

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

IN RE: Section 7.3(b) Petition Filing by :
 Full Channel TV, Inc. : Docket No. D-14-191

ORDER

Whereas: On October 21, 2014, Full Channel TV, Inc. (“Full Channel”), 57 Everett Street, Warren, Rhode Island, filed a petition with the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) wherein it requests Division approval “to discontinue the preservation of Full Channel’s separate analog I-Net infrastructure” (“I-NET”). The petition was filed in accordance with Section 7.3(b) of the Division’s Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Systems (“CATV Rules”). Section 7.3(b) of the CATV Rules provides that all physically separate Institutional Networks existing as of December 31, 2006 shall be preserved, unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

Whereas: In support of its request, Full Channel declares that with “the evolution of digital technologies, it is now possible to deliver similar if not more advanced live television capabilities through the use of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV),” which Full Channel indicates it has tested. Full Channel avows that “in lieu of maintaining a physically separate I-Net” it proposes “to provide Institutional users with access to Full Channel’s state-of-art IPTV system.” Full Channel states that this approach will provide institutional users with “high-quality, live video capability not available when utilizing Full Channel’s legacy I-Net.”

Whereas: Upon receipt of the instant petition, the Division prepared and sent letters to officials in each of the three towns located within Full Channel's authorized CATV franchise area (i.e., Barrington, Warren and Bristol) informing them of Full Channel's request and to elicit comments regarding Full Channel's request and IPTV proposal. Specifically, the letters, all mailed on January 9, 2015, were sent to the following municipal officials:

Town of Barrington

Mr. Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Barrington Town Manager

Ms. June Sager Speakman, Barrington Town Council President

Town of Warren

Mr. Joseph A. DePasquale, Warren Town Council President

Mr. Tom Gordon, Warren Town Manager

Town of Bristol

Mr. Nathan T. Calouro, Bristol Town Council Chairman

Mr. Antonio Teixeira, Bristol Town Administrator

The letters sent to the town officials requested that if the Towns had "any concerns or outstanding questions" relative to Full Channel's proposal, they should be forwarded to the Division's Assoc. Administrator for CATV Services by February 16, 2015. As of the issue date of this Order, the Division had received no responses from the Town officials identified above or any other officials representing the interests of the towns.

Whereas: Additionally, the Division propounded a number of discovery requests to Full Channel, on November 6 and December 10, 2014, seeking

additional details connected to the proposed IPTV system and the impact the new I-Net alternative will have on Full Channel's existing institutional users. Timely responses to the Division's discovery questions were subsequently submitted by Full Channel.

Whereas: After considering Full Channel's petition and supporting arguments, and further based upon the discovery conducted in this matter and the apparent absence of concern and questions from the towns of Barrington, Warren and Bristol, the Division finds sufficient justification and cause to approve Full Channel's petition.

Accordingly, it is

(21837) ORDERED:

That Full Channel TV, Inc.'s October 21, 2014 petition seeking Division approval "to discontinue the preservation of Full Channel's separate analog I-Net infrastructure." is hereby approved.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 4, 2015.


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Administrator