

Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities - Cable Section

2001 Docket Items

ALL DOCKETS CLOSED

2001-C-1 Sale of Block Island Cable TV (CLOSED)

Inquiry was made to the Division concerning the transfer of the license to Mr. Cliff McGinnes, Sr. by his attorney from Schacht and McElroy in January 2001 although no formal paperwork was ever filed. Apparently the license was transferred with out authorization by the Division and Attorneys from the Attorney General Office, on behalf of the Cable Section, questioned Attorney McElroy on this matter in January 2003. Attorney McElroy responded with correspondence dated January 31, 2003 explaining the circumstances of the transfer. The Division then determined that a hearing on the matter was required based on the Cable Rules governing license transfers. A hearing held on April 23, 2003 and testimony was presented on the matter. The hearing officer issued a decision on June 3, 2003 granting the license transfer, fining Block Island Cable TV the sum of \$200.00 and directing that a new set of cable certificates be drafted. The fine was paid in June and the certificates issued on Jul 2, 2003.

2001-C-2 Merger of Service Area 12 (Foster) with Service Area 3 (Cranston, Johnston and Scituate) (CLOSED)

Cox Communications, Inc. filed a petition with the Division on March 12, 2001 to merge Service Area 12 with Service Area 3 in order to begin the process of providing cable service to Foster. The proposal was reviewed by the Division and a public hearing was held on May 2, 2001. Testimony from the general public was highly favorable and a Division Order approving the consolidation was finalized on August 20, 2001. Cox Communications can begin the process to address construction of the designated build-out area. The initial step is to obtain a compliance order certificate from the Division.

2001-C-3 Cox Communications, Inc. Rate Filing for August 1, 2001 (CLOSED)

Cox Communications filed a rate filing with the Division on May 1, 2001 for implementation on August 1, 2001. The Division obtained a formal briefing about this filing on June 14, 2001 and a public hearing was held that same evening. After verification of the information provided by Cox on the required federal forms, the Division issued an order on June 22, 2001 finding that the figures evidenced by Cox comport with FCC requirements and must be approved.

