A, Description and Map of Franchise Area.
- (n) Franchisee. WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband, and its lawful and permitted successors and assigns.
- (o) Gross Revenues. The annual gross revenue of the Franchisee or its Affiliates from all sources derived from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Franchise Area, calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), or any replacement standard that may be adopted by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), applicable to Franchisee's treatment of revenues and expenses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County reserves the right to challenge Franchisee's calculation of Gross Revenues, including the use or interpretation of GAAP as promulgated and defined by the FASB.

Gross Revenues shall include, without limitation revenue from: 1) Cable Services; 2) Cable Services related equipment rentals, e.g. converters; 3) advertising revenues derived from sales of advertising that are made available to Franchisee's Subscribers as part of the Cable Services within the Franchise Area; 4) Cable Services installations; 5) sales occurring as a result of home shopping or similar Cable Services programming; 6) Leased Access Channels; 7) sales of Cable Services programming guides; and 8) fees, payments or other consideration paid by Cable Services programmers and commissions on advertising provided to Subscribers in the Franchise Area, and accounted for in accordance with GAAP. Gross Revenues shall not include any bad debt, refundable deposits, sales tax, excise tax, or other taxes or fees collected for direct pass-through to, or that Franchisee is obligated to collect and submit to, local, State or federal government. No portion of the capital grant in Section 16, whether passed through to Subscribers or not, shall be included in the term Gross Revenues.

Gross Revenues shall be determined without deduction for (1) any operating expense; (2) any accrual; or (3) any other expenditure, regardless of whether such expense, accrual or expenditure reflects a

cash payment, and revenue shall be counted only once in determining Gross Revenues. This definition shall be construed so as to include all Gross Revenues to the maximum extent permitted by federal and State law, except to the extent specifically excluded in this section, and encompasses revenues that may develop in the future, whether or not anticipated. If a statutory change in State or federal law or a decision of the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction expands or restricts the categories or sources of revenue available to the County for the Franchise Fee assessment beyond or within those permitted under this definition as of the Effective Date, that change shall automatically be included in the definition of Gross Revenues under this Franchise, provided that the County imposes the same requirement upon any other similarly situated cable operator over which the County has jurisdiction and authority to impose such fees.

- (p) Institutional Network or I-Net. The communication network described in Section 15 of this Franchise Agreement.
- (q) K.C.C. The King County Code.
- (r) Maintenance or Maintain. Means to examine, test, inspect, repair, maintain, relocate, and/or replace the existing Cable System or any part thereof as necessary for safe and normal operations and related activities, as performed by the Franchisee, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors and/or subcontractors, unless otherwise provided herein.
- (s) PEG. Public, educational, or governmental access.
- (t) PEG Channel(s). Channel(s) designated for public, educational, or governmental use.
- (u) Person(s). Any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation or limited liability company or limited liability partnership, or any other form of legal entity and any lawful trustee, successor, assignee, transferee or personal representative thereof.
- (v) Rights-of-Way. The surface of and the space along, above and below any street, road, highway, freeway, lane, sidewalk, alley, court, boulevard, parkway, drive, utility easement and road right-of-way now or hereafter held or administered by the County. It does not include recreational or nature trails, except where the trails intersect or are within roads, streets, avenues, alleys or highways.
- (w) State. The state of Washington.
- (x) Subscriber(s). A Person who lawfully receives Cable Services over the Cable System.

- (y) Subscriber Network. Refers to that portion of the Cable System used to provide Cable Services to Subscribers.

2. Grant of Authority; Term; Limits and Reservations.

- (a) Grant of Authority and Term. The Franchisee is hereby granted, subject to the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement and local, State and federal law, the right, privilege, and authority to Construct, Maintain and operate a Cable System within the Rights of Way within the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, and to provide a related Institutional Network for public, educational or governmental use (including, but not limited to, County governmental use). This Franchise shall commence on the Effective Date and remain in effect through and including July 31, 2033, unless otherwise terminated or extended by action of the County.

- (b) Scope of Franchise.

- (1) This Franchise is intended to convey to Franchisee limited rights and interests only as to those Rights-of-Way in which the County has an actual interest. It is not a warranty or title or interest in any Rights-of-Way; it does not provide the Franchisee any interest in any particular location within the Rights-of-Way; and it does not confer rights other than as expressly provided herein. This Franchise does not deprive the County of any powers, rights or privileges it now has or may later acquire in the future to use, perform work on or to regulate the use of and to control the County's Rights-of-Way covered by this Franchise, including without limitation the right to perform work on its roadways, Rights-of-Way or appurtenant drainage facilities, including constructing, altering, renewing, paving, widening, grading, blasting or excavating.
- (2) Whenever any of the County Rights-of-Way as designated in this Franchise, by reason of the subsequent incorporation of any town or city, or extension of the limits of any town or city by annexation, shall fall within town or city limits, this Franchise Agreement shall continue in full force and effect within the incorporated or annexed area, and may continue to be fully enforced by the County until such time as the incorporation or annexation is complete according to applicable State law. The completion of the incorporation or annexation shall not affect the County's interest in any I-Net or PEG facilities or equipment which may be located in the incorporated or annexed area.
- (3) Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall obligate the Franchisee to operate as a common carrier, and no application of Franchisee's facilities as utilized by the County will place the Franchisee within the regulation of a public utility by reason of such use.

- (c) Exercise of Authority under Franchise. This Franchise Agreement only authorizes Franchisee to engage in Cable Services in accordance with the Federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 521, et seq., as amended (“Cable Act”).
- (d) Activities of Affiliates. Franchisee promises and guarantees, as a condition of exercising the privileges granted by this Franchise, that any Affiliate of the Franchisee directly involved in offering Cable Services in the Franchise Area, or directly involved in managing or operating the Cable System in the Franchise Area will comply with the terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement.
- (e) Nonexclusive Franchise. This Franchise is nonexclusive. Without limitation, the issuance of this Franchise shall not preclude the County from granting other or further franchises or permits; or preclude the County from using any Rights-of-Way or other public properties or easements of any sort, or affect its jurisdiction over them or any part of them; or limit the full power of the County to make such changes, as the County shall deem necessary, including without limitation the dedication, establishment, maintenance and improvement of all new Rights-of-Way and other public properties and easements.
- (f) Competitive Equity. The County reserves the right to grant one (1) or more additional franchises or similar lawful authorizations to provide Cable Services (“Additional Franchises”). If the County grants an Additional Franchise requiring Gross Revenue payments and support obligations for PEG and other material terms and conditions that, overall, are more favorable than those required under this Franchise, then, at the Franchisee’s request, this Franchise will be modified to provide similar terms and conditions on a per-Subscriber or Gross Revenue basis for that portion of the Franchise Area where the overlap occurs. In considering whether the Additional Franchise provides more favorable overall Gross Revenue payments and support obligations for PEG, all support provided for PEG and all fees required to be paid under the Additional Franchise shall be considered. No modification is required if terms are substantially the same in value on a per-Subscriber or Gross Revenues basis.
 - (1) The County is not required to make a modification to this Franchise, and this Section 2(f) shall not apply to an Additional Franchise:
 - (i) granted to a Person that is not subject to the same regulatory requirements as Franchisee, unless the County has clear authority to impose equivalent Gross Revenues payments and support obligations for PEG and other material terms and conditions; or
 - (ii) where the difference in treatment is required by local, state, or federal law governing the issuance of franchises.

- (2) Franchisee's rights under this Section 2(f) are prospective. Franchisee shall have no right to recoup monies already paid by Franchisee under this Franchise prior to any modification.
- (3) The County shall notify Franchisee of all applications for Additional Franchises that propose to serve the Franchise Area in whole or in part.
- (g) Relation to Cable Ordinance. The provisions of the Cable Ordinance, as may be amended by the County in the exercise of its police power, shall apply to this Franchise Agreement as if fully set forth in this Franchise Agreement, and the express terms of the Cable Ordinance will prevail over conflicting or inconsistent provisions in this Franchise Agreement unless this Franchise Agreement expresses an explicit intent to waive a requirement of the Cable Ordinance. The express provisions of this Franchise Agreement constitute a valid and enforceable contract between the parties. Neither party may take any unilateral action which materially changes the explicit performance promised in this Franchise Agreement.
- (h) Relation to Other Provisions of Law. This Franchise Agreement and all rights and privileges granted under this Franchise are subject to the County's police powers and applicable federal, State and local laws. This Franchise and the franchise fee paid hereunder are not in lieu of any other required permit, authorization, fee, charge or tax, unless expressly stated herein.
- (i) Relation to Prior Franchise. As of the Effective Date of this Franchise, the franchise previously held by the Franchisee is superseded and of no further force and effect (except for the Franchisee's obligation to pay the County any final quarterly franchise fee, which is paid in arrears). As of the Effective Date, the Franchisee represents that it is in compliance with its financial obligations of the prior franchise agreement.
- Franchisee hereby indemnifies the County against Franchisee's acts and omissions which occurred when the prior franchise was effective to the extent any claims related to such acts and omissions are not barred by the statute of limitations.
- (j) Effect of Grant. By granting this Franchise, the County acknowledges and agrees that it has the authority to issue this Franchise and did so pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with applicable law, and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.
- (k) Effect of Acceptance. By accepting this Franchise, the Franchisee: acknowledges and accepts the County's legal right to issue and enforce this Franchise; (2) accepts and agrees to comply with each and every provision of this Franchise Agreement; and (3) agrees that this Franchise

was granted pursuant to processes and procedures consistent with applicable law, and that it will not raise any claim to the contrary.

- (l) Franchisee Bears Its Own Costs. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Franchise Agreement, all acts the Franchisee is required to perform must be performed at the Franchisee's own expense.
- (m) No Waiver. The failure of the County or the Franchisee on one or more occasions to exercise a right or to require compliance or performance under this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance, or any other applicable law shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such right or a waiver of compliance or performance, unless such right has been specifically waived in writing. Any waiver of a breach is not a waiver of any other breach, whether similar or different from that waived.
- (n) Suits for Damages Prohibited. The Franchisee shall be limited to injunctive or declaratory relief against the County or its elected officials, boards, commissions, agents or employees for any loss, costs, expenses, or damages arising out of any provision or requirement of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance because of the enforcement of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance, except to the extent such loss, costs, expenses, or damages are the result of the gross negligence or willful act or omission on the part of the County or its agents. The rights of the County under this provision are in addition to, and shall not be read to limit, any immunities the County may enjoy or rights which the Franchisee may enjoy under federal or State law. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this paragraph and the terms of the Cable Ordinance, the parties intend the provisions of this paragraph to prevail over the provisions of the Cable Ordinance, but only to the extent necessary to resolve the conflict.
- (o) External Costs. The Franchisee may itemize any external costs on Subscriber bills to the extent not prohibited by federal law. Notices of price changes by external costs shall be in accordance with the Cable Act.

3. Severability; Effect of Changes in Law.

- (a) Severability. In the event that a court or agency or legislature of competent jurisdiction acts or declares that any provision of this Franchise Agreement is unenforceable according to its terms, or otherwise void, said provision shall be considered a separate, distinct, and independent part of this Franchise Agreement, and such holding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of all other provisions hereof.
- (b) Effect of Change in Law. Except as provided in subsection 3(c) below, in the event that State or federal laws, rules, or regulations preempt a provision or limit the enforceability of a provision of this Franchise Agreement, then 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 by law. In the event such State or federal law, rule, or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended, voided, 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 either party.

