COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
ADMIN HR COMMITTEE
County Office Building
County Board Room 210
Monday, February 4, 2019 at 5:30p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Elizabeth Flowers (Chair), Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Matthew Prochaska, Robyn Vickers
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2019
5. Department Head and Elected Official Reports
6. Public Comment
7. Committee Business
   ➢ Presentation of Kendall County GIS Updated Online Maps
   ➢ Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Public Transportation Service Grant Agreement
   ➢ Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement
   ➢ Discussion and Approval of Comcast Franchise Agreement
   ➢ Discussion and Review of Revised Kendall County Employee Handbook
8. Executive Session
9. Items for Committee of the Whole
10. Action Items for County Board
11. Adjournment

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time
CALL TO ORDER - Committee Chair Elizabeth Flowers called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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Others in Attendance: Bob Jones, Matt Kinsey, Scott Koeppel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion made by Member Gilmour second by Member Prochaska to approve the agenda. With three members voting aye, the agenda was approved by a 3-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion made by Member Prochaska, second by Member Gilmour to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. With three members voting aye, the minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Treasurer’s Office – Bob Jones provided an update on the health insurance enrollment and the various plans. Mr. Jones reported that fourteen employees selected the H.S.A. $2800 plan, and some employees moved from the HMO plan to the H.S.A. $1500 plan. Written report provided in the packet.

Administration Department – Scott Koeppel briefly reviewed the monthly reports with the committee. Written report included in the packet.

Mr. Koeppel stated that Alliant Mesirow would attend at the 2nd February meeting to provide an end of year 2018 report.

Mr. Koeppel also updated the committee on his research on a quote for codification. He will continue to update the committee.

Mr. Koeppel also stated that it makes sense to include the I.D. badges for the County Office Building employees and include it in the County Office Building security project or with
time clocks as part of the ERP solution because of budgeting.

Mr. Koeppel also reported that the Technology Director and Facilities Director reviewed the management and administration of Internet and Phone system sections of the handbook. The committee reviewed this section, and asked that annual Cyber Security training for all employees be included in part 2 on page 32.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Discussion of 2020 Wellness Program – Beth Ishmael distributed information introduced Laura Czekanski, Wellness Supervisor for the The Horton Group. Ms. Czekanski began by looking at the biometric screenings and events that are already being conducted in the County. Ms. Czekanski reviewed information available by three top companies utilized by The Horton Group regarding screening packages and Health Fair Activities, as well as pricing for the various levels in each proposal.

Ms. Czekanski stated that these screening through a third-party administrator allow data to be collected, aggregate data between The Horton Group and the third-party vendor, and to be analyzed based on the whole person, not only their physical issues. Ms. Czekanski said they are then able to deliver year long, employee engagement-focused programs that sustain wellbeing improvement over time. Ms. Czekanski stated there are three ways employees are able to register with the screening company and participate in wellbeing screenings:

1. at an on-site screening event
2. with their personal physician
3. at a participating lab

Ms. Czekanski said next steps include member engagement in their personal wellbeing with the start of education programs and resources based on the screening data analysis.

Further discussion on the Contribution Exhibit that showed our current practice information of employee and employer contributions for each plan without additional wellness participation, and with wellness participation. There was also discussion on other resources and benefits such as Well on Target, discounted Fitness, and the Blue Points programs available through the Blue Cross Blue Shield website. There was consensus to educate employees throughout 2019, and then to launch the next steps of the Wellness Program for 2020, and that the base cost of $6,100 would come from contingency funds.

Discussion on ERP Capital Project Solution Kendall County – Matt Kinsey reported that the Treasurer's Office continues to experience issues with their current payroll software. Mr. Kinsey briefed the committee on the proposed
payroll accounting system for the Treasurer's Office, which includes systems for vouchers, payroll and budgeting. **There was consensus by the committee for Mr. Kinsey to proceed with the RFP for the Treasurer's new system.**

> **Review of Employee Handbook Updates** – Mr. Koeppel reported that ASA Leslie Johnson is currently reviewing the second half of the employee handbook. Mr. Koeppel also stated he is updating the first sections of the handbook and will have that ready for the February 4, 2019 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not needed

**ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** – None

**ACTION ITEMS FOR COUNTY BOARD** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gryder. **With four members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the provision of public transportation service is essential to the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Downstate Public Transportation Act (30 ILCS 740/2-1 et seq.) ("Act") authorizes the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, to provide grants and make funds available to assist in the development and operation of public transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under the Downstate Public Transportation Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF KENDALL COUNTY:

Section 1. That the County of Kendall enter into a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement ("Agreement") with the State of Illinois and amend such Agreement, if necessary, for fiscal year 2019 in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of the Act.

Section 2. That the County Board Chairman of the County of Kendall is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement or its amendment(s) on behalf of County of Kendall for such assistance for fiscal year 2019.

Section 3. That the County Administrator of the County of Kendall is hereby authorized to provide such information and file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to request and receive the grant funding for fiscal year 2019.

Section 4. That while participating in said operating assistance program the County of Kendall shall provide all required local matching funds.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this 5th day of February, 2019.

Approved:                                          Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman             Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5311 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the transportation of persons in the non-urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5311 ("Section 5311"), makes funds available to the State of Illinois to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is authorized by 30 ILCS 740/3-1 et seq. to provide the Section 5311 grant; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under Section 5311

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF KENDALL COUNTY:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 for fiscal year 2019, for the purpose of offsetting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating deficits of County of Kendall.

Section 2. That while participating in said operating assistance program the County of Kendall will provide all required local matching funds.

Section 3. That County Board Chairman of the County of Kendall is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the County of Kendall such application.

Section 4. That the County Board Chairman of the County of Kendall is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation and the Federal Transit Administration in connection with the aforesaid application for said grant.

Section 5. That County Board Chairman of the County of Kendall is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the Name of Applicant a Section 5311 Grant Agreement ("Agreement") with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2019.

Section 6. That County Administrator of the County of Kendall is hereby authorized to provide such information and to file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to receive the grant for fiscal year 2019.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED by the County Board, this 5th day of February, 2019.

Approved: Attest:

Scott R. Gryder, County Board Chairman          Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
The
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
And
COMCAST OF ILLINOIS XIII, L.P.

This Franchise Agreement (hereinafter, the “Agreement” or “Franchise Agreement”) is made between Kendall County, Illinois (hereinafter, the “County”) and Comcast of Illinois XIII, L.P., (hereinafter, “Grantee”) this 14th day of September 2014 (the “Effective Date”).

The County, having determined that the financial, legal, and technical abilities of the Grantee are reasonably sufficient to provide the services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, desires to enter into this Franchise Agreement with the Grantee for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Cable System on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

This Agreement is entered into by and between the parties under the authority of and shall be governed by the Cable Act and the Illinois Counties Code, as may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 1: Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this Franchise Agreement, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Act, unless otherwise defined herein.

"Cable Act" or "Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended by the Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Cable Service" or "Service" means the one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or Other Programming Service and Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or other programming service.

