311, and that this Order is on appeal. Should there be a final Order in the appeal of the 621 Proceeding, which would permit any cash or non-cash consideration or obligations to be required by this Franchise without being offset from Franchise Fees, or would change the scope of the Grantor's regulatory authority over the use of the rights-of-way by the Grantee, the parties shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days of written notice from the Grantor, amend this Franchise to reinstate such consideration or obligations without offset from Franchise Fees, and to address the full scope of the Grantor's regulatory authority.

3.12 Tax Liability

Payment of the Franchise Fees under this Franchise shall not exempt Grantee from the payment of any other license fee, permit fee, tax or charge on the business, occupation, property or income of Grantee that may be lawfully imposed by Grantor. Any other license fees, taxes or charges shall be of general applicability in nature and shall not be levied against Grantee solely because of its status as a Cable Operator, or against Subscribers, solely because of their status as such.

3.13 Financial Records

Grantee agrees to meet with a representative of Grantor upon request to review Grantee's methodology of record-keeping, financial reporting, the computing of Franchise Fee obligations and other procedures, the understanding of which Grantor deems necessary for reviewing reports and records.

3.14 Payment on Termination

If this Franchise terminates for any reason, the Grantee shall file with Grantor within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of the termination, a financial statement, certified by an independent certified public accountant, showing the Gross Revenues received by the Grantee since the end of the previous fiscal year. Grantor reserves the right to satisfy any remaining financial obligations of the Grantee to Grantor by utilizing the funds available in the letter of credit or other security provided by the Grantee.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

4.1 Authority

- (A) Grantor shall be vested with the power and right to reasonably regulate the exercise of the privileges permitted by this Franchise in the public interest, or to delegate that power and right, or any part thereof, to the extent permitted under Federal, State and local law.
- (B) Nothing in this Franchise shall limit nor expand Grantor's right of eminent domain under State law.

4.2 Rate Discrimination

All of Grantee's rates and charges shall be published (in the form of a publicly available rate card) and be non-discriminatory as to all Persons and organizations of similar classes, under similar circumstances and conditions. Grantee shall apply its rates in accordance with Applicable Law, with identical rates and charges for all Subscribers receiving identical Cable Services, without regard to race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital, military or economic status, or physical or mental disability or, where consistent with any requirements of Federal law, geographic location within the Franchise Area. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit:

- (A) The temporary reduction or waiving of rates or charges in conjunction with valid promotional campaigns; or,
- (B) The offering of reasonable discounts to senior citizens or economically disadvantaged citizens; or,
 - (C) The offering of rate discounts for Cable Service; or,
- (D) The Grantee from establishing different and nondiscriminatory rates and charges and classes of service for Commercial Subscribers, as allowable by federal law and regulations.

4.3 Filing of Rates and Charges

- (A) Throughout the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall maintain on file with Grantor a complete schedule of applicable rates and charges for Cable Services provided under this Franchise. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require Grantee to file rates and charges under temporary reductions or waivers of rates and charges in conjunction with promotional campaigns.
- (B) Upon request of Grantor, Grantee shall provide a complete schedule of current rates and charges for any and all Leased Access Channels, or portions of such Channels, provided by Grantee. The schedule shall include a description of the price, terms, and conditions established by Grantee for Leased Access Channels.

4.4 Cross Subsidization

Grantee shall comply with all Applicable Laws regarding rates for Cable Services and all Applicable Laws covering issues of cross subsidization.

4.5 Reserved Authority

Both Grantee and Grantor reserve all rights they may have under the Cable Act and any other relevant provisions of federal, State, or local law.

4.6 Time Limits Strictly Construed

Whenever this Franchise sets forth a time for any act to be performed by Grantee, such time shall be deemed to be of the essence, and any failure of Grantee to perform within the allotted time may be considered a breach of this Franchise, and sufficient grounds for Grantor to invoke any relevant remedy in accordance with Section 13.1 of this Franchise.