- (c) Notwithstanding subsection 3(b) above, the Franchisee will maintain at its cost the fiber optic Institutional Network at the ten facilities designated in Section 15(c) and provide the free cable services at the facilities designated in Section 15(d) The Franchisee must provide at least one hundred twenty (120) days' prior written notice to the Cable Office if it intends to invoke its right consistent with applicable law to charge for such maintenance or free cable services so that the County may make an informed decision as to whether to continue to receive such maintenance or services and/or take any other such steps as may be appropriate under applicable law. Such notice shall document the proposed offset or services charges calculated consistent with applicable law. The foregoing applies only to the extent applicable law allows such maintenance or free cable services to be offset against franchise fees. In the event that the applicable law provides that the County may require such maintenance services or cable services at no charge, or at a lower charge, then the County may request the same be provided in accordance with this paragraph, upon no less than one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice to the Franchisee.

4. Transfers.

- (a) The Cable System and this Franchise shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, leased or disposed of, either in whole or in part, either by involuntary sale or by voluntary sale, merger or consolidation to any Person ("Transfer"); nor shall there be a change in, transfer of, or acquisition of control of Franchisee by any other Person ("Change in Control"); nor shall title to the Cable System and this Franchisee, either legal or equitable, or any right, interest or property therein pass to or vest in any Person without the prior written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
- (b) The word "Control" as used in this section is not limited to majority stock ownership but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.
- (c) Franchisee shall promptly notify the Cable Office of any actual or proposed Transfer or Change in Control. Every Transfer or Change in Control, except as set forth in Section 4(i), shall make this Franchise subject to termination unless and until the County shall have consented

thereto, by ordinance, except as otherwise provided under the Cable Ordinance or applicable state or federal law or regulation.

- (d) Applications for Transfer or Change in Control shall be considered in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations governing cable system transfer applications. The parties to the Transfer or Change in Control shall make a written request to the Cable Office for its approval of the Transfer or Change in Control and shall furnish all information required by law to be submitted to the County with the application.
- (e) In seeking the County's consent to any Transfer or Change in Control, the proposed transferee or controlling Person shall include in its application a statement that it will comply with this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance and applicable law, and indicate whether, as applicable, it:
 - (1) Has ever been convicted or held liable for acts involving deceit including any violation of federal, State or local law, or is currently under an indictment, investigation or complaint charging such acts;
 - (2) Has ever had a judgment in an action for fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation entered against it by any court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (3) Has pending any material legal claim, lawsuit, or administrative proceeding arising out of or involving a Cable System;
 - (4) Is financially solvent, by submitting financial data, including financial information as required by FCC Form 394; and
 - (5) Has the legal, financial and technical capability to enable it to maintain and operate the Cable System for the remaining term of this Franchise.
- (f) In reviewing a request related to a Transfer or Change in Control, the County may inquire into matters including but not limited to the following (it being understood the scope of such inquiry shall be consistent with federal laws and regulations):
 - (1) The ability of the prospective controlling Person or transferee to perform.
 - (2) The legal, technical and financial qualification of the prospective controlling Person or transferee, including but not limited to the controlling Person or transferee's agreement to assume responsibility for and cure any violations or defaults under this Franchise.
 - (3) The effect of the Transfer or Change of Control on Subscribers and on the County.

- (4) Whether the Franchisee is in compliance with its obligations under this Franchise and applicable law.
- (g) Franchisee, prospective transferee and prospective controlling Person shall promptly respond to all reasonable requests of information so that the County may complete its review within the time period specified in this Section 4(g). Failure to do so shall be deemed a tolling of the application. The County shall act by ordinance on the request within the time required by 47 U.S.C. §537 unless the requesting party and the County agree to an extension of time. Any determination by the County with respect to a Transfer or Change of Control shall be made solely in accordance with applicable law.
- (h) Within sixty (60) Days of closing of any Transfer or Change in Control, if approved or deemed granted by the County, Franchisee shall file with the Cable Office a copy of the deed(s), agreement(s), lease(s) or other written instrument(s) evidencing such Transfer or Change in Control, certified and sworn to as correct by Franchisee and the transferee or new controlling Person. In the case of a Transfer or Change in Control, the transferee or the new controlling Person shall upon request by the County file its written acceptance agreeing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Franchise, the Cable Ordinance, and applicable law.
- (i) The prior approval of the County shall not be required for any:
 - (1) Transfer of ownership or other interest in this Franchise or Cable System or any Change in Control of the Franchisee in connection with an internal reorganization or internal merger to a direct or indirect parent, subsidiary or Affiliate under common control with the Franchisee where there is no direct or indirect change in the control of the ultimate parent, so long as (in each case as reasonably determined by the County):
 - (i) the County is notified of the proposed transfer no later than thirty (30) Days prior to the transfer of ownership or other interest;
 - (ii) the transferee or any resulting controlling Person shall insure that insurance coverage and all other commitments under this Franchise Agreement continue in force and without interruption and provide evidence to the same of the County no later than thirty (30) Days prior to the proposed transfer; and
 - (iii) there is no increased risk of liability to the County or nonperformance of the terms of this Franchise.

- (2) Mortgage or similar hypothecation for the purpose of financing without the consent of the County; provided that such pledge of assets shall not impair or mitigate Franchisee's responsibilities and capabilities to meet all of its obligations under the provisions of this Franchise and do not result in a Transfer of the Franchise or Cable System or a Change in Control.
- (j) The consent or approval of the County to any Transfer or Change in Control shall not constitute a waiver or release of any rights of the County.

5. Franchise Fee.

- (a) Payment to County. As compensation for use of Rights-of-Way for the offering of Cable Services, the Franchisee shall pay the County a franchise fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues.
- (b) Not in Lieu of Any Other Assessments, Tax or Fee. The franchise fee is in addition to all other fees, assessments, taxes or payments that this Franchisee may be required to pay under any federal, State, or local law, subject to any limitations set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 542.
- (c) Payments. Franchise fees shall be paid quarterly in arrears within one (1) month of the end of each calendar quarter, which shall end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of every year. In the event that a franchise fee payment or other sum due is not subject to good faith dispute and not received by the County on or before the date due, or is underpaid, the Franchisee shall pay in addition to the payment, or sum due, interest from the due date at a rate equal to the maximum rate permitted under State law, compounded daily.
- (d) No Accord or Satisfaction. No acceptance of any payment by the County shall be construed as a release or an accord and satisfaction of any claim the County may have for further or additional sums payable as a franchise fee under the Cable Ordinance or for the performance of any other obligation of the Franchisee. The Franchisee shall be released of further responsibility for any unclaimed past or undue franchise fees for a particular calendar year following the agreed resolution of a County financial audit or financial review of Franchisee's books and records related to payments for that year or years.
- (e) Payment on Termination. If this Franchise terminates for any reason, the Franchisee shall file with the County within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the date of the termination, a financial statement, certified by an independent certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by the Franchisee since the end of the previous fiscal year. The County reserves the right to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of the Franchisee to the County by utilizing the funds available in a letter of credit, and/or other security provided by the Franchisee.

6. Notices.

- (a) Any notice required or permitted to be given to the parties under this Franchise may be sent to the following addresses unless otherwise specified, with courtesy copies to be remitted via email:

KING COUNTY:

King County Office of Information Technology
Attn: King County Office of Cable Communications
King County Chinook Building
401 Fifth Avenue Suite 700
Seattle, Washington 98104
Email: cableoffice@kingcounty.gov
Phone: (206) 263-7880

FRANCHISEE:

WaveDivision I, LLC
900 Lenora St. Suite 140
Seattle, WA 98121
Attn: Jared Sonne, SVP/GM, West Region
Email: jared.sonne@astound.com

With a copy to:

WaveDivision I, LLC
650 College Road East, Suite 3100
Princeton, NJ 08540
Email: legal@astound.com

- (b) Notices shall be sent by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, or by reliable overnight courier to the addresses listed above, unless different addresses shall be designated in writing and delivered to the other party. Notices shall be deemed to have been given and received upon delivery receipt, or within three (3) business days of deposit in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, with first class postage prepaid.

7. Insurance Requirements.

- (a) The Franchisee shall procure and maintain for the term of this Franchise (and any extensions thereafter), insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from, or in connection with any Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise by the Franchisee or the Franchisee's agents, representatives, employees, or contractor(s). Upon request of the County, the Franchisee shall furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements from each of its contractors operating for or on behalf of Franchisee in the Franchise Area, as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Franchise.

- (b) The Franchisee is responsible for ensuring compliance with all the insurance requirements stated herein. Failure by the Franchisee or its contractors to comply with the insurance requirements stated herein shall constitute a default of this Franchise.
- (c) Each insurance policy shall be written on an “occurrence” basis/form; excepting insurance for professional liability (errors and omissions) and/or pollution liability. Professional liability (errors and omissions) or pollution liability required by this Franchise is acceptable on a “claims made” basis/form. If any insurance required under this Franchise is purchased on a “claims made” basis/form, the coverage provided under that insurance shall be maintained through: (i) consecutive policy renewals for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise or, if such renewals are unavailable, (ii) the purchase of a tail/extended reporting period for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the Construction, Maintenance, operations, and any work or other activities associated with this Franchise. All insurance written on a “claims made” basis/form must have its policy inception or retroactive date be no later than the Effective Date of the Franchise, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County’s Risk Management Office.
- (d) Nothing contained within these insurance requirements shall be deemed to limit the scope, application, and/or limits of the coverage afforded, which coverage will apply to each insured to the full extent provided by the terms and conditions of the policy(ies). Nothing contained in this provision shall affect and/or alter the application of any other provision contained within this Franchise.
- (e) Risk Assessment by the Franchisee: By requiring such minimum insurance, the County does not and shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risks that may be applicable to the Franchisee or its contractors under this Franchise, or in any way limit County’s potential recovery to insurance limits required hereunder. To the contrary, this Franchise’s insurance requirements may not in any way be construed as limiting any potential liability to the County or the County’s potential recovery from the Franchisee or its contractors. The Franchisee and its contractors shall assess their own risks and if they deem appropriate and/or prudent, maintain greater limits and/or broader coverage.
- (f) Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance Coverage shall be at least as broad as and with limits not less than the following:
 - (1) General Liability:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and property damage.

Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CG 00 01. Such insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to, premises liability, products- completed operations, ongoing operations, and contractual liability. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy and satisfy all other requirements applicable to liability insurance including but not limited to additional insured status for the County. Explosion & Collapse, Underground Damage (XCU) shall apply for the same limits as the General Liability coverage.

(2) Automobile Liability:

\$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CA 00 01 covering business auto coverage, symbol 1 “any auto”; or the appropriate coverage provided by symbols 2, 7, 8, or 9. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy.

(3) Pollution Liability:

Coverage in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence/claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate to cover sudden and non-sudden bodily injury and/or property damage, to include the destruction of tangible property, loss of use, clean-up costs, and the loss of use of tangible property that has not been physically injured or destroyed. If asbestos, lead, or PCBs are a potential exposure, such insurance shall not exclude pollution arising out of asbestos, lead, and/or PCB operations.