“Cable System” or “System,” has the meaning set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522 of the Cable Act, and means Grantee’s facilities, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception and control equipment, that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Franchise Area, but such term does not include (i) a facility that serves only to retransmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (ii) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public right-of-way, (iii) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, except that such a facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission
of Video Programming directly to Subscribers, unless the extent of such use is solely to provide Interactive On-Demand Services; (iv) an open video system that complies with section 653 of the Cable Act; or (v) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

"Channel" or "Cable Channel" means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in a Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television channel as a television channel is defined by the Federal Communications Commission by regulation.

"County" means Kendall County, Illinois or the lawful successor, transferee, designee, or assignee thereof.

"Customer" means a Person who lawfully receives and pays for Cable Service with the Grantee's express permission.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.

"Franchise" means the initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the County, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, agreement, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, ordinance or otherwise, which authorizes the construction and operation of the Cable System.

"Franchise Agreement" or "Agreement" shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications hereto.

"Franchise Area" means the unincorporated areas within the present legal boundaries of the County as of the Effective Date, and shall also include any additions thereto, by annexation or other legal means as provided in this Agreement.

"Grantee" shall mean Comcast of Illinois XIII, L.P.

"Gross Revenue" means the Cable Service revenue received by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Cable Service revenue includes monthly basic, premium and pay-per-view video fees, advertising and home shopping revenue, installation fees and equipment rental fees. Gross revenues shall also include such other revenue sources directly related to Cable Service delivered over the Cable System as may hereafter develop, provided that such revenues, fees, receipts, or charges are deemed lawful and to be included in the gross revenue base for purposes of computing the Franchising Authority's permissible franchise fee under the Cable Act, as amended from time to time. Gross Revenue shall not include refundable deposits, bad debt, investment income, programming launch support payments, advertising sales commissions and third party agency fees, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority. Gross Revenues shall include amounts collected from Subscribers for Franchise Fees pursuant to City of Dallas, Texas v.
F.C.C., 118 F.3d 393 (5th Cir. 1997), and amounts collected from non-Subscriber revenues in accordance with the Court of Appeals decision resolving the case commonly known as the "Pasadena Decision," City of Pasadena, California et. al., Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Franchise Fee Pass Through Issues, CSR 5282-R, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd. 18192 (2001), and In re: Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues v. F.C.C., 324 F.3d 802 (5th Cir. 2003).

"Initial Franchise Service Area" means that portion of the Franchise Area served by the Grantee's Cable System as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement.

"Person" means any natural person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, but shall not mean the County.

"Public Way" shall mean the surface of, and the space above and below, any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or easements dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the County in the Franchise Area, which shall entitle the County and the Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System. Public Way shall also mean any easement now or hereafter held by the County within the Franchise Area for the purpose of public travel, or for utility or public service use dedicated for compatible uses, and shall include other easements or rights-of-way as shall within their proper use and meaning entitle the County and the Grantee to the use thereof for the purposes of installing, operating, and maintaining the Grantee's Cable System over poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other property as may be ordinarily necessary and pertinent to the Cable System.

SECTION 2: Grant of Authority

2.1. Pursuant to Section 621(a) of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 541 (a), and, 55 ILCS 5/5-1095(a) of the Illinois Counties Code, the County hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in the Public Ways within the Franchise Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in any Public Way such poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System, and to provide such services over the Cable System as may be lawfully allowed.

2.2. Term of Franchise. The term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be five (5) years from the Effective Date, unless the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and/or applicable law. Upon passage and approval of this Franchise Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that this Franchise Agreement is intended to replace all existing franchise agreements – including the prior Franchise with the Grantee – regardless of whether said prior Franchise or franchise agreements are in effect.
2.3. **Renewal.** Any renewal of this Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, as amended.

2.4. **Police Powers.** Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as an abrogation by the County of any of its police powers to adopt and enforce generally applicable ordinances deemed necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and the Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable laws and ordinances enacted by the County pursuant to such police power.

2.5. **Reservation of Authority.** Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall (A) abrogate the right of the County to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the County, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the County in and to the Public Ways.

2.6. **Competitive Equity.** In the event an application for a new cable television franchise or other similar authorization is filed with the County proposing to serve the Franchise Area, in whole or in part, the County shall to the extent permitted by law and as soon as reasonably practical, inform the Grantee of the filing and provide (or require the applicant to provide) a copy of such application to the Grantee.

**SECTION 3: Construction and Maintenance of the Cable System**

3.1. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Franchise Agreement, Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable provisions of the Kendall County Code pertaining to construction of utility facilities in the Public Way, as the Kendall County Code may be amended from time to time.

3.2. **Aerial and Underground Construction.** At the time of Cable System construction, if all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all of the respective public or municipal utilities in any area of the Franchise Area are underground, the Grantee shall place its Cable Systems’ transmission and distribution facilities underground. In any region(s) of the Franchise Area where the transmission or distribution facilities of the electric or telephone utilities are aerial, the Grantee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Grantee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

3.3. **Improvements of Public Way.** The Grantee agrees that it shall, upon ninety (90) days’ notice by the County, and at the Grantee’s own expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street or other public place, or remove from such street or other public place any network, system, facilities, or equipment when required to do so by the County. Grantee shall be entitled to reimbursement of its relocation costs from public or private funds raised for the project in the event such funds are made available to other users of the Public Way,
provided that any utility’s exercise of authority granted under its tariff to charge consumers for the cost of the project shall not be considered to be public or private funds. In the case of emergencies, the County shall not be required to give advance notice, but shall exercise good faith efforts to notify the Grantee. If seeking reimbursement under this clause, the Grantee shall provide a written estimate of costs associated with the work necessary for relocation of its facilities in advance of beginning work and shall not begin such work until approval is obtained.

3.4. **Undergrounding and Beautification Projects.** In the event all users of the Public Way relocate aerial facilities underground as part of an undergrounding or neighborhood beautification project requested by the County, the Grantee shall participate in the planning for relocation of its aerial facilities contemporaneously with other utilities. Grantee shall be entitled to reimbursement of its relocation costs from public or private funds raised for the project and made available to other non-governmental users of the Public Way; provided, however, that reimbursements made to non-governmental utilities for relocations from private easements obtained by said utilities from private property owners prior to January 1, 2012 shall not be considered to be public or private funds made available to other non-governmental users of the Public Way. If seeking reimbursement under this clause, the Grantee shall provide a written estimate of costs associated with the work necessary for relocation of its facilities in advance of beginning work and shall not begin such work until approval is obtained.

3.5. **Third Party Requests to Relocate.** When a third party user of the Public Way is seeking the relocation of the Grantee’s facilities and provided notice, the Grantee shall provide a written estimate of the cost associated with the work necessary to relocate its facilities within fifteen (15) days, initiate construction of relocation within sixty (60) days and complete construction of relocation within one hundred twenty (120) days, or such other time period mutually agreed to by the parties. The Grantee shall not be required to perform the relocation work until it has received payment for the relocation work from the third party.