4.7 Franchise Amendment Procedure

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.6, Either party may at any time seek an amendment of this Franchise by so notifying the other party in writing. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice, Grantor and Grantee shall meet to discuss the proposed amendment(s). If the parties reach a mutual agreement upon the suggested amendment(s), such amendment(s) shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for its approval. If so approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the Grantee, then such amendment(s) shall be deemed part of this Franchise. If mutual agreement is not reached, there shall be no amendment.

4.8 Performance Evaluations

- (A) Special evaluation sessions may be held at any time upon request by Grantor during the term of this Franchise.
 - (B) All evaluation sessions shall be open to the public.
- (C) Topics that may be discussed at any evaluation session may include those issues surrounding the terms, conditions and obligations of the Franchise, provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the renegotiation of this Franchise or any term or provision therein and further provided that this subsection need not be followed before other legal or equitable remedies within this Franchise.

4.9 Late Fees

- (A) For purposes of this subsection, any assessment, charge, cost, fee or sum, however characterized, that the Grantee imposes upon a Subscriber solely for late payment of a bill is a late fee and shall be applied in accordance with the customer service standards described in Section 6.1 or any Grantor customer service standards, as the same may be adopted and amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners acting by ordinance or resolution, or as the same may be superseded by legislation or final court order.
- (B) Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to create, limit or otherwise affect the ability of the Grantee, if any, to impose other assessments, charges, fees or sums other than those permitted by this subsection, for the Grantee's other services or activities it performs in compliance with Applicable Law, including FCC law, rule or regulation.
- (C) The Grantee's late fee and disconnection policies and practices shall be nondiscriminatory and such policies and practices, and any fees imposed pursuant to this

subsection, shall apply equally in all parts of Grantor without regard to the neighborhood or income level of the Subscriber.

4.10 Force Majeure

In the event Grantee is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this Franchise by reason beyond the control of Grantee, Grantee shall have a reasonable time, under the circumstances, to perform the affected obligation under this Franchise or to procure a substitute for such obligation which is satisfactory to Grantor. Those conditions which are not within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, work stoppages or labor disputes, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions which have a direct and substantial impact on the Grantee's ability to provide Cable Services in the Franchise Area and which was not caused and could not have been avoided by the Grantee which used its best efforts in its operations to avoid such results.

If Grantee believes that a reason beyond its control has prevented or delayed its compliance with the terms of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide documentation as reasonably required by Grantor to substantiate the Grantee's claim. If Grantee has not yet cured the deficiency, Grantee shall also provide Grantor with its proposed plan for remediation, including the timing for such cure.

SECTION 5. FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Indemnification

- General Indemnification. Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold Grantor, its officers, officials, boards, commissions, agents, employees and volunteers, harmless from any action or claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and reasonable attorneys' fees or reasonable expenses, arising from any casualty or accident to Person or property, including, without limitation, copyright infringement, defamation, and all other damages in any way arising out of, or by reason of, any construction, excavation, operation, maintenance, reconstruction, or any other act done under this Franchise, by or for Grantee, its agents, or its employees, or by reason of any neglect or omission of Grantee. Grantee shall consult and cooperate with Grantor while conducting its defense of Grantor. Grantee shall not be obligated to indemnify Grantor to the extent of Grantor's negligence or willful misconduct. However, should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Agreement is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Grantee and the Grantor, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, the Grantee's liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Grantee's negligence. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Grantee's waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
 - (B) <u>Indemnification for Relocation</u>. Grantee shall indemnify Grantor for any damages,

claims, documented additional costs or reasonable expenses assessed against, or payable by, Grantor arising out of, or resulting from, Grantee's failure to remove, adjust or relocate any of its facilities in the Rights-of-Way in a timely manner in accordance with a relocation required by Grantor. Grantee shall always be provided a minimum of thirty (30) days-notice to perform such relocation, except in the case of an emergency and therefore the obligation to indemnify would not apply.