(4) Workers’ Compensation:

Workers’ Compensation coverage, as required by the Industrial Insurance Act of the State of Washington, as well as any similar coverage required for this work by applicable law.

(5) Employers Liability or “Stop Gap”:

Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and shall be at least as broad as the indemnification protection provided by the Workers’ Compensation policy Part 2 (Employers Liability)

or, in states with monopolistic state funds, the protection provided by the “Stop Gap” endorsement to the general liability policy.

- (g) Minimum Limits of Insurance - Construction Period: Prior to commencement of Construction and until Construction is complete and approved by the parties, the Franchisee shall cause its contractor(s) to procure and maintain insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from, or in connection with the activities related to this Franchise. The Franchisee and the County shall be named as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits, on liability policies except Workers’ Compensation and Professional Liability.

The County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents are not responsible for payment of the cost of such insurance. The Franchisee’s contractor(s) shall maintain coverage and limits no less than the following:

- (1) Commercial General Liability: \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CG 00 01. Such insurance shall include coverage for, but not limited to, premises liability, Products-Completed Operations, ongoing operations, and contractual liability. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy and satisfy all other requirements applicable to liability insurance including but not limited to additional insured status for County. Explosion & Collapse, Underground Damage (XCU) shall apply for the same limits as the General Liability coverage.
- (2) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that afforded under ISO form number CA 00 01 covering business auto coverage, symbol 1 “any auto”; or the appropriate coverage provided by symbols 2, 7, 8, or 9. Limits may be satisfied by a single primary limit or by a combination of separate primary and umbrella or excess liability policies, provided that coverage under the latter shall be at least as broad as that afforded under the primary policy.
- (3) Contractor’s Pollution Liability Coverage: Coverage in an amount no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence/claim and in the aggregate to cover sudden and non-sudden bodily injury and/or property damage, to include the destruction of tangible property, loss of use, clean-up costs, and the loss of use of tangible property that has not been physically injured or destroyed. If asbestos, lead, or PCBs

are a potential exposure, such insurance shall not exclude pollution arising out of asbestos, lead, and/or PCB operations.

- (4) Workers' Compensation: Workers' Compensation coverage, as required by the Industrial Insurance Act of the State of Washington, as well as any similar coverage required for this work by applicable federal or "Other States" state law, or the statutory requirements of the state of residency.
- (5) Employers Liability or "Stop Gap": Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and shall be at least as broad as the indemnification provided by the Workers' Compensation policy Part 2 (Employers Liability) or, in states with monopolistic state funds, the protection provided by the "Stop Gap" endorsement to the general liability policy.
- (h) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductible and/or self-insured retention of the policy(s) shall not in any way limit the County's right to coverage under the required insurance, or to the Franchisee's or any contractor's liability to the County, and shall in all instances be the sole responsibility of the Franchisee and its contractor(s), even if no claim has actually been made or asserted against the Franchisee or its contractor(s).
- (i) Other Insurance Provisions: The insurance policies required in this Franchise shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - (1) All Liability Policies except Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) and Workers' Compensation.
 - (i) The County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents shall be covered as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits, as respects liability arising out of ongoing and completed Construction, Maintenance, operations, or any work or any other activities performed by or on behalf of the Franchisee or its agents, representatives, employees, or contractor(s) in connection with this Franchise. Additional insured status shall include Products-Completed Operations.
 - (2) With respect to all liability policies (except Workers' Compensation):
 - (i) Coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officials, officers, employees, and agents. Any insurance and/or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, officers, employees, or agents shall not contribute with the Franchisee's or any contractor's

insurance or benefit the Franchisee its contractor(s), or their respective insurers in any way.

(ii) Insurance shall expressly state that it applies separately to each insured and additional insured against whom a claim is made and/or lawsuit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

(3) All Policies: Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled until after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the County. In the event of said cancellation or intent not to renew, the Franchisee shall obtain and furnish to the County evidence of replacement insurance policies meeting the requirements of this Section by the cancellation date. Failure to provide proof of insurance could result in revocation or termination of the Franchise.

(j) Acceptability of Insurers: insurance is to be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best rating of no less than A:VII, or, if not rated with A.M. Best, with minimum surpluses the equivalent of A.M. Best surplus size VIII. Professional Liability, Errors, and Omissions insurance may be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best rating of B+:VII.

If, at any time, the foregoing policies shall fail to meet the above requirements, the Franchisee shall promptly obtain a new policy, and shall submit appropriate certificates and endorsements, to the County.

(k) Verification of Coverage: Prior to the execution of this Franchise, the Franchisee shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and endorsements certifying the issuance of all insurance required by this Franchise. All evidence of insurance shall be signed by a properly authorized officer, agent, general agent, or qualified representative of the insurer(s), shall set forth the name of the insured(s), the type and amount of insurance, the location and operations to which the insurance applies, the inception and expiration dates, and shall specify the form number of any endorsements issued to satisfy this Franchise's insurance requirements.

Upon request of the County, and within five (5) business days, the Franchisee must provide copies of any renewal certificates of insurance and endorsements. In the event of a claim, the Franchisee must provide complete copies of all required insurance policies, which may be redacted of confidential or proprietary information. The County's receipt or acceptance of the Franchisee's or its contractor's evidence of insurance at any time without comment or objection, or the County's failure to request certified copies of such insurance, does not waive, alter, modify, or invalidate any of the insurance requirements set forth in this Section or, consequently, constitute County's acceptance of the adequacy of the Franchisee's or any contractor's insurance or preclude or prevent any

action by County against the Franchisee for breach of the requirements of this Section.

- (l) **Contractors:** The Franchisee shall include all contractors as insured under its policies or, alternatively, the Franchisee must require each of its contractors to procure and maintain appropriate and reasonable insurance coverage and insurance limits to cover each of the contractor's liabilities given the scope of work and the services being provided herein. All liability insurance policies (except Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation) provided by the contractor(s) must name the County and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, and agents as additional insured, for full coverage and policy limits. The Franchisee is obligated to require and verify that all contractors maintain insurance and ensure that the County is covered as additional insured. Upon request by the County, and within five (5) business days, the Franchisee must provide evidence of contractor(s)' Insurance coverage (including endorsements).
- (m) **Insurance Review:** In consideration of the duration of this Franchise, the parties agree that the Insurance Section herein, at the discretion of the County Risk Manager, may be reviewed and reasonably adjusted with each amendment and within ninety (90) days of the end of the first five (5) year period of the term of this Franchise and the end of each successive five (5) year period thereafter. Any adjustments made as determined by the County Risk Manager, shall be in accordance with reasonably prudent risk management practices and insurance industry standards and shall be effective on the first day of each successive five (5) year period.

Adjustment, if any, in insurance premium(s) shall be the responsibility of the Franchisee. Any failure by the County to exercise the right to review and adjust at any of the aforementioned timings shall not constitute a waiver of future review and adjustment timings.
- (n) The Franchisee shall furnish the County with original certificates and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to the additional insured endorsements, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Franchisee or its contractor(s) before commencement of any Construction, Maintenance, operations, or any work or any other activities associated with this Franchise.
- (o) In satisfaction of the insurance requirements set forth in this Section, the Franchisee may maintain a fully-funded self-insurance program for its liability exposures in this Franchise, which is consistent with good utility practice. The Franchisee agrees to provide the County with a letter of self-insurance as adequate proof of coverage. If the Franchisee decides to no longer maintain a self-insurance program for its liabilities, the Franchisee must promptly notify the County and provide certificates of

insurance and corresponding endorsements evidencing the insurance requirements in this Franchise have been satisfied.

8. Condition of Franchise Area.

- (a) Franchisee accepts the Franchise Area in an “as-is with all faults” basis with any and all patent and latent defects in effect as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement, and is not relying on and shall not rely upon any representation or warranties, express or implied, of any kind whatsoever from King County as to any matters concerning the Franchise Area whether made prior to the Effective Date or afterwards, including, but not limited to: the physical condition of the Franchise Area; zoning status; presence and location of existing utilities; operating history; compliance by the Franchise Area with environmental laws or other laws and other requirements applicable to the Franchise Area; the presence of any hazardous substances or wetlands, asbestos, or other environmental conditions in, on, under, or in proximity to the Franchise Area; the condition or existence of any of the above ground or underground structures or improvements, including tanks and transformers in, on or under the Franchise Area; the condition of title to the Franchise Area, and the leases, easements, franchises, orders, licensees, or other agreements, affecting the Franchise Area.
- (b) King County hereby disclaims any representation or warranty, whether expressed or implied, as to the design or condition of the Franchise Area, its merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, the quality of the material or workmanship of Rights-of-Way, or the conformity of any part of the Rights-of-Way to its intended uses. King County shall not be responsible to Franchisee or any of Franchisee’s contractors for any damages to any of them relating to the design, condition, quality, safety, merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose of any part of the Rights-of-Way present on or constituting any Franchise Area, or the conformity of any such property to its intended uses.

9. Indemnification.

- (a) To the extent permitted by law, and except for matters arising out of the County’s sole negligence, Franchisee shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the County, and its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees, against any and all claims, including but not limited to third-party claims, suits, causes of action, proceedings, and judgments for damages or equitable relief arising out of the Construction, Maintenance or operation of its Cable System, or in any way arising out of the Franchisee’s enjoyment or exercise of its Franchise, regardless of whether the act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed, or prohibited by this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance.

Without limiting in any way the Franchisee's obligation to indemnify the County and its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees as set forth above, this indemnity provision applies to, but is not limited to, expenses for reasonable legal fees (except for County in-house legal fees not relating to litigation), disbursements incurred by the County, and liabilities as follows:

- (1) To persons or property, in any way arising out of or through the acts or omissions of the Franchisee, its officers, employees, or agents, or to which the Franchisee's negligence shall in any way contribute;
 - (2) Arising out of any claim or invasions of the right of privacy, for defamation of any person, firm or corporation, for the violation or infringement of any copyright, trademark, trade name, service mark, or patent, or a failure by the Franchisee to secure consents from the owners or authorized distributors of programs to be delivered by the Cable System, or for violation of any other right of any person, excluding claims arising out of or relating to programming provided by the County; and
 - (3) Arising out of Franchisee's failure to comply with the provisions of any federal, State or local statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the Franchisee with respect to any aspect of its business to which the Cable Ordinance and/or this Franchise Agreement apply.
- (b) Duty to Give Notice and Tender Defense. The County shall give the Franchisee timely written notice of the making 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 County or any other indemnified party shall tender the defense thereof to the Franchisee and the Franchisee shall have the right and duty to either defend, settle or compromise any claims arising hereunder and the County shall cooperate fully therein.
- (c) Additional Indemnifications. The County may require Franchisee to execute specific and additional indemnifications in connection with issuing any permits related to performance under this Franchise Agreement.