**SECTION 4: Service Obligations**

4.1. **Customer Service Obligations.** The County and Grantee acknowledge that the customer service standards and customer privacy protections are set forth in the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 et seq. Enforcement of such requirements and standards and the penalties for non-compliance with such standards shall be consistent with the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 et seq.

4.1.1 The Grantee shall make Cable Service available beyond the Initial Franchise Service Area to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least thirty (30) dwelling units per mile and within one (1) mile of the existing Cable System’s technically feasible connection point. Subject to the density requirement, Grantee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of the Grantee’s distribution cable.

4.1.2. The Grantee may elect to provide Cable Service to areas not meeting the above density and distance standards. The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of
its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop in or line extension in excess of the above standards. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis plus a reasonable rate of return.

4.2. **Technical Standards.** The Grantee shall comply with all applicable technical standards of the FCC as published in 47 C.F.R., Part 76, Subpart K, as amended from time to time.

4.3. **New/Planned Developments.** The County shall provide the Grantee with information on planned developments in the County at the same time and in the same form as provided to all utilities or other like occupants of the County’s right-of-way. Said notice is to allow the Grantee sufficient foresight into the future demands on its design, engineering, construction, and capital resources. Should the County fail to provide advance notice of such developments the Grantee shall be allowed sixty (60) days to prepare, plan and provide a detailed report as to the timeframe for it to construct its facilities and provide the services required under this Franchise.

4.4. **Service to School Buildings and Governmental Facilities.**

4.4.1. **Service to School Buildings.** The County and the Grantee acknowledge the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/22-501(f), whereby the Grantee shall provide complimentary basic Cable Service and a free standard installation at one outlet to State accredited K-12 public and private schools not including “home schools,” located in the Franchise Area within one hundred twenty five feet (125) of the Grantee’s distribution cable.

4.4.2. **Service to Governmental Facilities.** The County and the Grantee acknowledge the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/22-501(f), whereby the Grantee shall provide a free service line drop and free basic service to all current and future public buildings, including, but not limited to all local unit of government buildings, public libraries, and public primary and secondary schools, whether owned or leased by that local unit of government. Grantee shall provide the service where cable service passes public buildings where its cable or video service is generally available to residential subscribers.

4.4.3. **Long Drops.** The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop or line extension in excess of the above standards. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis to be calculated on that portion of the installation that exceeds the standards set forth above.

4.5. **Emergency Alerts.** At all times during the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall provide and maintain an “Emergency Alert System” (“EAS”) consistent with applicable Federal law and regulation – including 47 C.F.R., Part 11 and the “State of Illinois Emergency Alert System State Plan” – as may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 5: Oversight and Regulation by the County**
5.1. Franchise Fees. The Grantee shall pay to the County a Franchise Fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenues received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Franchise Area; provided, however, that Grantee shall not be compelled to pay any higher percentage of fees than any other video service provider, under state authorization or otherwise, providing service in the Franchise Area. The payment of Franchise Fees shall be made on a quarterly basis and shall be due forty-five (45) days after the close of each calendar quarter. If mailed, the Franchise Fee shall be considered paid on the date it is postmarked. Each Franchise Fee payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation of the franchise fees paid during that period. Any undisputed Franchise Fee payment which remains unpaid in whole or in part, after the date specified herein shall be delinquent. For any delinquent Franchise Fee payments, Grantee shall make such payments including interest at the prime lending rate as quoted by Chase Bank U.S.A or its successor, from the time of the discovery of the delinquent payment until the date paid. Any undisputed overpayments made by Grantee to the County shall be returned or credited upon discovery of such overpayment and shall be payable within thirty (30) days of the receipt of written notice from Grantee. However, notwithstanding the language set forth above, Grantee’s Franchise Fee shall not be lowered in the event that franchise fee of another cable operator providing Cable Service in the Franchise Area in reduced by virtue of a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding or otherwise reduced by court order.

5.1.1. Change in Amount. The Parties acknowledge that, at present, the Cable Act limits the County to collection of a maximum permissible Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues. If, during the term of this Agreement, the Cable Act is modified so that the County would otherwise be authorized to collect a Franchise fee at a rate greater than five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues, the County may unilaterally amend this Agreement to increase the required percentage to be paid by the Grantee to the County up to the amount permitted by the Cable Act, provided that: (i) such amendment is competitively neutral; (ii) the County conducts a public hearing on the proposed amendment; (iii) the County approves the amendment by ordinance; and (iv) the County notifies Grantee at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of such an amendment. In the event a change in state or federal law reduces the maximum permissible franchise fee percentage that may be collected, the parties agree the Grantee shall reduce the percentage of franchise fees collected to the lower of: i) the maximum permissible franchise fee percentage; ii) the lowest franchise fee percentage paid by any other video service provider, under state authorization or otherwise, providing service in the Franchise Area or any other cable provider granted a cable franchise by the County pursuant to Title 47; or, iii) such franchise fee percentage as may be approved by the County, provided that: (a) such amendment is competitively neutral; (b) the amendment is in compliance with the change in state or federal law; (c) the County approves the amendment by ordinance; and (d) the County notifies Grantee at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of such an amendment.

5.1.2. Taxes Not Included. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the term “Franchise Fee” does not include any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and Cable Operators on their services but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against Cable Operators or Cable Subscribers).
5.2. **Franchise Fees Subject to Audit.** The County and Grantee agree to abide by the audit standards are set forth in the Illinois Counties Code at 55 ILCS 5/5-1095.1 (County Franchise Fee Review; Requests for Information), as may be amended from time to time, but which as of the Effective Date provides in part as follows.

5.2.1. Once every two years, the County may conduct an audit of the grantee’s franchise fees derived from the provision of cable and video services to subscribers with the franchise area to determine whether the amount of franchise fees paid by the Grantee to the County was accurate. Within 60 days of request by the County, Grantee will provide data in the electronic format utilized by the Grantee in the ordinary course of its business. The time in which the Grantee must provide data may be extended by agreement of the County and Grantee.

5.2.2. If an audit by the County or its agents finds an error by the Grantee in the amount of the franchise fees paid by the Grantee to the County, the County must provide notice within 90 days after the County discovers the error and no later than 4 years after the date the franchise fee was due to the County. In the event of an alleged underpayment, the Grantee shall have sixty (60) days from the receipt of the report to provide the County with a written response that the Grantee is not liable for any error in past Franchise Fee payments that was unknown by the Grantee prior to the audit process unless the error was due to negligence on the part of the Grantee in the collection or processing of required data; and, the County has not failed to respond in writing in a timely manner to any written request of the Grantee to review and correct information used by the Grantee to calculate the appropriate Franchise Fees if a diligent review of such information by the County reasonably could have been expected to discover such error.

5.2.3. The Grantee shall not be liable for any error in past Franchise Fee payments that was unknown by the Grantee prior to the audit process unless the error was due to negligence on the part of the Grantee in the collection or processing of required data; and, the County has not failed to respond in writing in a timely manner to any written request of the Grantee to review and correct information used by the Grantee to calculate the appropriate Franchise Fees if a diligent review of such information by the County reasonably could have been expected to discover such error.