- (C) <u>Additional Circumstances</u>. Grantee shall also indemnify, defend and hold Grantor harmless for any claim for injury, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense, including court and appeal costs and reasonable attorneys' fees or reasonable expenses in any way arising out of:
 - (1) The lawful actions of Grantor in granting this Franchise to the extent such actions are consistent with this Franchise and Applicable Law.
 - (2) Damages arising out of any failure by Grantee to secure consents from the owners, authorized distributors, or licensees/licensors of programs to be delivered by the Cable System, whether or not any act or omission complained of is authorized, allowed or prohibited by this Franchise.
- (D) Procedures and Defense. If a claim or action arises, Grantor shall promptly tender the defense of the claim to Grantee, which defense shall be at Grantee's expense. Grantor may participate in the defense of a claim, but if Grantee provides a defense at Grantee's expense then Grantee shall not be liable for any attorneys' fees, expenses or other costs that Grantor may incur if it chooses to participate in the defense of a claim, unless and until separate representation as described below in Paragraph 5.1(F) is required. In that event the provisions of Paragraph 5.1(F) shall govern Grantee's responsibility for Grantor's attorney's fees, expenses or other costs. In any event, Grantee may not agree to any settlement of claims affecting Grantor without Grantor's approval.
- (E) <u>Non-waiver</u>. The fact that Grantee carries out any activities under this Franchise through independent contractors shall not constitute an avoidance of or defense to Grantee's duty of defense and indemnification under this subsection.
- (F) Expenses. If separate representation to fully protect the interests of both parties is or becomes necessary, such as a conflict of interest between Grantor and the counsel selected by Grantee to represent Grantor, Grantee shall pay, from the date such separate representation is required forward, all reasonable expenses incurred by Grantor in defending itself with regard to any action, suit or proceeding indemnified by Grantee. Provided, however, that in the event that such separate representation is or becomes necessary, and Grantor desires to hire counsel or any other outside experts or consultants and desires Grantee to pay those expenses, then Grantor shall be required to obtain Grantee's consent to the engagement of such counsel, experts or consultants, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Grantor 's expenses shall include all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, such as consultants' fees, and shall also include the reasonable value of any services rendered by Grantor's Attorney or his/her assistants or any employees of Grantor or its agents but shall not include outside attorneys' fees for services that are unnecessarily duplicative of services provided Grantor by Grantee.

5.2 Insurance

- (A) Grantee shall maintain in full force and effect at its own cost and expense each of the following policies of insurance:
 - (1) Commercial General Liability insurance with limits of no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence and five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) general aggregate. Coverage shall be at least as broad as that provided by the current ISO CG 00 01 or its equivalent and include severability of interests with respect to each additional insured. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. There shall be no exclusion for liability arising from explosion, collapse or underground property damage. The Grantor shall be named as an additional insured under the Grantee's Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect this Franchise Agreement using the current ISO endorsement CG 20 12 05 09.
 - (2) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles, with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per accident. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision with respect to each additional insured.
 - (3) Excess or Umbrella Liability insurance shall be written with limits of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence and annual aggregate. The Excess or Umbrella Liability requirement and limits may be satisfied instead through Grantee's Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance, or any combination thereof that achieves the overall required limits. Such insurance shall name Grantor, its officers, officials and employees as additional insureds.
- (B) The insurance shall provide for notice of cancellation in accordance with policy provisions. If the insurance is canceled or materially altered so as to be out of compliance with the requirements of this subsection within the term of this Franchise, Grantee shall provide notice of such cancellation or material alteration within two (2) business days of its receipt of such notice. Grantee shall additionally provide evidence of a replacement policy. Grantee agrees to maintain continuous uninterrupted insurance coverage, in at least the amounts required, for the duration of this Franchise and, in the case of the Commercial General Liability, for at least one (1) year after expiration of this Franchise.
- (C) The Grantee shall cause each of its subcontractors to provide insurance coverage reasonably appropriate to the scope of each such subcontractor's work.
- (D) Failure on the part of the Grantee to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.