10. Letter of Credit and Performance Bond.

- (a) Letter of Credit.
- (1) Amount. As of the Effective Date, Franchisee shall provide to the County and shall maintain for the term of the Franchise Agreement a letter of credit as security for the faithful performance by the Franchisee of this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance and

applicable federal, State, and local laws. The letter of credit shall be in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and meet the following requirements:

- (i) Be issued by a bank licensed to do and doing business in the State and acceptable to the County;
- (ii) Be irrevocable and in a form reasonably acceptable to the County;
- (iii) Provide for automatic renewal of the letter unless the bank has given the Cable Office written notice by certified mail at least thirty (30) Days prior to expiration of the letter;
- (iv) Provide that the County may draw against the letter for any reason and at any time;
- (v) Provide that, after termination of this Franchise, the County may draw against the letter and hold the funds in escrow:
 - a. If the County has filed an action;
 - b. If the County has issued a written notice and order or sought to draw against the letter prior to termination and Franchisee has contested the action or appealed the notice and order.

- (2) Use. The County may draw on the letter of credit to ensure the Franchisee's faithful performance of and compliance with this Franchise Agreement, applicable law, and all orders and permits of the County. This may include, without limitation, if Franchisee fails to pay the County any fees or taxes due, liquidated damages, damages, costs or expenses incurred by the County by reason of any act or default of the Franchisee, or if Franchisee fails to comply with any provisions of this Franchise Agreement, applicable law or with any order or permit of the County, which failure the County determines can be remedied by an expenditure from the letter of credit. The County shall notify the Franchisee of the amount and date of the withdrawal. The County shall comply with K.C.C. 6.27A.230 of the Cable Ordinance.

Franchisee's recourse, in the event Franchisee believes any taking of funds is improper, shall be through legal action after the security has been drawn upon. If County's action or taking is found to be improper by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, Franchisee shall be entitled to a refund of the funds plus interest and/or any other specific performance which such court or agency shall order.

- (3) Restoration of Funds. Within thirty (30) Days after the County gives Franchisee written notice that an amount has been withdrawn from the letter of credit, the Franchisee must deposit a sum of money sufficient to restore the letter of credit to the original amount.
 - (4) Effect of Assessment for Liquidated Damages. If the County draws on the letter of credit in an amount exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for violations relating to the liquidated damages provision of this Franchise Agreement and Franchisee believes that such assessment is improper, County and Franchisee may mutually agree that the assessment shall be subject to mediation before pursuing any legal remedies otherwise available.
 - (5) Return of Funds. If this Franchise terminates for any reason, or the Franchisee has ceased to provide service in the County, the letter of credit may be terminated upon the earlier of (x) the date of any written confirmation by the County that the Franchisee does not owe funds to the County, and (y) the date that is one (1) year after such termination of the Franchise provided that County does not at such time have any claim pending against the letter of credit.
- (b) Franchise Performance Bond. As of the Effective Date, Franchisee shall post a performance bond in the form attached as Exhibit C in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to ensure performance under this Franchise Agreement. The bond shall be executed by a duly licensed surety registered with the Washington State Insurance Commissioner, and the surety shall appear in the current Authorized Insurance Company list in the State published by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The surety shall designate an attorney-in-fact in the State. The County may require the surety to appear and qualify upon any bond. All duties and obligations of the principal as set forth in the performance bond are hereby incorporated as duties of the Franchisee under this Franchise Agreement as though fully set forth herein. This bond is not in lieu of bonds that may be required in connection with the issuance of Right-of-Way permits by the County.

11. Liquidated Damages.

- (a) Amounts. Because the Franchisee's failure to comply with provisions of this Franchise Agreement will result in injury to the County, and because it will be difficult to estimate the extent of such injury, the County and the Franchisee agree that liquidated damages may be assessed against the Franchisee for the violations specified below. These damages represent both parties' best estimate of the damages resulting from the specified injury. The liquidated damages amounts are in 2024 dollars and shall be increased each year by the increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

- (1) For failure to extend a service line as required: \$2.00/Day for each affected potential Subscriber requesting service for each Day the violation continues;
 - (2) For failure to provide any capability for PEG use of the Cable System required in this Franchise: \$20 for each violation for each Day the violation continues;
 - (3) For failure to maintain a local office as required by the Cable Ordinance: \$940 per month;
 - (4) For deliberate failure to supply information, reports, or filings required by the County pursuant to this Franchise Agreement or applicable law: \$90/Day for each violation for each Day the violation continues;
 - (5) For violation of each federal quarterly customer service standards: \$940 for the first violation; \$1,850 for any violation within twelve (12) months after the first violation; and \$3,700 for any violation within twelve (12) months after the second or any subsequent violation; and
 - (6) For all other material violations of this Franchise Agreement, including County customer service standards, for which actual damages may not be ascertainable: \$100/Day for each violation for each Day the violation continues. For violations of customer service standards under Section 11(a)(1) or (a)(6) the County hereby elects to have those damages credited to the affected Subscribers, and Franchisee agrees to do so.
- (b) Each violation of the provisions enumerated in Section 11(a) shall be considered a separate violation for which separate liquidated damages can be imposed. Subject to the procedures in Section 11(c), any liquidated damages for any given violation may be imposed upon Franchisee by the County for a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) Days after the Franchisee receives notification of the violation, and may be recovered by the County by drawing upon any security; provided however, in no event shall Franchisee's aggregate liability for any liquidated damages exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000) in any calendar year. If after that amount of time Franchisee has not cured, or commenced to cure, the alleged breach to the satisfaction of the County, the County may pursue all other remedies. Additional liquidated damages may be assessed for a specific breach if a court or agency of competent jurisdiction determines that the Franchisee was in breach of a specific obligation for a period longer than any period for which liquidated damages have been already recovered for the same breach. The foregoing procedures apply to instances where the County chooses to assess liquidated damages prior to seeking damages from a court or

agency of competent jurisdiction, but does not limit the County's right to commence an action with a court or agency of competent jurisdiction at any time.

(c) Date of Violation, Notice and Opportunity to Cure.

- (1) Prior to assessing any liquidated damages, the County shall notify Franchisee in writing stating with reasonable particularity the provision or provisions the County believes Franchisee may have been in default of, and the details of any alleged default relating thereto.
- (2) Franchisee shall have forty-five (45) Days from the date of written notice: (1) to respond to the County, contesting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (2) to cure such default; or (3) in the event 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 County of the steps being taken and the projected date that the cure will be completed.
- (3) If the County, in its sole reasonable discretion, determines that the response, the cure, or the proposed cure is adequate, it shall not assess liquidated damages.

Otherwise, the County may assess liquidated damages at any time after the forty-five (45) Day period has passed, retroactive to the date of violation, or such other later date as the County specifies, but subject to the limits stated in Section 11(b).

- (4) If Franchisee fails to comply with a cure plan in any material respect, the County may impose liquidated damages without further notice and opportunity to cure, and such damages shall not be subject to the limits in Section 11(b).
- (5) The requirements of this Section 11(c) do not apply to liquidated damages assessed under Section 11(a)(5), nor do they apply in the case of repeated violations or willful violations. In such cases liquidated damages may be assessed at any time the County determines a violation subject to this Section 11 has occurred.

(d) Effect on Duty to Comply. The collection of liquidated damages by the County shall in no respect affect:

- (1) Compensation owed to Subscribers; or
- (2) The Franchisee's obligation to comply with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement or applicable law.

- (e) Relationship of Remedies. Nothing in this Section 11 shall affect the County's rights in Section 20.

12. **Non-Discrimination.**

- (a) Non-Discrimination Among Subscribers.

The Franchisee shall comply with all applicable local, State and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, including without limitation, laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination in the provision of Cable Services. Subject to such laws:

- (1) The Franchisee is specifically prohibited from denying Cable Service or discriminating against any Subscriber, access programmer, or resident on the basis of age, ancestry, creed, color, marital status, national origin, race, religious affiliation, political affiliation, income, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability or use of a service or assistive animal by a Person with a disability, or taking any retaliatory action against a Person because of that Person's exercise of any right it may have under federal, State, or local law nor may the Franchisee require a Person to waive such rights as a condition of taking Cable Services.
- (2) The Franchisee is specifically prohibited in the provision of Cable Services from denying access or levying different rates and charges for Cable Services on any group of potential residential cable Subscribers because of the income of the residents of the local area in which such group resides.
- (3) To the extent the County may enforce such a requirement, the Franchisee is specifically prohibited in the provision of Cable Services from discriminating in its rates or charges for Cable Services or from granting undue preferences to any Subscriber, potential Subscriber, or group of Subscribers or potential Subscribers. The Franchisee may, however, offer temporary, bona fide promotional discounts in order to attract or maintain Subscribers, so long as such discounts are offered on a non-discriminatory basis to similar classes of Subscribers throughout the Franchise Area; and the Franchisee may offer special discounted rates for the basic and other regulated service tiers to economically disadvantaged Subscribers who receive federal Supplemental Security Income assistance, and such other discounts as it is expressly entitled to provide under federal law, if such discounts are applied in a uniform and consistent manner.
- (4) The Franchisee may request in writing, and the County may grant, temporary authority to the Franchisee for periods not to exceed

twenty-four (24) months to offer specifically identified services, packages and combinations of services to selected groups of Subscribers at terms and conditions not generally available to all Subscribers. The County may refuse to grant this waiver unless it is persuaded upon sufficient showing by the Franchisee that the temporary authority will be used solely to offer services on an experimental or test market basis, and that the services will either be withdrawn at the conclusion of the test or will be made generally available to all Subscribers in a uniform, consistent and nondiscriminatory manner.

(b) No Discrimination.

- (1) Franchisee shall fully comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. These laws include but are not limited to, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Chapter 49.60 of the Revised Code of Washington, as amended, King County Charter Section 840, and Chapters 12.16 and 12.18 of the King County Code, as amended.
- (2) During the performance of this Franchise Agreement, neither Franchisee nor any party subcontracting under the authority of this Franchise Agreement shall discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, creed, color, marital status, national origin, race, religious affiliation, political affiliation, income, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or physical or mental disability or use of a service or assistive animal by a Person with a disability, against any employee or applicant for employment, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification, or in the administration or delivery of services or any other benefit under this Franchise Agreement.
- (3) The Franchisee and any party subcontracting under the authority of this Franchise Agreement shall undertake equal employment opportunity efforts to ensure that applicants and employees are treated, without regard to their sex, race, color, marital status, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, status as a family caregiver, military status or status as a veteran who was honorably discharged or who was discharged solely as a result of the person's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification. The Franchisee's equal employment opportunity efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. The Franchisee agrees to post in conspicuous

places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth this non-discrimination clause.

- (4) If Franchisee engages in unfair employment practices as defined in King County Code Chapter 12.18, as amended, the remedies set forth in that Chapter, as amended, shall apply.

13. Rates

- (a) Rates and Charges for Regulated Services. The County may regulate the Franchisee's rates and charges to the extent allowed by applicable law.
- (b) Manner of Regulation. Without limiting the foregoing, and except as inconsistent with applicable law,
 - (1) The County may require the Franchisee to submit to the County the rates in effect on the date this Franchise is issued.
 - (2) The Franchisee may not change a rate or charge that is subject to the County's regulation without the County's prior approval, except as federal law otherwise provides.
- (c) Rate Schedules. The Franchisee must provide a rate card to the Cable Office on the Effective Date of the Franchise Agreement, and at least annually thereafter, or, if more frequently, whenever its published rates change. The Franchisee must update the rate card so that the schedule of rates and charges is current. In accordance with federal law, the Franchisee must give a minimum of thirty (30) Days prior notice before changing any rate or charge. Franchisee may satisfy its obligation to provide a rate card by posting its rates on a website generally available via the Internet. Notice to the County of any changes to the schedule of rates and charges shall remain as required in this subsection.
- (d) Experimental Cable Services. Subject to Section 12(a), the Franchisee may conduct testing of experimental Cable Services to particular regions of the County without making the service generally available throughout the County.