5.2.4. All account specific information provided by the Grantee under this Section may be used only for the purpose of an audit conducted under this Section and the enforcement of any franchise fee delinquent claim. All such information must be held in strict confidence by the County and its agents and may not be disclosed to the public under the Freedom of Information Act or under any other similar statutes allowing for or requiring public disclosure.

5.2.5. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed as diminishing or replacing any civil remedy available to the County.

5.2.6. **County to Provide Addresses Annually.** Annually in December, the County shall provide to the Grantee a complete updated list of addresses within the unincorporated areas of the County. The County will provide said data in electronic format used in the ordinary course of business by the County.
5.3. **Proprietary Information.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement (including, but not limited to Section 5.2 regarding Audits), the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature. The County agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the County that have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise Agreement and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. The County and/or its designee may be required to execute a non-disclosure agreement with the Grantee prior to inspection of the Grantee's financial records. For purposes of this Section, the terms “proprietary or confidential” include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of Franchise Fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by the Grantee to competitively sensitive. Grantee may make proprietary or confidential information available for inspection but not copying or removal by the Franchise Authority’s representative. In the event that the County has in its possession and receives a request under the State of Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), or similar law for the disclosure of information the Grantee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the County shall notify Grantee of such request and cooperate with Grantee in opposing such request. Grantee shall indemnify and defend the County, its officials, officers, employees, including their past, present, and future board members, elected officials and agents from and against any claims arising from the County’s opposition to disclosure of any information Grantee designates as proprietary or confidential. Compliance by the County with an opinion or directive from the Illinois Public Access Counselor or the Illinois Attorney General under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., or with a decision or order of a court with jurisdiction over the County, shall not be a violation of this Section.

SECTION 6: Transfer of Cable System or Franchise or Control of Grantee

6.1. Neither the Grantee nor any other Person may transfer the Cable System or the Franchise without the prior written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No transfer of control of the Grantee, defined as an acquisition of fifty-one percent (51%) or greater ownership interest in Grantee, shall take place without the prior written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No consent shall be required, however, for (i) a transfer in trust, by mortgage, hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or in the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or (ii) a transfer to an entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation. The Grantee, and any proposed transferee under this Section, shall submit a written application to the County containing such information as is required in accordance with applicable law and FCC regulations. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for consent, the County shall, in accordance with FCC rules and regulations, notify the Grantee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the County has not taken final action on the Grantee’s request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed granted.
SECTION 7: Insurance and Indemnity

7.1. **Insurance.** Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance and provide the County certificates of insurance designating the County and its officers, boards, commissions, councils, elected officials, agents and employees as additional insureds and demonstrating that the Grantee has obtained the insurance required in this Section. Such policy or policies shall be in the minimum amount of five million dollars ($5,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one person, and five million dollars ($5,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death of any two or more persons resulting from one occurrence, and five million dollars ($5,000,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one accident. Such policy or policies shall be non-cancellable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County. The Grantee shall provide workers' compensation coverage in accordance with applicable law. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, officers, employees, including their past, present, and future board members, elected officials and agents from any workers compensation claims to which the Grantee may become subject during the term of this Franchise Agreement.

7.2. **Indemnification.** The Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, with Counsel of The County’s choosing, including their past, present, and future board members, elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death) that arise out of the Grantee’s construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System, including, provided that the County shall give the Grantee reasonable written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the County pursuant to this Section. Pursuant to Illinois law, 55 ILCS 5/3-9005, any attorney representing the County, under this paragraph, shall be approved by the Kendall County State’s Attorney and shall be appointed a Special Assistant State’s Attorney. The County’s participation in its defense shall not remove Grantee’s duty to indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless, as set forth above.

7.2.1. The Grantee shall not indemnify the County for any liabilities, damages, costs or expense resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the County, its officers, employees and agents.

7.2.2 The County does not waive its defenses or immunities under the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (745 ILCS 10/1 et seq.) by reason of indemnification or insurance. Indemnification shall survive the termination of this contract.
SECTION 8: Enforcement of Franchise

8.1. Notice of Violation or Default. In the event the County believes that the Grantee has not complied with the material terms of the Franchise, it shall notify the Grantee in writing with specific details regarding the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance or default.

8.2. Grantee’s Right to Cure or Respond. The Grantee shall have forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the County’s written notice: (A) to respond to the County, contesting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (B) to cure such default; or (C) in the event that, by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within the forty-five (45) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the County of the steps being taken and the projected date that the cure will be completed.

8.3. Enforcement. Subject to applicable federal and state law, and pursuant to the provisions of 9.2 herein, in the event the County determines that the Grantee is in default of any material provision of the Franchise, the County may seek appropriate remedies at law or specific performance of any provision that reasonably lends itself to such remedy as an alternative to damages, or seek other equitable relief.

8.4. Technical Violation. The County agrees that it is not its intention to subject the Grantee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of the Franchise for so-called “technical” breach(es) or violation(s) of the Franchise, which shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

8.4.1. in instances or for matters where a violation or a breach of the Franchise by the Grantee was good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on the Customers within the Franchise Area; or

8.4.2. where there existed circumstances reasonably beyond the control of the Grantee and which precipitated a violation by the Grantee of the Franchise, or which were deemed to have prevented the Grantee from complying with a term or condition of the Franchise.

SECTION 9: Miscellaneous Provisions

9.1. Force Majeure. The Grantee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default (including termination, cancellation or revocation of the Franchise), where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by riot, war, earthquake, flood, tidal wave, unusually severe rain or snow storm, hurricane, tornado or other catastrophic act of nature, failure of utility service necessary to operate the Cable System, governmental, administrative or judicial order or regulation or other event that is reasonably beyond the Grantee’s ability to anticipate or control. This provision also covers work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their own utility poles on which the Grantee’s cable or equipment is attached, as well as unavailability of materials or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.
9.2. **Notice.** Any notification that requires a response or action from a party to this franchise within a specific time-frame, or that would trigger a timeline that would affect one or both parties' rights under this franchise, shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and served upon the other party by hand delivery, first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable overnight courier service and addressed as follows:

To the County:

County Board of Kendall County  
111 Fox Street  
Yorkville, Illinois 60560  
ATTN: County Administrator

with copy sent to:  
Kendall County State’s Attorney,  
807 John Street,  
Yorkville, Illinois 60560  
ATTN: Kendall County State’s Attorney

To the Grantee:

Comcast  
155 Industrial Drive  
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126  
ATTN: Director of Government Affairs

Recognizing the widespread usage and acceptance of electronic forms of communication, emails and faxes will be acceptable as formal notification related to the conduct of general business amongst the parties to this contract, including but not limited to programming and price adjustment communications. Such communication should be addressed and directed to the person of record as specified above. Either party may change its address and addressee for notice by notice to the other party under this Section.

9.3. **Entire Agreement.** This Franchise Agreement embodies the entire understanding and agreement of the County and the Grantee with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, ordinances, understandings, negotiations and communications, whether written or oral. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with or otherwise impose obligations different from the provisions of this Franchise Agreement are superseded by this Franchise Agreement.

