

**CLARK COUNTY  
STAFF REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT:** City/County Cable Television Office

**DATE:** August 11, 2015

**REQUEST:** DESIGNATION OF TV ETC AND CVTV, RESPECTIVELY AS THE EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS PROVIDERS ON THE CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

**CHECK ONE:**  Consent  Routine

**BACKGROUND:** The City and County have a cable television franchise agreement with Comcast of Washington, V LLCC that was effective on July 1, 2013. Under the terms of that agreement, Comcast provides channels for Public, Education and Government (PEG) programming and it is the responsibility of the City and County to designated authorized entities to provide programming on those channels.

Organizations that are designated as access providers have authorization to broadcast programs over assigned channels on the Comcast cable system. They are also able to apply for annual PEG grants, administered by the City, for equipment and other capital expenses associated with producing and broadcasting programming.

TV ETC is a consortium of K-20 educational institutions operated by Educational Service District 112 and is the current educational access provider for Vancouver and Clark County. CVTV, operated by the City/County Cable Television Office, is the current government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County.

The City/County Telecommunications Commission ("Commission") recommends organizations to serve as access providers to the Clark County Board of Councilors, per County Code 36.04.220(7) The Commission met on July 1, 2015, to review designation applications and annual reports and to receive presentations from the applicants. Based on their review, the Commission is recommending re-designation of TV ETC and CVTV, respectively, as the education and government access providers for Vancouver and Clark County.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** On August 11, 2015, adopt resolutions approving The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (TV ETC) as the designated educational access provider and Clark Vancouver Television (CVTV) as the designated government access provider for Vancouver and Clark County on the Comcast cable system.



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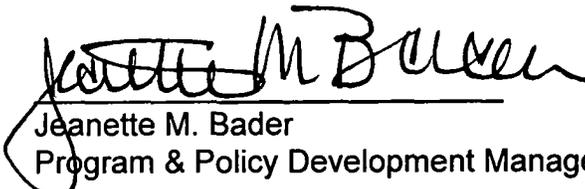
**POLICY/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** No direct budget impact. Designation as an access provider allows the organizations to apply for grants through the PEG Capital Support Fund. PEG grants are funded through a \$1.00 per month fee collected by Comcast from residential subscribers.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** The City/County Telecommunications Commission held a public hearing, on July 1, 2015 to review the re-designation requests.

Attachments: Board Resolution plus attachments

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Christine Cook, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

  
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Jeanette M. Bader  
Program & Policy Development Manager

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**RESOLUTION 2015-08-05**

A resolution relating to cable television and to the designation of Clark Vancouver Television (“CVTV”) as the government access provider on the Comcast cable system for Vancouver and Clark County.

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the cable television franchise agreement, effective June 1, 2013, between Comcast of Washington, V LLCC (“Comcast”), the City of Vancouver (“City”) and Clark County (“County”) allows the Grantor (City and County) to designate authorized entities to manage the Public, Educational and Government (“PEG”) Access use channels on the cable system; and

WHEREAS, the City and County jointly fund and operate three access channels on the local cable system, Clark Vancouver Television (“CVTV”); and

WHEREAS, all designated access providers (public, educational, and government) are evaluated and reviewed annually by the City County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, CVTV submitted an application to the Commission on May 20, 2015 seeking to be re-designated as the government access provider; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the application on July 1, 2015 and finds that CVTV has fully complied with the criteria and expectations for the government access provider and recommends that the Vancouver City Council and the Board of Clark

1 County Councilors designate CVTV as the government access provider for Vancouver  
2 and Clark County for the next year.

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
5 COUNCILORS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

6 Section 1. As recommended by the City/County Telecommunications  
7 Commission in Resolution 2015-03, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", Clark Vancouver  
8 Television is hereby designated as the government access provider on the Comcast cable  
9 system in Vancouver and Clark County.

10 Section 2. CVTV will continue to be allocated three channels, channels 21 and 23  
11 and high definition channel 323, on the Comcast cable system for government access use.

12 Section 3. CVTV will be eligible to apply for and receive PEG Capital Support  
13 Funds pursuant to Ordinances M-3335 and M-3372.

14 Section 4. Acts taken pursuant to this resolution but prior to its approval are  
15 hereby ratified and confirmed.

16 ADOPTED on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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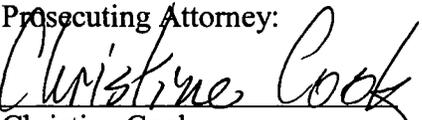
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Attachments:

Exhibit "A" – Telecommunications Commission Resolution 2015-03

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**RESOLUTION 2015-08-06**

A resolution relating to cable television and to the designation of the Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (“TV ETC”) as the educational access provider on the Comcast cable system for Vancouver and Clark County.

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the cable television franchise agreement, effective June 1, 2013, between Comcast of Washington, V LLCC (“Comcast”), the City of Vancouver (“City”) and Clark County (“County”) allows the Grantor (City and County) to designate authorized entities to manage the Public, Educational and Government (“PEG”) Access use channels on the cable system; and

WHEREAS, a consortium of K-20 educational institutions (public and private) operating as The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (“TV ETC”) and funded through contributions from member institutions/districts, has operated four channels on the local cable system as the designated educational access channels since December 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, all designated access providers (public, educational, and government) are evaluated and reviewed annually by the City County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, TV ETC submitted an application to the Commission on May 20, 2015 seeking to be re-designated as the educational access provider; and

1           WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the application on July 1, 2015 and finds  
2 that TV ETC has fully complied with the criteria and expectations for the educational  
3 access provider and recommends that the Vancouver City Council and Board of Clark  
4 County Councilors designate TV ETC as the educational access provider for Vancouver  
5 and Clark County for the next year.

6           NOW, THEREFORE,

7           BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
8 COUNCILORS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

9           Section 1. As recommended by the City/County Telecommunications  
10 Commission in Resolution 2015-02, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", TV ETC is hereby  
11 designated as the educational access provider on the Comcast cable system in Vancouver  
12 and Clark County.

13           Section 2. TV ETC will continue to be allocated four channels, channels 27, 28,  
14 29 and high definition channel 328 on the Comcast cable system for educational access  
15 use.

16           Section 3. TV ETC will be eligible to apply for and receive PEG Capital Support  
17 Funds pursuant to Ordinances M-3335 and M-3372.

18           Section 4. Acts taken pursuant to this resolution but prior to its approval are  
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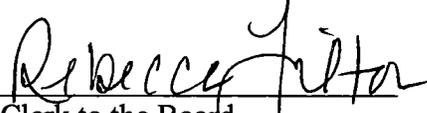
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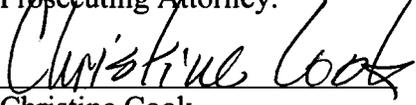
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Exhibit "A" – Telecommunications Commission Resolution 2015-02