14. Customer Service.

The Franchisee shall meet or exceed any customer service standards adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, and, to the extent the same are stricter or address different matters, customer service standards set forth in the Cable Ordinance. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement limits any rights the County or Franchisee may have under 47 U.S.C. § 552.

15. System Facilities, Equipment and Services.

- (a) System Capabilities. At all times, the Franchisee shall maintain its cable system infrastructure to a minimum bandwidth of 750 MHz capacity. Active and passive devices shall be two-way, capable of passing a minimum of 750 MHz and delivering high-quality digital and/or Internet protocol (IP) video signals meeting or exceeding FCC technical quality standards. Cable System nodes shall be designed for future segmentation as necessary to maximize shared bandwidth.
- (b) Other Cable System Characteristics. In addition:
- (1) The Cable System shall use equipment generally used in high-quality, reliable, redundant, modern systems of similar design.
 - (2) Each hub shall have adequate ventilation and space reserved such that the hub meets or exceeds applicable design and technical requirements and reasonably accommodates equipment for the County. Upon thirty (30) Days' written notice to the Franchisee the County shall be allowed to use without charge space in the amount of one (1) rack and power in the Franchisee's hub, located in Duvall, so long as the Franchisee maintains the hub as a technical facility.
 - (3) The Cable System shall meet the technical specifications for end-of-line performance as described in Exhibit B for all areas served unless otherwise approved by the County.
 - (4) All closed-caption programming retransmitted by the System Shall include the closed-caption signal. The Franchisee shall have TDD/TTY (or equivalent) equipment at the company office and a telephone number listed on subscriber bills, in local telephone directories and with directory assistance for such equipment, that will allow hearing impaired customers to contact the Franchisee.
- (c) Institutional Network.
- (1) Subject to the terms of subsection 3(c), Franchisee shall maintain the existing fiber optic Institutional Network for the exclusive use of the County or its lawfully designated users to link the ten (10) facilities listed below for public, educational or governmental ("PEG") use, including but not limited to voice, video and data use:
 - (i) King County Ring Hill EMS at 22705 NE Old Woodinville-Duvall Road, Woodinville, WA;
 - (ii) East Ridge Elementary at 22150 NE 156th Place, Woodinville, WA;
 - (iii) Duvall Library at 15619 Main Street NE, Duvall, WA;

- (iv) Stillwater Elementary at 11530 320th Avenue NE, Carnation, WA;
- (v) Carnation Elementary at 4950 Tolt Avenue, Carnation, WA.
- (vi) Duvall Police Station, 26225 NE Burhen Way, Duvall, WA.
- (vii) Duvall Fire Department at 15600 1st Ave NE, Duvall, WA.
- (viii) Riverview School District Administration Office, 15510 1st Ave NE, Duvall, WA.
- (ix) Duvall City Hall, 15535 Main St NE, Duvall, WA.
- (x) King County Carnation Treatment Plant, 4405 Larson Ave, Carnation, WA.

As of the Effective Date, the County acknowledges and confirms to the Franchisee that the existing fiber optic Institutional Network is fully functional and is sufficient to meet the County's needs.

- (2) The Franchisee shall conduct tests and submit results from those tests to the County in writing demonstrating the compliance of the fiber optic links with specifications set forth in Exhibit _ when it installs, repairs, Maintains, or relocates Institutional Network fiber. No fiber Construction, repair, Maintenance, or relocation shall be deemed to be complete unless it is tested according to the procedure described in this section and meets the requirements of Exhibit B. The County has the right to observe all tests on work undertaken for it and to conduct its own tests on that work. To facilitate this, the Franchisee shall give the County advanced notice in writing, by email, of the time and place for the Franchisee's testing. Acceptance testing shall be conducted no sooner than seven (7) Days after the County has received notice of the testing unless the Franchisee and the County agree to an earlier test date. When the Franchisee performs an emergency repair of the Institutional Network fiber, the Franchisee shall test it immediately after completion of the repair to determine whether the fiber, as repaired, meets the specifications and shall send a copy of the test results to the County as soon as practicable.
- (3) Maintenance and Repairs. The Franchisee shall Maintain and repair the Institutional Network at no cost to the County.
 - (i) Timing of Repairs. The Franchisee shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have qualified staff available twenty-four (24) hours a Day, seven (7) Days a week, every day of the year to repair the I-Net fiber. In the event any fiber

installed as part of the I- Net is damaged or cut, or there is a service disruption or other condition which causes such fiber to not meet the required specifications, qualified repair staff engaged by the Franchisee shall commence work on site to restore the fiber and I-Net operations within (A) two (2) hours after the sooner of (x) the time the Franchisee becomes aware of the problem and (y) the time of the Franchisee's receipt of notification by the County between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and (B) within four (4) hours after the sooner of (x) the time the Franchisee becomes aware of the problem and (y) the time of the Franchisee's receipt of notification by the County during any other period.

Such restoration shall be done at a speed or diligence that is at least as great as the Franchisee uses in restoring fibers for its own use. Within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall develop a rapid response plan to implement this provision, and on written request of the County shall submit the Plan to the County for its review.

- (ii) I-Net Network Maintenance Program. The Franchisee shall conduct a preventive maintenance program to ensure that all fiber in the I-Net is maintained in good condition and that it continues to meet all clearance and cable support requirements to guard against physical damage to the network. This program shall provide preventive maintenance to I-Net fibers that is at least as great as the Franchisee provides for the Subscriber Network. Subject to force majeure events, I-Net availability shall not fall below 99.9% in any year during the term of this Franchise. Within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall develop a routine maintenance plan to implement this provision, and on written request shall submit the plan to the County for its review.
- (iii) Notice of Interruptions. The Franchisee agrees not to take any preventive Maintenance that is likely to result in an interruption of service over the I-Net fibers without the prior consent of the County. Whenever the Franchisee plans to take any preventive Maintenance that will interrupt service over any of the I-Net fibers, it shall notify the King County INET network operations center at 206.263.7000 or at inet.operations@kingcounty.gov at least fourteen (14) Days prior to commencing such action. Such notice shall include the date, nature, and location of the proposed preventive Maintenance action, and the beginning and ending date and time proposed for the interruption. If the County objects to

any part of the proposed action or interruption, it shall so notify the Franchisee in writing, by e-mail, within fifteen (15) Days of receipt of the notice. No preventive Maintenance that will result in an interruption of service shall be taken until the Franchisee and the County have first agreed to the date, nature, and location of the proposed action, and the beginning and ending date and time for the proposed interruption.

(iv) Cost of the I-Net. The repair and Maintenance of the I-Net, and all of the Franchisee's costs arising therefrom, shall be provided at no cost to the County during the term of this Franchise Agreement. Any costs related to expansion of the I-Net shall be borne by the County at the Franchisee's customary time and materials rate. The parties agree that the County shall be a perpetual lessee of the I-Net at no cost to the County.

(d) Cable Services to Certain Facilities. Upon the request of the County, the Franchisee shall provide basic, and expanded basic Cable Services, or their equivalent, including all required PEG Channels activated on the Cable System to the locations in the Franchise Area designated below. Subject to the terms of subsection 3(c), these services shall be free of charge to each of the following locations in the Franchise Area: each public school and public school administrative facility; each King County Library System facility; each fire station; each County office and agency whether located in a County-owned or County-leased facility. The Franchisee shall provide services to the above facilities located within the Franchise Area or in other jurisdictions located within King County where the Franchisee has a franchise, permit, license or other right to serve to the extent designated by the County from time to time. To the extent any drop to any such facility exceeds sixty (60) feet underground trench or one hundred twenty-five (125) feet aerial, the Franchisee shall be compensated for its time and materials for installations in excess of those distances. Inside wiring will not be the Franchisee's responsibility. The obligation to provide service otherwise includes the obligation to provide and install such devices as may be required so that each television receiver within the location connected to internal wiring can view and individually tune signals being provided as part of the service. Each service outlet will have sufficient power to serve all rooms in each facility. Free service will not be provided to any private or for-profit concessionaire using County facilities.

16. Channels, Facilities, Equipment and Services for Public, Educational and Governmental Use.

- (a) General. The Franchisee shall provide PEG Channels on its Cable System for public, educational and government (“PEG”) use in accordance with Section 16(b).
- (b) Characteristics of PEG Channels. Each PEG Channel provided pursuant to subsection 16(c) shall be subject to the following.
 - (1) Each PEG Channel shall be viewable by every Subscriber as part of that Subscriber’s service, without any additional service charge.
 - (2) It is the responsibility of the County’s PEG access providers to provide the Franchisee with an upstream PEG signal at the termination panel hand-off point that meets or exceeds FCC technical standards, and the Franchisee shall deliver to Subscribers a downstream PEG signal that meets or exceeds FCC technical standards.
 - (3) The entire upstream PEG signal delivered to the Franchisee by a designated PEG access provider will be passed through to Subscribers. By way of example, if a PEG provider places closed captioning on its upstream PEG signal, the Franchisee shall deliver the PEG signal, including closed captioning, to its Subscribers.
 - (4) The Franchisee shall provide digital-to-analog, converters for the primary television set to any Subscriber on request.
 - (5) Once assigned, PEG Channel locations cannot be changed without ninety (90) Days prior written notice to the County, except in circumstances beyond the Franchisee’s reasonable control.
- (c) Number of Channels. The Franchisee will continue to carry one (1) of the PEG Channels in high-definition format. The County may designate which of the PEG Channels will be carried in high- definition format.
 - (1) For the elimination of doubt, the Franchisee will not be required under subsection (c) above to (i) transmit more than one (1) PEG Channel in high-definition format, (ii) provide any equipment to the County to facilitate the creation, storage or distribution of any high-definition programming, or (iii) provide to Subscribers any equipment (other than the digital- to-analog converters described above) necessary to view the PEG Channel in high-definition format.
 - (2) The County shall administer the use and allocate responsibility for the operation of all PEG Channels. The County shall have the right to allocate the individual additional PEG Channels to any entity responsible for managing PEG Channels, or to maintain them as separate channels under the County’s own control.

- (3) Video On Demand. The Franchisee will continue to set aside sufficient storage capacity on its video-on-demand (“VOD”) server to store up to thirty (30) hours of PEG Channel programming. The County will have the obligation and shall bear all costs and expenses to format (i.e., encode the PEG Channel programming in the appropriate VOD format along with the appropriate metadata to enable its use in the Franchisee’s VOD server) and transport the formatted PEG Channel programming to the Franchisee’s VOD server via a transport mechanism that is commonly used in the cable television industry. At such time that the County provides formatted PEG Channel programming, the Franchisee will make such programming available to Subscribers that have access to the Franchisee’s other VOD programming in a manner consistent with such other VOD programming and at no additional cost to such Subscribers. The County will be responsible for “refreshing” the PEG Channel programming on a periodic basis.
- (d) Use of Capacity. The County agrees that it will use its designated PEG Channels and facilities, its Institutional Network and Franchisee Cable System facilities necessary for the delivery of PEG programming, if any, solely for non-commercial PEG communication purposes and not for any for-profit or commercial purposes by the County or third parties. However, the County may authorize charges to pay the direct costs of the services, such as fees for video class instruction or charges to recover the cost of special use equipment. The Franchisee shall have the right to audit the County’s use of such facilities and equipment to ensure compliance with this Section 16(d).
- (e) Contribution and Grant for Equipment and Facilities.