9.4. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Franchise Agreement is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

9.5. **Governing Law.** This Franchise Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the State of Illinois, and shall be governed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois and/or Federal law, as applicable.
9.6. **Modification.** No provision of this Franchise Agreement shall be amended or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, except by an instrument, in writing, duly executed by the County and the Grantee, which amendment shall be authorized on behalf of the County through the adoption of an appropriate resolution/ordinance or order by the County, as required by applicable law.

9.7. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any person, individual, corporation or member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise Agreement.

9.8. **No Waiver of Rights.** Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, substantive or procedural, Grantee may have under Federal or state law unless such waiver is expressly stated herein.

9.9 **Authority To Execute Agreement.** The County and Grantee each hereby warrant and represent that their respective signatures set forth below have been and are on the date of this Agreement duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate corporate and/or governmental action to execute this Agreement.

9.10 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including facsimile signatures), each of which shall be deemed to be an original and both of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

9.11 **Venue.** The parties agree that the venue for any legal proceedings between them shall be the Circuit Court of Kendall County, Illinois, Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois.

9.12 **Compliance With State and Federal Laws.** Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulatory requirements and to secure such licenses as may be required for its employees and to conduct business in the state, municipality, county and location. Such obligation includes, but is not limited to, environmental laws, civil rights laws, prevailing wage and labor laws.

9.13 **Non-Discrimination.** Grantee, its officers, employees, and agents agree not to commit unlawful discrimination and agree to comply with all applicable provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, and all applicable rules and regulations.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Franchise Agreement has been executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties as set forth below, as of the date set forth below:

For: The County Board of Kendall County, Illinois:

By:  

Name: John A. Shaw  

Title: County Board Chairman  

Date: 9/16/14  

For: Comcast of Illinois XIII, L.P.:

By:  

Name: [signature]  

Title: [signature]  

Date: 11/18/15
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
The
COUNTY OF KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
And
COMCAST OF ILLINOIS XIII, L.P.

This Franchise Agreement (hereinafter, the "Agreement" or "Franchise Agreement") is made between the County of Kendall County, Illinois (hereinafter, the "County") and Comcast of Illinois XIII, L.P., (hereinafter, "Grantee") this ___ day of __________, ______ (the "Effective Date").

The County, having determined that the financial, legal, and technical abilities of the Grantee are reasonably sufficient to provide the services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, desires to enter into this Franchise Agreement with the Grantee for the construction, operation and maintenance of a Cable System on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

This Agreement is entered into by and between the parties under the authority of and shall be governed by the Cable Act, and the Illinois Counties Code, as amended from time to time; provided that any provisions of the Illinois Counties Code that are inconsistent with the Cable Act shall be deemed to be preempted and superseded.

SECTION 1: Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this Franchise Agreement, capitalized terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Cable Act, unless otherwise defined herein.

"Cable Act" or "Act" means the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended by the Cable Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Cable Operator" means any Person or group of Persons who provides Cable Service over a Cable System and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such Cable System; or who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a Cable System.

"Cable Service" or "Service" means the one-way transmission to Subscribers of Video Programming or Other Programming Service and Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or Other Programming Service.

"Cable System" or "System," has the meaning set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522 of the Cable Act, and means Grantee's facilities, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception and control equipment, that is designed to provide Cable
Service which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within the Franchise Area, but such term does not include (i) a facility that serves only to re-transmit the television signals of one or more television broadcast stations; (ii) a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public right-of-way, (iii) a facility of a common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, except that such a facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of section 621(c) of the Cable Act) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of Video Programming directly to Subscribers, unless the extent of such use is solely to provide Interactive On-Demand Services; (iv) an open video system that complies with section 653 of the Cable Act; or (v) any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

“Channel” or “Cable Channel” means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in a Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television channel as a television channel is defined by the Federal Communications Commission by regulation.

“Customer” or “Subscriber” means a Person who lawfully receives and pays for Cable Service with the Grantee’s express permission.

“FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission or successor governmental entity thereto.

“Franchise” means the initial authorization, or renewal thereof, issued by the County, whether such authorization is designated as a franchise, agreement, permit, license, resolution, contract, certificate, ordinance or otherwise, which authorizes the construction or operation of the Cable System.

“Franchise Agreement” or “Agreement” shall mean this Agreement and any amendments or modifications hereto.

“Franchise Area” means the present legal boundaries of the County as of the Effective Date, and shall also include any additions thereto, by annexation or other legal means as provided in this Agreement.

“Grantee” shall mean Comcast of Illinois XIII, L.P.

“Gross Revenue” means the Cable Service revenue received by the Grantee from the operation of the Cable System in the Franchise Area to provide Cable Services, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Cable Service revenue includes monthly Basic Cable Service, cable programming service regardless of Service Tier, premium and pay-per-view video fees, advertising and home shopping revenue, installation fees and equipment rental fees. Gross revenues shall also include such other revenue sources from Cable Service delivered over the Cable System as may now exist or hereafter develop, provided that such revenues, fees, receipts, or charges may be lawfully included in the gross revenue base for purposes of computing the County’s permissible franchise fee under the Cable Act, as amended from time to time. Gross Revenue shall not include refundable deposits, bad debt, investment income, programming launch support payments, third party advertising sales commissions and
agency fees, nor any taxes, fees or assessments imposed or assessed by any governmental authority. Gross Revenues shall include amounts collected from Subscribers for Franchise Fees pursuant to City of Dallas, Texas v. F.C.C., 118 F.3d 393 (5th Cir. 1997), and amounts collected from non-Subscriber revenues in accordance with the Court of Appeals decision resolving the case commonly known as the “Pasadena Decision,” City of Pasadena, California et. al., Petitions for Declaratory Ruling on Franchise Fee Pass Through Issues, CSR 5282-R, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd. 18192 (2001), and In re: Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues v. F.C.C., 324 F.3d 802 (5th Cir. 2003).

“Initial Franchise Service Area” means that portion of the Franchise Area served by the Grantee’s Cable System as of the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement.

“Person” means any natural person or any association, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legally recognized entity, whether for-profit or not-for profit, but shall not mean the County.

“Public Way” shall mean, pursuant and in addition to the County’s Right of Way Ordinance (insert citation here), the surface of, and the space above and below, any street, alley, other land or waterway, dedicated or commonly used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other similar purposes, including, but not limited to, public utility easements and other easements dedicated for compatible uses, now or hereafter held by the County in the Franchise Area, to the extent that the County has the right and authority to authorize, regulate, or permit the location of facilities other than those of the County. Public Way shall not include any real or personal County property that is not specifically described in this definition and shall not include County buildings, fixtures, and other structures and improvements, regardless of whether they are situated in the Public Way.

“Standard Installation” means those installations to Subscribers that are located up to one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the existing distribution system (Cable System).

“County” means the County of Kendall, Illinois or the lawful successor, transferee, designee, or assignee thereof.

“Video Programming” or “Programming” means programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station.

