

December 1, 2023

Donna Richardson
Cable Administrator
Department of Technology & Communications
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043



RE: Comcast Franchise Renewal Application

Dear Donna,

By this letter, and in accordance with Howard County Code (“HCC”) Sections 14.407(a), (b), (c), (g) and (i), 14.420 and 47 U.S.C. 546 (h), Comcast of Howard County, LLC, submits the below information and check for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00). As you know Comcast and the County have engaged in extensive negotiation regarding a renewal Franchise Agreement. This letter, together with the payment of the application fee, constitute an Application for the renewal of a franchise pursuant to HCC Section 14.407.

Comcast initiated the formal franchise renewal process in accordance with section 626(a)-(g) of the Cable Act, (47 U.S.C. section 546) and referenced in HCC 14.420 by sending a letter to the County in 2007. The County then passed Resolution CR 63-2008 authorizing the County to commence the process of evaluating Comcast’s performance and examining future community cable needs.

Pursuant to the HCC, upon acceptance of this Application by the County, Comcast and the County will plan to finalize and present an agreed upon renewal Franchise Agreement for approval by the County Council.

1. Identification of Applicant

The Applicant for this franchise renewal Application is Comcast of Howard County, LLC (“Comcast”). Comcast is duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland and qualified to do business in Maryland. The primary point of contact at Comcast for issues concerning or relating to this Application and the renewal Franchise Agreement is Tami Watkins, Director Government and Regulatory Affairs. Correspondence to Applicant or Ms. Watkins should be sent to 1215 East Fort Avenue, Suite 103, Baltimore, MD 21230. Ms. Watkins can also be reached by phone at 202-738-6771 or by email at Tami_Watkins@comcast.com.

2. Identification of the Ownership and Control of the Applicant

Comcast is the same entity that currently holds a cable franchise issued by the County and operates a cable system in the County pursuant to the terms of that franchise. Comcast continues to be a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Comcast Corporation. Comcast Corporation is a publicly traded company, as such the list of its Officers and Directors, and identification of persons with 5% or more ownership of Comcast’s stock are available in its public filings with the SEC. Currently, that information is available at item 10 in Comcast’s 10K

(see <https://www.cmcsa.com/node/40026/html>) and at page 85 of its Proxy Statement (see <https://www.cmcsa.com/static-files/1ff08d99-880f-4385-9dc5-6b04c7bbe1a3>).

3. **Proposed Services**

Comcast intends to continue providing Cable Services (as that term is defined in federal law and will be defined in the negotiated renewal Franchise Agreement) that it currently provides in the County. Comcast's current channel line-up and rate card for its Cable Services in the County are attached hereto. Comcast's proposal, as will be set forth in the renewal Franchise Agreement negotiated with the County, will meet the future cable related needs and interests, including those related to public, educational, and governmental access issues, of citizens and businesses in the County.

4. **Qualifications**

Comcast has operated its cable system within the County pursuant to its prior franchise since 1995. Through this long history of operating in the County, the County is well aware of Comcast's qualifications, its key personnel serving the County, and Comcast's history of performance under its cable franchise. As it has been since it was first granted a franchise to operate in the County, Comcast continues to be legally, technically and financially qualified to operate its cable system in the County. Indeed, Comcast is part of the largest cable operator in the country, which, through affiliates, serves approximately 15 million customers in more than 6,500 communities nationwide.

5. **Description of System**

Again, because this Application is for a renewal franchise agreement, the County is largely familiar with Comcast's system and the technology utilized to operate its system. Moreover, the renewal Franchise Agreement, as negotiated with the County, will address the provision of cable service and extension of the cable system, the operation of the cable system, and the specifics of Comcast's cable system facilities in a manner that will meet the County's future cable related needs and interests.

6. **County Presence**

Again, Comcast has served residents and businesses in the County for many years. Its continued presence in and service to the County will be addressed in the renewal Franchise Agreement negotiated with the County.

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Please let the undersigned know when the County schedules this Application for hearing in accordance with the Howard County Code Section 14.420.

Sincerely,



Tami Watkins
Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs
Comcast

CC: Rafiu Ighile