The Franchisee shall provide the County the contribution and grant specified below for use by the County in its sole discretion for any PEG-related purpose to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- (1) During the term of the Franchise, commencing within ninety (90) Days of the Effective Date, the Franchisee shall provide the County a PEG fee equal to seventy six cents (\$0.76) per Subscriber per month. Payments shall be made quarterly and in conjunction with, but are hereby acknowledged by the County and the Franchisee to be separate from, the payment of franchise fees under Section 5(a) and shall be expended consistent with any limitations under federal law. The PEG fee may be passed through by the Franchisee to Subscribers and itemized on monthly billing statements.
- (2) The Franchisee shall make a one-time equity and social justice grant in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), payable within one hundred twenty (120) Days of the Effective Date, to be used by the County for PEG capital purposes.

- (f) Return Feed from Facilities; Monitoring.
- (1) The Cable System was designed and built, and is maintained with all terminal interface equipment and facilities needed to transport PEG signals for the PEG Channels identified in Section 16(c) from PEG access facilities designated by the County to the Franchisee's head end for delivery to Subscribers.
 - (2) Each PEG access provider should be able to monitor its PEG channel.
- (g) Management of Channels. The County may designate one (1) or more designated access providers, including a non-profit access management corporation, to manage the use of all or part of the Institutional Network and the PEG channels. Until such an entity has been designated; the County shall perform all functions assigned to the entity in this Franchise Agreement.
- (h) Program Guide. If the County or PEG access provider chooses to contract with the Franchisee's program guide provider, PEG Channels programming shall be listed on the guide in the same manner as programming of other commercial channels.
- (i) Costs and Payments Not Franchise Fees. The parties agree that any capital costs to the Franchisee associated with the provision of support for PEG access pursuant to this Franchise Agreement, and any capital contribution payments made to the County pursuant to this Section 16, do not constitute and are not part of a franchise fee, and fall within one or more of the exceptions to 47 U.S.C. § 542(g).
- (j) Editorial Control. Except as expressly permitted by federal law, the Franchisee shall not exercise any editorial control over the content of programming on the designated PEG Channels, nor shall the Franchisee be held liable in any way for the content delivered on the County's PEG Channels to the Franchisee's Subscribers via its Cable System.
- (k) Interconnection.
- (1) For the purpose of exchanging PEG Channels, the Franchisee shall:
 - (i) interconnect PEG Channels on its Cable System with all other cable systems that it or any Affiliate owns or controls within the County; and
 - (ii) interconnect PEG Channels on the Cable System with unaffiliated geographically contiguous cable systems within the County that request interconnection.

- (2) The interconnection terms under Section 16 (k)(1)(ii) shall be as mutually agreed between the Franchisee and the party requesting interconnection or, if no agreement can be reached, the party requesting interconnection will bear the cost of bringing its system to the nearest node or logical interconnection point on the Franchisee's system, and the initial and ongoing actual costs of maintaining the devices at the interconnection point necessary to allow signals to be exchanged. The County may relieve the Franchisee of its obligation to interconnect if the County finds that requiring the interconnection would unfairly advantage the party requesting interconnection.
- (3) The Franchisee shall provide signals to and receive signals from all interconnected operators so as to provide real time carriage of PEG programming without interruption.
- (4) The County may use the I-Net to deliver PEG programming to or receive PEG programming from any provider of video services. The Franchisee is not required to interconnect with the portions of any unaffiliated cable systems that receive PEG signals via the I-Net.
- (5) Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to excuse the Franchisee's compliance with any interconnection obligations under State or federal law or regulations.

17. Timing, Planning of Construction, and Line Extensions.

- (a) Prior to entering onto private property to Construct, operate or repair its Cable System, the Franchisee shall provide reasonably adequate notice to the resident or owner of the property that it intends to work on the property, a description of the work it intends to perform and a name and phone number the resident or owner can call to protest or seek modification of the work. Work shall be done in a manner that causes the least interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners, residents and users.
- (b) Drop Distance and Line Extensions.
 - (1) The Franchisee must provide Cable Service to all Persons within the Franchise Area that meet its standard credit qualifications, and shall extend its Cable System to do so in accordance with this Franchise Agreement.
 - (2) The Franchisee must make Cable Service available for the standard installation charge to all Persons within the Franchise Area who request Cable Service and agree to subscribe for a minimum period of one (1) year if, using the most direct route, the distance the distribution line would be extended to provide service

divided by the number of Persons requesting service is not more than three hundred (300) feet from the Cable System, and the drop distance is not more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the Cable System.

- (3) Subject to Section 17(b)(2), the Franchisee must make Cable Services available to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least twenty-five (25) dwelling units per strand mile in areas served by overhead facilities and sixty (60) dwelling units per mile in areas served by underground facilities.
- (4) The Franchisee must provide Cable Services to areas not meeting the above density standard upon confirmed request of a dwelling unit resident in the Franchise Area, provided that Franchisee shall only be required to contribute a maximum of \$1,750 per occupied dwelling unit in the expansion area, and may charge the requesting resident(s) for the line extension on a time and material cost basis for the balance of the extension costs. For any such request, Franchisee shall provide to the requesting party engineering schematics, and a materials and labor cost estimate. The Franchisee may require that the payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential customers be paid in advance. The contribution amount is in 2024 dollars and shall be increased each year by the increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

(c) Joint Utility Trenches.

The Franchisee shall share joint or common utility trenches with electric, telephone or similar utilities, unless the cost of participating in the joint trench exceeds the Franchisee's cost of constructing its own trench.

- (d) Construction of the Institutional Network. The parties will work in good faith to coordinate design and construction of additions to the Institutional Network beyond those described in Section 15(c) with any upgrade of the Franchisee's network. Both parties will use best efforts to coordinate on the location of the Franchisee's fiber nodes to maximize the savings to the County while not altering the cost of Construction or specifications for the upgrade to Franchisee.

18. Conditions on Use of Rights-of-Way and King County Owned Property: Specific Practices.

- (a) All Work Performed in Accordance with Applicable Laws. The Construction, Maintenance, and operation of the Cable System, and all

other work performed in Rights-of-Way must be performed in compliance with this Franchise Agreement and all applicable laws, regulations and permit conditions. By way of illustration and not limitation, the Franchisee must comply with the following: The then-current edition of the County Road Design and Construction Standards; King County Regulations for Accommodation of Utilities; Washington State Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Municipal Construction; National Electric Code (NEC Article 820). published by the National Fire Protection Association (currently ANSI/NFPA 70-1990, and replaced by subsequently adopted additions); National Electrical Safety Code published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (currently ANSI CZ-1990 and replaced by subsequently adopted additions); and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Safety and Health Standards. All traffic control shall be done in compliance with the then-current edition of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part VI.

19. Operation and Reporting Provisions.

(a) Books and Records and Facilities.

- (1) The County and its representatives shall have the right to inspect and copy any and all Books and Records reasonable and necessary to evidence compliance with the terms of the Cable Ordinance, this Franchise Agreement, and applicable laws and regulations.

The County may conduct its inspection and copying at any time during normal business hours upon reasonable written notice.

Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, the right to audit Franchisee's Books and Records and to inspect and test Franchisee's technical facilities.

- (2) Franchisee and its Affiliates shall maintain for a period of six (6) years all Books and Records reasonably necessary to document its compliance with this Franchise Agreement, the Cable Ordinance, and all applicable laws and regulations, including those respecting its equal employment opportunity plan in accordance with the FCC's EEO regulations. Books and Records shall be made available within the County (it being understood that the Franchisee's office in Seattle,

Washington is located within the County). The County will agree to inspect and copy Books and Records at a location other than within the County, but only if the Franchisee agrees to pay all reasonable expenses of the County, its representatives or an outside firm performing the work under contract to the County, associated with traveling to inspect, audit or copy the Books or Records, and it

agrees it will not treat such payment as a franchise fee or offset it against any amounts owed to the County.

- (3) If the Franchisee considers all or any portion of any Book or Record the County requests to copy, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected under law, the Franchisee shall clearly mark the portion of the Book or Record with words such as “PROPRIETARY” “CONFIDENTIAL” OR “TRADE SECRET” (collectively, “DESIGNATED MATERIAL”). If a request is made for disclosure of DESIGNATED MATERIAL under the Public Records Act (“the Act”), chapter 42.56 (RCW), the County will determine whether the DESIGNATED MATERIAL is subject to disclosure under the Act. If the County, in its judgment, determines the DESIGNATED MATERIAL is arguably exempt, the County will notify the Franchisee of the request and allow the Franchisee ten (10) business days to obtain a court order enjoining release in accordance with applicable law. If the Franchisee fails or neglects to take such action within this period, the County will release the DESIGNATED MATERIAL deemed by the County to be subject to disclosure. The County shall not be liable to the Franchisee for releasing Books and Records pursuant to a request under the Act not clearly identified by the Franchisee as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROPRIETARY” OR “TRADE SECRET”.
 - (4) To the extent Books and Records the County deems relevant are held by the Franchisee or its Affiliates, the Franchisee is responsible for collecting those Books and Records and producing them at the approved location.
 - (5) After the County determines it no longer has a need for copied Books and Records of the Franchisee, the Franchisee may request the County’s representatives or its outside firm performing the work under contract to the County to either destroy such copies or return them to the Franchisee at the Franchisee’s sole cost to the extent permitted by law.
- (b) Reports and Marketing. The Franchisee shall provide the items specified below.
- (1) Each year of the Franchise during the month of September, Franchisee will initiate contact with all current Franchise customers in the Franchise Area who are not already Subscribers and all Persons as described in Section 17(b)(3) to encourage cable television subscribership. Contact shall be through written mailer, email, and social media. Franchisee will report the number of contacts made and the number of new Subscribers obtained to the Cable Office as of December 31 of each year.

- (2) Within four (4) months of the close of its fiscal year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with a copy of the following:
- (i) A report detailing whether each applicable customer service standard as defined by FCC Rules, Cable Ordinance, and required by this Franchise were met.

For each standard not met, the report will explain the cause and corrections taken for each.
 - (ii) An estimate of the number of disabled, elderly and low income Subscribers receiving any rate discounts, and the percentage of the monthly discount.
 - (iii) A statement of the resolution of complaints referred to it by the Cable Office. Notwithstanding any provision of the Cable Ordinance that could be read to require a more formal response, such statement shall be by telephone unless the Cable Office requests a written statement, and shall be given as soon as practicable.
 - (iv) A report summarizing Cable System outages in the County Franchise Area. An outage includes any loss of one or more video or audio channels by three (3) or more Subscribers not including instances where the audio or video is lost prior to its receipt by the Cable System.
- v. The report required in Section 19(b)(1) above.

(3) Within one (1) month of the end of each quarter, which shall end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of every year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with a statement, in a form specified by the County, showing the number of Subscribers served in the Franchise Area. In addition, the statement shall separately list revenues for each source of revenue which is included within the definition of Gross Revenues in this Franchise Agreement.