SECTION 2: Grant of Authority

2.1. Pursuant to Section 621(a) of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. § 541 (a), and 55 ILCS 5/5-1095(a) of the Illinois Counties Code and Ordinance No. ______ approving and authorizing the execution of this Agreement, the County hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in the Public Ways within the Franchise Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in any Public Way such poles, wires, cables, conductors, ducts, conduits, vaults, manholes, pedestals, amplifiers, appliances, attachments, and other related property or equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System, and to provide such services over the Cable System as may be lawfully allowed.
2.2. Term of Franchise. The term of the Franchise granted hereunder shall be five (5) years from the Effective Date, unless the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise Agreement and/or applicable law. From and after the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that this Franchise Agreement is intended to be the sole and exclusive Franchise Agreement between the Parties pertaining to the Grantee’s Franchise for the provision of Cable Service.

2.3. Renewal. Any renewal of this Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, as amended, and any applicable State law which may exist at the time of renewal and which is not superseded by the Cable Act.

2.4. Police Powers. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as an abrogation by the County of any of its police powers to adopt and enforce generally applicable ordinances deemed necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and the Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable laws and ordinances enacted by the County pursuant to such police power.

2.5. Reservation of Authority. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall (A) abrogate the right of the County to perform any public works or public improvements of any description, (B) be construed as a waiver of any codes or ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the County, or (C) be construed as a waiver or release of the rights of the County in and to the Public Ways.

2.6. Competitive Equity.

2.6.1. In the event the County grants an additional Franchise to use and occupy any Public Way for the purposes of operating a Cable System, the additional Franchise shall only be granted in accordance with the Illinois Level Playing Field Statute, 55 ILCS 5/5-1095.

2.6.2. In the event an application for a new cable television franchise or other similar authorization is filed with the County proposing to serve the Franchise Area, in whole or in part, the County shall to the extent permitted by law promptly notify the Grantee, or require the Grantee to be notified, and include a copy of such application.

2.6.3. Provided that appropriate vehicle safety markings have been deployed, Grantee’s vehicles shall be exempt from parking restrictions of the County while used in the course of installation, repair and maintenance work on the Cable System.

SECTION 3: Construction and Maintenance of the Cable System

3.1. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Franchise Agreement, Grantee shall comply with all generally applicable provisions of the Kendall County Code pertaining to construction of utility facilities in the Public Way, as the Kendall County Code may be amended from time to time.

3.2. Aerial and Underground Construction. At the time of Cable System construction, if all of the transmission and distribution facilities of all of the respective public or municipal utilities in any area of the Franchise Area are underground, the Grantee shall place its Cable
Systems' transmission and distribution facilities underground, provided that such underground locations are actually capable of accommodating the Grantee's cable and other equipment without technical degradation of the Cable System's signal quality. In any region(s) of the Franchise Area where the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public or municipal utilities are both aerial and underground, the Grantee shall have the discretion to construct, operate, and maintain all of its transmission and distribution facilities or any part thereof, aerially or underground. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Grantee to construct, operate, or maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances such as customer taps, line extenders, system passive devices, amplifiers, power supplies, pedestals, or other related equipment.

3.3. **Undergrounding and Beautification Projects.**

3.3.1. In the event the County requires users of the Public Way who operate aerial facilities to relocate such aerial facilities underground, Grantee shall participate in the planning for relocation of its aerial facilities, if any, contemporaneously with such users. Grantee shall be reimbursed its relocation costs from public or private funds allocated for the project to the same extent as such funds are made available to other users of the Public Way, if any, provided that any utility's exercise of authority granted under its tariff to charge consumers for the said utility's cost of the project that are not reimbursed by the County shall not be considered to be public or private funds.

3.3.2. The Grantee shall not be required to relocate its facilities unless it has been afforded at least sixty (60) days notice of the necessity to relocate its facilities. Upon adequate notice the Grantee shall provide a written estimate of the cost associated with the work necessary to relocate its facilities. In instances where a third party is seeking the relocation of the Grantee's facilities or where the Grantee is entitled to reimbursement pursuant to the preceding Section, the Grantee shall not be required to perform the relocation work until it has received payment for the relocation work.

**SECTION 4: Service Obligations**

4.1. **Initial Service Obligations.** As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Grantee's Cable System has been designed to provide, and is capable of providing, Cable Service to residential Customers throughout the Initial Franchise Service Area. The Grantee shall continue to make Cable Service available in the Initial Service Area throughout the term of this Agreement and Grantee shall extend its Cable System and provide service consistent with the provisions of this Franchise Agreement.

4.2. **General Service Obligation.** The Grantee shall make Cable Service available beyond the Initial Franchise Service Area to every residential dwelling unit within the Franchise Area where the minimum density is at least thirty (30) dwelling units per linear Cable System network mile as measured from the existing Cable System's technically feasible connection point. Subject to the density requirement, Grantee shall offer Cable Service to all new homes or previously unserved homes located within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of the Grantee's distribution cable (e.g., a Standard Installation).
4.2.1. The Grantee may elect to provide Cable Service to areas not meeting the above density and distance standards. The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop or line extension in excess of a Standard Installation. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis plus a reasonable rate of return.

4.3. **Programming.** The Grantee agrees to provide cable programming services in the following broad categories:

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Pursuant and subject to federal law, all Video Programming decisions, excluding PEG Access Programming, are at the sole discretion of the Grantee.

4.4. **Technical Standards.** The Grantee shall comply with all applicable technical standards of the FCC as published in 47 C.F.R., Part 76, Subpart K, as amended from time to time. The Grantee shall cooperate with the County in conducting inspections related to these standards upon reasonable prior written request from the County based on a significant number of Subscriber complaints.

4.5. **Annexations and New/Planned Developments.** In cases of annexation the County shall provide the Grantee written notice of such annexation. In cases of new construction, planned developments or property development where undergrounding or extension of the Cable System is required, the County shall provide or cause the developer or property owner to provide notice of the same. Such notices shall be provided at the time of notice to all utilities or other like occupants of the County’s Public Way. If advance notice of such annexation, new construction, planned development or property development is not provided, the Grantee shall be allowed an adequate time to prepare, plan and provide a detailed report as to the timeframe for it to construct its facilities and provide the services required under this Franchise Agreement.

4.6. **Service to School Buildings and Governmental Facilities.**

4.6.1. The County and the Grantee acknowledge the provisions of 220 ILCS 5/22-501(f), whereby the Grantee shall provide complimentary Basic Cable Service and a free Standard Installation at one outlet to all eligible buildings as defined in said state statute. Eligible buildings shall not include buildings leased to non-governmental third parties or buildings such as storage facilities at which government employees are not regularly stationed.

4.6.2. **Long Drops.** The Grantee may impose an additional charge in excess of its regular installation charge for any service installation requiring a drop or line extension in excess of a Standard Installation. Any such additional charge shall be computed on a time plus materials basis to be calculated on that portion of the installation that exceeds a Standard Installation.
4.7. **Emergency Alerts.** At all times during the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall provide and maintain an “Emergency Alert System” ("EAS") consistent with applicable Federal law and regulation – including 47 C.F.R., Part 11 and the "State of Illinois Emergency Alert System State Plan" – as may be amended from time to time. Should the County become qualified and authorized to activate the EAS, the Grantee shall provide instructions on the access and use of the EAS by the County to the County on an annual basis. The County agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantee harmless from any damages or penalties arising out of the negligence of the County, its employees or agents in using such system.

