

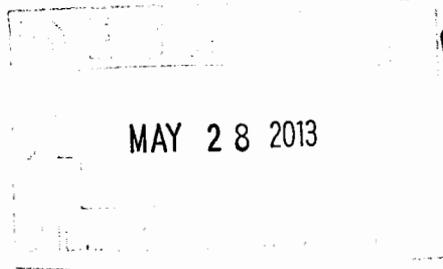


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May 14, 2013

Dear Issuing Authority:

The Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") will hold a public and evidentiary hearing, pursuant to G. L. c. 166A, § 15 and 207 C.M.R. § 6.03, to investigate the proposed basic service tier programming, equipment, and installation rates for all of the rate regulated communities in Massachusetts served by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC ("Comcast"), in response to its filings. The hearing will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, in Room 1E at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and is a formal hearing conducted under G. L. c. 30A and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure at 801 C.M.R. § 1.00 *et seq.* Comcast, as the cable operator serving your community, is required to arrange for notice of the hearing, both by newspaper publication and by cablecasting. G. L. c. 166A, § 15; 207 C.M.R. § 6.05; 207 C.M.R. § 2.02. The proceeding is docketed as D.T.C. 13-5. A copy of the hearing notice that was provided to Comcast for publication is enclosed for informational purposes.

As the issuing authority for a municipality served by Comcast, you may want to participate in this hearing. Please note that under Massachusetts regulations, issuing authorities are not automatically parties to rate proceedings. 801 C.M.R. § 1.01(9). While our proceedings allow for full public input from all interested persons, an interested person may participate as a

party only if it files a petition to intervene and such petition is subsequently granted by the Department. *Id.* The petition to intervene must state with specificity how the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by the rate proceeding. *Id.*

An issuing authority that is granted party status has the right to participate fully in the proceeding, including the right to cross-examine the cable operator's witnesses at the hearing, the right to receive all correspondence and documents provided by the cable operator to the Department, and the right to appeal the Department's Rate Order. 801 C.M.R. §§ 1.01(5)(f); 1.01(10)(f); 1.01(13). An intervenor is also allowed to participate in discovery. 801 C.M.R. § 1.01(8)(a). For example, the intervenor may submit to the cable operator prior to the hearing written questions related to the rate proceeding, which the cable operator is required to answer. A party that wishes to intervene must file its petition to intervene with the Department by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 8, 2013.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the hearing procedures, please contact me at Lindsay.DeRoche@state.ma.us or (617) 368-1112.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lindsay DeRoche
Lindsay DeRoche
Hearing Officer



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D.T.C. 13-5

May 14, 2013

Petition of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC to establish and adjust the basic service tier programming, equipment, and installation rates for the communities in Massachusetts served by Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. that are currently subject to rate regulation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CABLE TELEVISION RATES

The Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") pursuant to G. L. c. 166A, § 15, and 207 C.M.R. § 6.03, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable will hold a public and evidentiary hearing to investigate proposed basic service tier programming, equipment, and installation rates of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC ("Comcast"). The hearing will take place at:

Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Hearing Room 1E
1000 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118-6500
Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

This proceeding has been docketed as D.T.C. 13-5, and is a formal adjudicatory proceeding conducted under G. L. c. 30A and 801 C.M.R. § 1.00 *et seq.* of the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate with:

Catrice C. Williams
Secretary of the Department
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Petitions for leave to intervene must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 8, 2013. Such petition must satisfy the substantive requirements of 801 C.M.R. § 1.01(9). Petitioners should submit the petition to the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us. The text of the e-mail or written petition must specify: (1) the name of the cable operator; (2) the docket number; (3) the name of the person submitting the filing; (4) that person's municipal title, if any; and (5) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., petition to intervene or participate). The petition should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.