(4) Upon the Effective Date and thereafter within thirty (30) Days of written request, but not more than once per calendar year, the Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office the following:

- (i) A route map that depicts the general location of the Cable System facilities placed in the Right-of-Way.

The route map shall identify Cable System facilities as aerial or underground and any cabinets or other structures in the

Rights-of-Way, but is not required to depict cable types, number of cables, electronic equipment, and service lines to individual Subscribers. The Franchisee shall also provide, if requested, mapping information in a "Shape files" or other mutually agreeable electronic format that can be imported into the County's Geographic Information System ("GIS") to show the location of the aerial/underground facilities (including cabinets) in relation to a Right-of-Way centerline reference, to that the County may add this information to the County's GIS.

- (ii) As soon as practicable given the time of day, Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office with notice via e-mail or telephone of any unanticipated or unplanned complete or partial loss of service affecting one hundred (100) or more Subscribers within the County's Franchise Area, and lasting longer than twenty-four (24) hours. Franchisee's notice shall include the date, time, cause, general location by street, and expected time of repair. As soon as possible after completion of the repair work, the Franchisee shall notify the Cable Office of the actual date and time of completion of the repair.
 - (iii) Franchisee shall provide the Cable Office within a 24-hour period advance notice of any planned outages affecting 100 or more Subscribers on the same distribution line or fiber node within the County's Franchise Area.
- (5) EEOC. On written request, Franchisee shall provide King County a copy of its equal employment opportunity plan filed with or submitted to the FCC, any changes to the employment opportunity plan made in the last year, and a copy of its most recent FCC Form 396-C. If the FCC replaces Form 396-C, the Franchisee shall file the succeeding forms which contain any of the information previously required in Form 396-C.
- (c) Retention of Records: Relation to Privacy Rights. The Franchisee shall take all steps required, if any, to ensure that it is able to provide the County all information which must be provided or, may be requested under the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement, including, by providing appropriate Subscriber privacy notices. Nothing in this section 19 shall be read to require the Franchisee to violate 47 U.S.C. § 551. The Franchisee shall be responsible for redacting any data that federal law prevents it from providing to the County.
 - (d) Charges for Inspection, Audits or Tests. In addition to any expenses the Franchisee must bear under section 19(c):

- (1) if an inspection or test determines that the Franchisee has not materially complied with applicable FCC technical standards, the Franchisee shall reimburse the County for all reasonable costs including expert fees arising from the inspection or test.
- (2) if an audit determines that the Franchisee has underpaid amounts due the County by more than five percent (5%) of the amount owing, the Franchisee shall pay all reasonable costs of the audit. These charges are incidental to the enforcement of this Franchise; they do not limit any right the County may have to exercise any other remedy. To the extent this Section 19(d) conflicts with the Cable Ordinance, this section will prevail.

20. Remedies.

- (a) Remedies Are Nonexclusive. Subject to applicable law, the remedies provided for in this Franchise Agreement and the Cable Ordinance are cumulative and not exclusive; the exercise of one remedy shall not prevent the exercise of another, or any rights of the County at law or equity; provided however, cumulative remedies may not exceed the total wrong involved.
- (b) No Election of Remedies. Without limitation, the withdrawal of amounts from the letter of credit in Section 10 or the recovery of amounts under the bond, insurance, indemnity or liquidated damages provisions of this Franchise Agreement shall not be construed to be: an election of remedies; a limit on the liability of the Franchisee under this Franchise for damages or otherwise; or an excuse of faithful performance by the Franchisee.
- (c) Rights of the County. In addition to exercising any of the other remedies provided in this Franchise Agreement or the remedies available under applicable law, the County may revoke this Franchise and void this Franchise Agreement if the Franchisee:
 - (1) attempts to or does practice any fraud or deceit in its conduct or relations under this Franchise Agreement or in the process of being granted the rights, authority, power, privileges and permission herein; or
 - (2) attempts deliberately to evade any material provision of the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement; or
 - (3) fails to correct any material breach of the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement, after written notice and opportunity to cure. Without limitation, the failure of the Franchisee to comply with the deadlines established in this Franchise Agreement, its failure to provide or maintain the required reports and records, or its failure to

comply with applicable law shall be deemed a material breach of this Franchise Agreement; or

- (4) repeatedly violates the Cable Ordinance or this Franchise Agreement regardless of whether any single provision violated is deemed immaterial; or
 - (5) abandons its Franchise.
- (d) Rights of the Franchisee. Notwithstanding any provision of the Cable Ordinance to the contrary that could be read to limit the Franchisee's rights, before the County revokes this Franchise, it shall:
- (1) Provide written notice to the Franchisee describing with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation;
 - (2) Permit the Franchisee an opportunity to be heard on the issue; and
 - (3) If the Franchisee timely requests an opportunity to be heard, allow the Franchisee to appear and present information relevant to determining whether the violation occurred, and the appropriate remedy for the violation, if any. The parties agree that K.C.C. 6.27A.240 satisfies the requirements of this section 20(d).
- (e) Procedures Prior to Revocation.
- (1) **Notice of Violation.** The County shall provide the Franchisee with a detailed written notice of any Franchise violation upon which it proposes to take revocation action and a ninety (90) Day period within which the Franchisee may demonstrate that a violation does not exist, or cure the alleged violation; or if the violation cannot be cured within the ninety (90) Day cure period, present a cure plan to the County for review and approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
 - (2) **Default.** If the Franchisee fails to disprove or cure the violation within ninety (90) Days In accordance with the approved cure plan, then the County may, declare the Franchisee in default, which declaration must be in writing stating with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation.
 - (3) **Hearing Available to the Franchisee.** Within fifteen (15) Days after receipt of a written declaration of default from the County, the Franchisee may request, in writing, a hearing before the County or its agent, in a public proceeding. Such hearing shall allow the Franchisee an opportunity to dispute such default declaration and shall be held within forty-five (45) Days of the receipt of the request therefore and a decision rendered within thirty (30) Days after the

conclusion of the hearing. Any decision shall be in writing and shall be based upon written findings of fact.

- (f) Duty to Exhaust Remedies. In the event of any dispute between the Franchisee and the County arising out of this Franchise Agreement or the Cable Ordinance, the Franchisee agrees to pursue and exhaust all administrative remedies pursuant to law prior to pursuing any legal or equitable remedy.
- (g) Effect of Revocation or Forfeiture. The revocation or forfeiture of the Franchisee's rights under this Franchise shall not affect any of the County's rights under this Franchise or applicable law. The Franchisee shall continue to be bound, for example, by any duties it may have under the Cable Ordinance to continue to provide service.

21. Abandonment.

- (a) Effect of Abandonment. If the Franchisee abandons its Cable System during the term of this Franchise in accordance with its duty to provide continuous service, the County, at its option, may operate the Cable System; designate another entity to operate the Cable System temporarily until the Franchisee restores service under conditions acceptable to the County or until this Franchise is revoked and a new Franchisee selected by the County is providing service; or obtain an injunction requiring the Franchisee to continue operations. If the County is required to operate or designate another entity to operate the Cable System, the Franchisee shall reimburse the County or its designee for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and damages incurred that are in excess of the revenues from the Cable System.
- (b) What Constitutes Abandonment. The County shall be entitled to exercise its option and obtain any required injunctive relief if:
 - (1) The Franchisee fails to provide Cable Services in accordance with this Franchise Agreement over a substantial portion of the Franchise Area for two hundred forty (240) consecutive hours in the absence of a force majeure event; or
 - (2) The Franchisee, for any period, willfully and without cause refuses to provide Cable Services in accordance with this Franchise Agreement.

22. Exercise of Right to Purchase.

- (a) Option to Purchase. The County shall have the option to purchase the Cable System to the extent consistent with federal law.
- (b) Arbitration.

- (1) If the County exercises a right to purchase the Cable System pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, and the parties are unable to agree on a price for the purchase of the Cable System, or the terms and conditions of the sale, the price of the Cable System may be determined by arbitration as set forth below.
 - (2) The arbitration procedure employed shall be consistent with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association. The Cable Office and the Franchisee shall each select a qualified arbitrator. The two arbitrators selected shall select a third qualified arbitrator, and the three arbitrators will constitute a panel whose decision is binding on the County and the Franchisee. The fees of the arbitrators selected by each party shall be paid by that party, and the fees of the third arbitrator shall be paid one-half each by the County and the Franchisee. The other costs of the proceeding shall be shared equally by the County and the Franchisee.
 - (3) Notwithstanding the above, nothing shall require the County to submit the matter to arbitration should it purchase a Cable System through an exercise of the right of eminent domain.
- (c) Rights Not Waived. The purchase option provided under section 22(a) does not waive any rights the Franchisee may have under applicable law.

23. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) Governing Law. This Franchise Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Washington and the United States of America. All actions brought by the Franchisee against the County; whether brought in State or federal court, shall be brought in a court located in King County, Washington, unless prohibited by law.
- (b) Force Majeure. The Franchisee shall not be deemed in default with provisions of its Franchise where performance was rendered impossible by war or riots, civil disturbances, labor strikes, floods or other weather events, or other circumstances beyond the Franchisee's reasonable control; and this Franchise shall not be revoked or the Franchisee penalized for such noncompliance, provided that the Franchisee takes immediate and diligent steps to bring itself back into compliance and to comply as soon as possible under the circumstances with its Franchise without unduly endangering the health or safety of the Franchisee's employees or the integrity of its property, or the health or safety of the public, or the integrity of public Rights-of-Way, public property, or private property; and only if the Franchisee has notified the County in writing of the reason for the inability within three (3) business days of the Franchisee's discovery of the reason or the existence of such a force majeure event is manifest from events and circumstances. Such notice

shall not be required if the force majeure event renders notice impossible. In such case, notice shall be provided as soon as reasonably possible.

- (c) Connections to System; Use of Antennas. Subject to reasonable provisions to prevent signal and service theft, Subscribers shall have the right to use their own remote control devices and converters, and other similar customer premise equipment with the Franchisee's Cable System.
- (d) Calculation of Time. Unless otherwise indicated, when the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, or payment is required hereunder and a period of time or duration for the fulfillment of doing thereof is prescribed and is fixed herein, the time shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last Day of the prescribed or fixed period of time. For example, if on January 1, the Franchisee is directed to file action within ten (10) Days, the action must be completed no later than midnight, January 11.
- (e) Time of Essence. In determining whether the Franchisee has substantially complied with Its Franchise, the parties agree that time is of the essence to this Franchise Agreement.
- (f) Captions. The captions and headings of this Franchise Agreement are for convenience and reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning and interpretation of any provisions of this Franchise Agreement.
- (g) Counterparts. This Franchise Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original copy, and all of which together shall constitute one Franchise Agreement binding on all parties hereto, notwithstanding that all parties shall not have signed the same counterpart.

AGREED TO AS OF THE DAY OF ____ , 2024.

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: _____ By: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION AND MAP OF FRANCHISE AREA

All those portions of unincorporated King County excluding all incorporated Cities located in following townships and Ranges: Township 26, Ranges 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 25, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 24, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 23, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 22, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Township 21, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 20, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 19, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The foregoing includes all sections within the described townships and ranges.