4.8. **Customer Service Obligations.** The County and Grantee acknowledge that the customer service standards and customer privacy protections are set forth in the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 et seq. Enforcement of such requirements and standards and the penalties for non-compliance with such standards shall be consistent with the Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, 220 ILCS 5/22-501 et seq.

**SECTION 5: Oversight and Regulation by County**

5.1. **Franchise Fees.** The Grantee shall pay to the County a Franchise Fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of annual Gross Revenues received from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Service in the Franchise Area; provided, however, that Grantee shall not be compelled to pay any higher percentage of fees than any other video service provider, under state authorization or otherwise, providing service in the Franchise Area. The payment of Franchise Fees shall be made on a quarterly basis and shall be due forty-five (45) days after the close of each calendar quarter. If mailed, the Franchise Fee shall be considered paid on the date it is postmarked. Each Franchise Fee payment shall be accompanied by a report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation of the franchise fees paid during that period. Any undisputed Franchise Fee payment which remains unpaid in whole or in part, after the date specified herein shall be delinquent. For any delinquent Franchise Fee payments, Grantee shall make such payments including interest at the prime lending rate as quoted by JP Morgan Chase & Company or its successor, computed from time due until paid. Any undisputed overpayments made by the Grantee to the County shall be credited upon discovery of such overpayment until such time when the full value of such credit has been applied to the Franchise Fee liability otherwise accruing under this Section.

5.1.1. The Parties acknowledge that, at present, the Cable Act limits the County to collection of a maximum permissible Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues. In the event that a change in the Cable Act would allow the County to increase the Franchise Fee above five percent (5%), and the County actually proposes to increase the Franchise Fee in exercise of such authority, the County may amend the Franchise Fee percentage. Following the determination to increase the Franchise Fee and enactment of an ordinance enabling the same, the County shall notify the Grantee of its intent to collect the increased Franchise Fee, and Grantee shall have a reasonable time (not to be less than ninety (90) days from receipt of notice from the City) to effectuate any changes necessary to begin the collection of such increased Franchise Fee. In the event that the County increases said Franchise Fee, the Grantee shall notify its Subscribers of the County’s decision to increase said fee prior to the implementation of the collection of said fee from Subscribers as required by law.
5.1.2. In the event a change in state or federal law requires the County to reduce the franchise fee percentage that may be collected, the parties agree the Grantee shall reduce the percentage of franchise fees collected to the lower of: i) the maximum permissible franchise fee percentage; or ii) the lowest franchise fee percentage paid by any other Cable Operator granted a Cable Franchise by the County pursuant to the Cable Act, and Section 5-1095 of the Illinois Counties Code; provided that: (a) such amendment is in compliance with the change in state or federal law; (b) the County approves the amendment by ordinance; and (c) the County notifies Grantee at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of such an amendment.

5.1.3. Taxes Not Included. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the term “Franchise Fee” does not include any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and Cable Operators on their services but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against Cable Operators or Cable Subscribers).

5.2. Franchise Fees Subject to Audit. The County and Grantee acknowledge that the audit standards are set forth in the Illinois Counties Code 55 ILCS 5/5-1095.1 (County Franchise Fee Review; Requests For Information). Any audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally applicable auditing standards.

5.2.1. In accordance with 55 ILCS 5/5-1095.1, the County shall provide on an annual basis, a complete list of addresses within the corporate limits of the County. If an address is not included in the list or if no list is provided, the Grantee shall be held harmless for any franchise fee underpayments (including penalty and interest) from situsing errors.

5.3. Proprietary Information. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, with the exception of the information directly related to an audit of Franchise Fees as set forth in Section 5.2. The County agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to those employees, representatives, and agents of the County that have a need to know in order to enforce this Franchise Agreement and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information. For purposes of this Section, the terms “proprietary or confidential” include, but are not limited to, information relating to the Cable System design, customer lists, marketing plans, financial information unrelated to the calculation of Franchise Fees or rates pursuant to FCC rules, or other information that is reasonably determined by the Grantee to be competitively sensitive. Grantee may make proprietary or confidential information available for inspection but not copying or removal by the Franchise Authority’s representative. In the event that the County has in its possession and receives a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), or similar law for the disclosure of information the Grantee has designated as confidential, trade secret or proprietary, the County shall notify Grantee of such request and cooperate with Grantee in opposing such request. Grantee shall indemnify and defend the County from and against any claims arising from the County’s opposition to disclosure of any information Grantee designates as proprietary or confidential. Compliance by the County with an opinion or directive from the Illinois Public Access Counselor or the Illinois Attorney General under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., or with a decision or order of a court with jurisdiction over the County, shall not be a violation of this Section.
SECTION 6: Transfer of Cable System or Franchise or Control of Grantee

6.1. Neither the Grantee nor any other Person may transfer the Cable System or the Franchise without the prior written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

6.2. No transfer of control of the Grantee, defined as an acquisition of fifty-one percent (51%) or greater ownership interest in Grantee, shall take place without the prior written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

6.3. No consent shall be required, however, for (i) a transfer in trust, by mortgage, hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or in the Cable System in order to secure indebtedness, or (ii) a transfer to an entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by Comcast Corporation.

6.4. The Grantee, and any proposed transferee under this Section 6, shall submit a written application to the County containing or accompanied by such information as is required in accordance with applicable law and FCC regulations, specifically including a completed Form 394 or its successor, and in compliance with the processes established for transfers under FCC rules and regulations, including Section 617 of the Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. §537. Within thirty (30) days after receiving a request for consent, the County shall, in accordance with FCC rules and regulations, notify the Grantee in writing of the additional information, if any, it requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee or new controlling party. If the County has not taken final action on the Grantee’s request for consent within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent shall be deemed granted. As a condition to granting of any consent, the County may require the transferee to agree in writing to assume the obligations of the Grantee under this Franchise Agreement.

6.5. Any transfer of control resulting from or after the appointment of a receiver or receivers or trustee or trustees, however denominated, designated to take over and conduct the business of the grantee, whether in a receivership, reorganization, bankruptcy or other action or proceeding, unless such receivership or trusteeship shall have been vacated prior to the expiration of a one hundred twenty (120) day period, shall be treated as a transfer of control pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §537 and require the County’s consent thereto in the manner described in Section 6 above.

SECTION 7: Insurance and Indemnity

7.1. Insurance. Throughout the term of this Franchise Agreement, the Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain such insurance and provide the County certificates of insurance in accordance with Title ______/Chapter ______ of the __________ County Code.