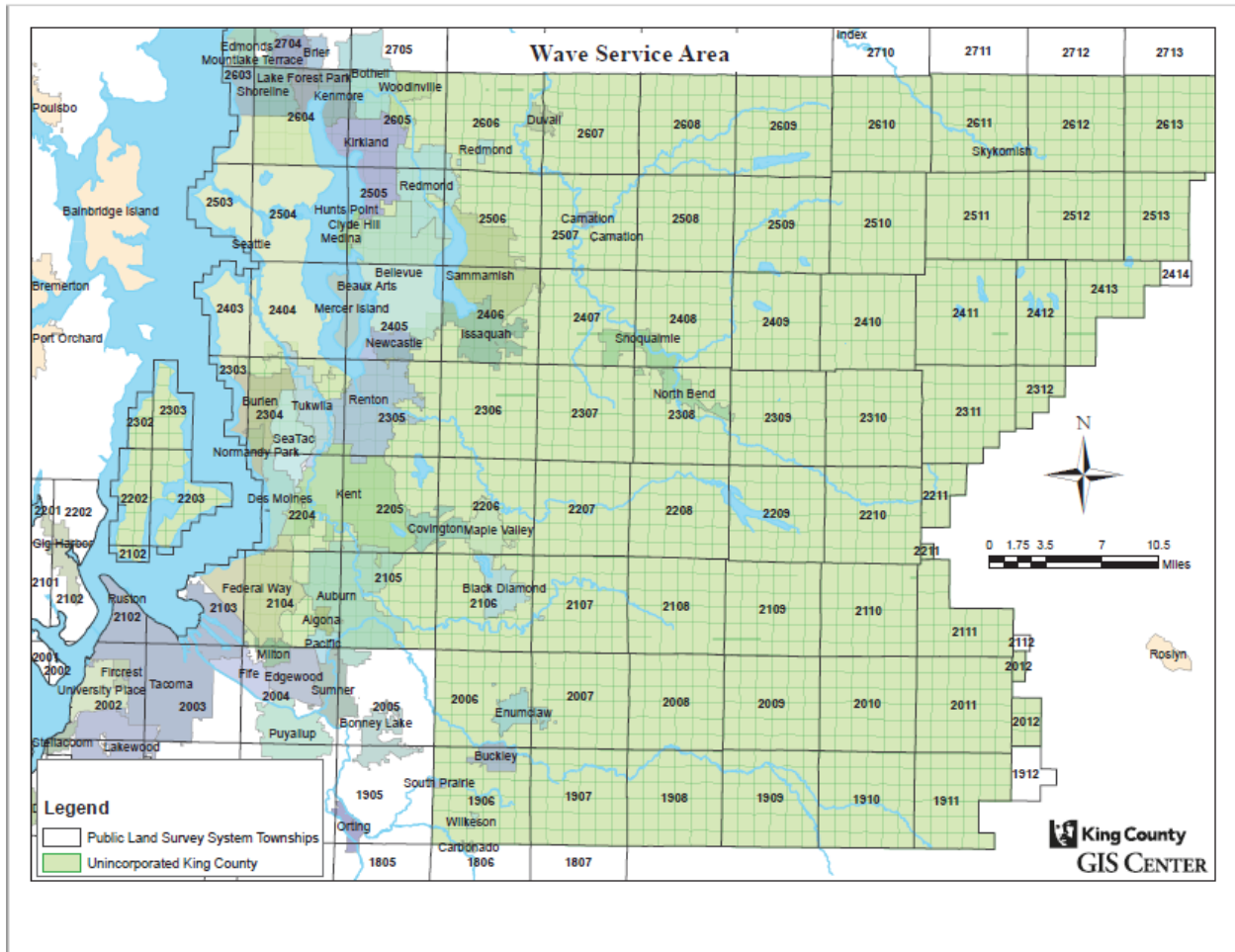


EXHIBIT C
FRANCHISE BOND

Bond: _____

Franchise # _____

GL Code: _____

Risk File: _____

Location: Seattle, Washington

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, **WAVEDIVISION I, LLC**, as Principal and, _____, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **County of King, Seattle**, as Obligee, in the sum of **Fifty Thousand & No/100 Dollars** (\$50,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid unto said Obligee, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above-bound Principal has entered into a written agreement dated _____, 2024, with the Obligee which grants a Franchise to the Principal to use Obligee's public streets and places to transmit and distribute electrical impulses through fiber optical cable and open line-coaxial cable system located therein. Principal has agreed to faithfully perform and observe and fulfill all terms and conditions of said Franchise agreement referred to above and said agreement is hereby made a part of this bond with like force and effect as if herein set forth in length.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the above named Principal, its successors or assigns, does and shall well and truly observe, perform and fulfill its obligation as set forth in the above-mentioned Franchise agreement, for Which a bond must be posted, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

The bond is subject, however, to the following express conditions:

FIRST: That in the event of a default on the part of the Principal, its successors or assigns, a written statement of such default with full details thereof shall be given to Surety promptly, and in any event, within thirty (30) days after the Obligee shall learn of such default, such notice to be delivered to surety at its Home Office in _____ by registered mail.

SECOND: That no claim, suit or action under this bond by reason of any such default shall be brought against Surety unless asserted or commenced within twelve (12) months after the effective date of any termination or cancellation of this bond.

THIRD: That this bond may be terminated or canceled by Surety by thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to Principal and to Obligee, such notice to be given by certified mail. Such termination or cancelation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued under this bond prior to the effective date of such termination or cancellation. The liability of the Surety shall be limited to the amount set forth above and is not cumulative.

FOURTH: That no right of action shall accrue under this bond to or for the use of any person other than the Obligee; and Its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE ABOVE BOUND PRINCIPAL AND THE ABOVE BOUND SURETY HAVE; HEREUNTO SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS ON THE

____ day of _____, 2024.

WAVEDIVISION I, LLC

By:

By:
Attorney-in-fact,

February 28, 2025



Title Amendment

[B. Paribello]

Sponsor: von Reichbauer

Proposed No.: 2024-0409

1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2024-0409, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike everything through line 4 and insert:

3 "AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into
4 a renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with
5 WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31,
6 2033."

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8 **EFFECT prepared by B. Paribello: *Amending the title to correct the year in which***
9 ***the agreement expires.***



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December 6, 2024

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
 Chair, King County Council
 Room 1200
 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance, which would if approved, renew cable television franchise 5602 with WaveDivision I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company doing business as Astound Broadband (Wave). The renewed franchise has a ten-year term, allowing Wave to continue serving its approximately 600 cable television customers throughout unincorporated King County. Wave's existing franchise includes an expiration date of September 11, 2023, but its terms continue pending execution of a new franchise agreement.

Since June 2023, Wave and King County worked to negotiate a successor franchise agreement. Productive negotiations resulted in the following key elements of the agreement which benefit the County and Wave customers:

- Wave will continue to operate and maintain its current 10 I-NET connection sites in the areas of Carnation and Duvall.
- To increase the number of Cable TV subscribers in unincorporated King County, Wave will conduct an annual marketing campaign during the month of September to all current and potential customers, including those who are broadband only. Results will be reported to the King County Cable Office by April 30th each year. The Office will use these results to project new subscribers and a potential increase in franchise fees paid to the County's General Fund. Wave will begin to pay a monthly public, educational, or government access (PEG) fee of \$.76 per subscriber.
- Wave will provide a \$25,000 capital technology grant in support of King County Equity and Social Justice for an upgrade of the automation system for King County

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Television. This will result in multi-language enhancement for all King County customers.

- Wave will allow for a \$1,750 customer credit for installation requests that exceed standard distances currently allowed in the franchise.
- Wave will continue to operate a local office for customers to return equipment and seek help with their accounts.

The franchise agreement contains numerous other standard provisions as required by King County Code, such as provisions for auditing and checking compliance for Wave's financial records; ensuring the County receives the required five percent franchise fees; verifying the Wave cable system meets the minimum technical compliance standards; and that all legal standards have been met

Thank you for consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Megan Clarke, Chief Information Officer, King County Information Technology, at 206-477-7067.

Sincerely,



for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council
Karan Gill, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive
Penny Lipsou, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
Megan Clark, Chief Information Officer, King County Information Technology

2025 FISCAL NOTE

Ordinance/Motion:
Title: The renewed WAVE/Astound 10-Year Cable TV Franchise Agreement
Affected Agency and/or Agencies: King County Information Technology
Note Prepared By: Junko Keesecker
Date Prepared: 10/29/2024
Note Reviewed By:
Date Reviewed:

Description of request:

Ordinance authorizing King County to renew the franchise agreement with WaveDivision I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company doing business as Astound Broadband (“Wave”). The renewed franchise has a ten-year term, allowing Wave to continue serving its approximately 600 cable television customers throughout unincorporated King County.

Revenue to:

Agency	Fund Code	Revenue Source	2025	2026-2027	2028-2029
KCIT Cable Office	10	PEG Fees	\$ 5,472	\$ 5,472	\$ 5,472
KCIT Cable Office	10	Grant	\$ 25,000		
TOTAL			30,472	5,472	5,472

Expenditures from:

Agency	Fund Code	Department	2025	2026-2027	2028-2029
TOTAL			0	0	0

Expenditures by Categories

	2025	2026-2027	2028-2029
TOTAL	0	0	0

Does this legislation require a budget supplemental? No

Notes and Assumptions:

The estimated PEG fee revenue is calculated a monthly PEG Fee of 0.76 per customer times 600 subscribers, as noted in the transmittal letter.

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2024-0409

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held before the Metropolitan King County Council on the 25th day of March, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. to consider adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2024-0409, an ordinance relating to approving renewal of cable franchise 5602 held by WAVEDIVISION I, LLC as franchisee, doing business as Astound Broadband. The public hearing will be held at the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Avenue, Room 1001, Seattle; remote public testimony on Zoom will also be accepted. Written public testimony will be accepted from 9 a.m. on March 13, 2025, through 10 a.m. on March 25, 2025, by sending such public testimony to clerk.council@kingcounty.gov. Please include the legislation number and related agenda item in the subject line. More information on the public hearing and how to participate in public testimony can be found at this website: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/committees/full_council.aspx.

SUMMARY

This ordinance will approve the renewal of franchise 5602 held by WAVEDIVISION I, LLC as franchisee, doing business as Astound Broadband. WAVEDIVISION I, LLC owns and operates a cable system under a franchise from King County (cable franchise 5602) that serves customers within the following described boundaries:

All those portions of unincorporated King County excluding all incorporated Cities located in following townships and Ranges: Township 26, Ranges 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 25, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8,9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 24, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Township 23, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 22, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,10 and 11, Township 21, Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 20, Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Township 19, Ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. These areas are generally located in unincorporated King County near the cities of Duvall, Carnation and Woodinville.

Final Action:

Prior to final action, Councilmembers may offer amendments for consideration by the Council. Persons wishing to testify on the Proposed Ordinance should attend the public hearing in person or remotely on March 25, 2025, or provide testimony in writing prior to the hearing.

A copy of Proposed Ordinance 2024-0409 is available on the internet at <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7046354&GUID=48E3B305-9BBC-4389-A43D-484260E0DDD3&Options=Advanced&Search=>. You may also view this notice at the Clerk's page at http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances_advertised.aspx.

DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 13th day of March, 2025.

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Melani Hay
Clerk of the Council