7.2. Indemnification. The Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents (the “Indemnitees”) from and against any injuries, claims, demands, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees and costs of suit or defense (the “Indemnification Events”), arising in the course of the Grantee
constructing and operating its Cable System within the County. The Grantee’s obligation with respect to the Indemnitees shall apply to Indemnification Events which may occur during the term of this Agreement, provided that the claim or action is initiated within the applicable statute of limitations, notwithstanding that the claim may be made or action filed subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement. The County shall give the Grantee timely written notice of its obligation to indemnify and defend the County after the County’s receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this Section. For purposes of this Section, the word “timely” shall mean within a time period that does not cause prejudice to the respective positions of the Grantee and/or the County. If the County elects in its own discretion to employ additional counsel, the costs for such additional counsel for the County shall be the responsibility of the County.

7.2.1. The Grantee shall not indemnify the County for any liabilities, damages, costs or expense resulting from any conduct for which the County, its officers, employees and agents may be liable under the laws of the State of Illinois.

7.2.2. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Grantee’s duty to indemnify the County by reference to the limits of insurance coverage described in this Agreement.

SECTION 8: Enforcement of Franchise

8.1. Notice of Violation or Default. In the event the County believes that the Grantee has not complied with a material term of the Franchise, it shall notify the Grantee in writing with specific details regarding the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance or default.

8.2. Grantee’s Right to Cure or Respond. The Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of the County’s written notice: (A) to respond to the County, contesting the assertion of noncompliance or default; or (B) to cure such default; or (C) in the event that, by nature of the default, such default cannot be cured within the thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the County of the steps being taken and the projected date that the cure will be completed.

8.3. Enforcement. Subject to applicable federal and state law, and following notice and an opportunity to cure and respond pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 above, in the event the County determines that the Grantee is in default of any material provision of the Franchise, the County may:

8.3.1. seek specific performance of any provision that reasonably lends itself to such remedy or seek other relief available at law, including declaratory or injunctive relief; or

8.3.2. in the case of a substantial or frequent default of a material provision of the Franchise, declare the Franchise Agreement to be revoked in accordance with the following:

(i) The County shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent to revoke the Franchise on the basis of a pattern of noncompliance by the Grantee. The notice shall set forth with specificity the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Grantee shall have ninety (90) days from the receipt of such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the County has not received a response from the Grantee or upon receipt
of the response does not agree with the Grantee’s proposed remedy or in the event that the Grantee has not taken action to cure the default, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a public hearing. The County shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least ten (10) days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to request termination of the Franchise.

(ii) At the designated hearing, the County shall give the Grantee an opportunity to state its position on the matter, present evidence and question witnesses, after which the County shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be terminated. The public hearing shall be on the record. A copy of the transcript shall be made available to the Grantee at its sole expense. The decision of the County shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grantee in a manner authorized by Section 10.2. The Grantee may appeal such determination to any court with jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after receipt of the County’s decision.

SECTION 9: Miscellaneous Provisions

9.1. Force Majeure. The Grantee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the Franchise, nor suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default (including termination, cancellation or revocation of the Franchise), where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by strike, riot, war, earthquake, flood, tidal wave, unusually severe rain or snow storm, hurricane, tornado or other catastrophic act of nature, labor disputes, failure of utility service necessary to operate the Cable System, governmental, administrative or judicial order or regulation or other event that is reasonably beyond the Grantee’s ability to anticipate or control. This provision also covers work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their own utility poles on which the Grantee’s cable or equipment is attached, as well as unavailability of materials or qualified labor to perform the work necessary. Non-compliance or default shall be corrected within a reasonable amount of time after force majeure has ceased.

9.2. Notice. Any notification that requires a response or action from a party to this franchise within a specific time-frame, or that would trigger a timeline that would affect one or both parties’ rights under this franchise, shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and served upon the other party by hand delivery, first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable overnight courier service and addressed as follows:

To the County:
Kendall County, Illinois
111 Fox Street
ATTN: Scott Koeppel

To the Grantee:
1500 McConner
Schaumburg Illinois
ATTN: Director of Government Affairs

Recognizing the widespread usage and acceptance of electronic forms of communication, emails and faxes will be acceptable as formal notification related to the conduct of general business amongst the parties to this contract, including but not limited to programming and price adjustment communications. Such communication should be addressed and directed to the person of record as specified above. Either party may change its address and addressee for notice by notice to the other party under this Section.
9.3. **Entire Agreement.** This Franchise Agreement embodies the entire understanding and agreement of the County and the Grantee with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations and communications, whether written or oral. Except for ordinances adopted pursuant to Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of this Agreement, all ordinances or parts of ordinances related to the provision of Cable Service that are in conflict with or otherwise impose obligations different from the provisions of this Franchise Agreement are superseded by this Franchise Agreement.

9.3.1. The County may adopt a cable television/video service provider regulatory ordinance that complies with applicable law, provided the provisions of any such ordinance adopted subsequent to the Effective Date of this Franchise Agreement shall not apply to the Grantee during the term of this Franchise Agreement.

9.4. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Franchise Agreement is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body, or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect. If any material provision of this Agreement is made or found to be unenforceable by such a binding and final decision, either party may notify the other in writing that the Franchise has been materially altered by the change and of the election to begin negotiations to amend the Franchise in a manner consistent with said proceeding or enactment; provided, however, that any such negotiated modification shall be competitively neutral, and the parties shall be given sufficient time to implement any changes necessitated by the agreed-upon modification.

9.5. **Governing Law.** This Franchise Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the State of Illinois, and shall be governed in all respects, including validity, interpretation and effect, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois and/or Federal law, as applicable.

9.6. **Venue.** Except as to any matter within the jurisdiction of the federal courts or the FCC, all judicial actions relating to any interpretation, enforcement, dispute resolution or any other aspect of this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit Court of the State of Illinois, [insert name of your county] County, Illinois. Any matter brought pursuant to the jurisdiction of the federal court shall be brought in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois.

9.7. **Modification.** Except as provided in Sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, no provision of this Franchise Agreement shall be amended or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, except by an instrument, in writing, duly executed by the County and the Grantee, which amendment shall be authorized on behalf of the County through the adoption of an appropriate ordinance or resolution by the County, as required by applicable law.

9.8. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing in this Franchise Agreement is intended to confer third-party beneficiary status on any person, individual, corporation or member of the public to enforce the terms of this Franchise Agreement.
9.9. No Waiver of Rights. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any rights, substantive or procedural, Grantee may have under Federal or state law unless such waiver is expressly stated herein.

9.10. Validity of Franchise Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree in good faith on the validity of the provisions, terms and conditions of this Franchise Agreement, in their entirety, and that the Parties have the power and authority to enter into the provisions, terms, and conditions of this Agreement.

9.11. Authority to Sign Agreement. Grantee warrants to the County that it is authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Franchise Agreement. The individual signing this Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Grantee warrants to the County that s/he is authorized to execute this Franchise Agreement in the name of the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Franchise Agreement has been executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties as set forth below, as of the date set forth below:

For the County of Kendall

By: ____________________________

Name: __________________________

Title: __________________________

Date: __________________________

For Comcast of XIII, L.P.

By: ____________________________

Name: __________________________

Title: __________________________

Date: __________________________