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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
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CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF COMCAST OF MONMOUTH )	
COUNTY, LLC (MONMOUTH) FOR APPROVAL OF THE )	ORDER ADOPTING
FILING OF FCC FORM 1240, AN ANNUAL UPDATING )	STIPULATION OF FINAL
OF THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE FOR )	RATES
REGULATED BASIC SERVICE USING THE OPTIONAL )	
EXPEDITED RATE PROCEDURES )	DOCKET NO. CR10100718

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BY THE BOARD:

On October 1, 2010, Comcast of Monmouth County, LLC (Monmouth) ("Petitioner") filed Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Form 1240, which was subsequently assigned Docket Number CR10100718, seeking approval by the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") for an annual rate adjustment in its maximum permitted rate resulting from an adjustment for inflation, programming costs and copyright fees pursuant to the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, 47 U.S.C. § 543 et seq., and provisions of the New Jersey Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

The Board, at its public meeting on January 10, 1996, in Docket Number CX95120636, approved the implementation of Optional Expedited Rate Procedures for the processing of certain filings made with the Office of Cable Television. The intended purpose of these procedures is to grant final rates as quickly as possible to any cable company that chooses this process. In the spirit of cooperation based on the principles of Alternate Dispute Resolution, the discovery content is limited, thereby reducing the timeframe for settlement.

Petitioner chose to pursue its filing with the Board through the approved procedures. To that end, a pre-transmittal conference was held on November 4, 2010, and attended by representatives of the Petitioner, Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") and Board Staff (collectively "the Parties"). The Petitioner agreed to waive its Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") litigation rights for this matter. It should be noted that the Petitioner's waiver was a knowing, voluntary and intelligent waiver of its litigation rights at the OAL and that the waiver did not constitute a circumvention of the FCC rules nor did it affect Petitioner's right to appeal in that forum.

The Petitioner notified its customers of the rate increase by way of a newspaper announcement informing them of their opportunity to submit written comments to the Board for a period of thirty days. The notice appeared in the Asbury Park Press on October 29, 2010. No comments or resolutions were received as a result of this public notice.

After review by Staff and Rate Counsel of the supporting documentation, schedules and other discovery requests, a settlement conference was held on November 12, 2010. On December 13, 2010, the Parties entered into a Stipulation of Final Rates.

The Board has reviewed the Stipulation of Final Rates and FINDS it to be reasonable, in the public interest and in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Stipulation of Final Rates (attached hereto) as its own, incorporating by reference the terms and conditions therein as if fully set forth at length herein.

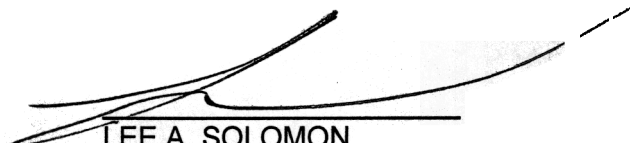
The Board FURTHER ORDERS that, subject to the ongoing review before the FCC, should any of these cable systems, or any part thereof, merge or migrate to another system, be upgraded or rebuilt, or its ownership or control be otherwise sold or transferred to another entity, then the basic service tier rate that will be eliminated or superseded as a result of the merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer must be "trued up" [47 C.F.R. § 76.922 (e) (3)]. The final true up for the affected systems, or any parts thereof, should be calculated on FCC Form 1240 and begin where the last true up period ended on its prior FCC Form 1240. This true up calculation should be filed with the Board when all the affected subscribers are being charged the rate resulting from the merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer and may be filed in conjunction with the annual rate adjustment cycle (Form 1240) established as a result of said merger, migration, upgrade, rebuild, sale or transfer.

The cable systems, or any part thereof, may be subsequently deregulated as a result of a finding by the Board, the FCC or other party of competent jurisdiction that these systems, or any portion thereof, are subject to effective competition. Should that occur, the last basic service rate established as a result of a prior FCC Form 1240, or such subsequent rate calculation method as may be heretofore adopted by the Board, the FCC or any other party of competent jurisdiction, prior to the deregulation of any rate that is now or may in the future be subject to the Board's jurisdiction, must be trued up for the period of time that the affected rates were subject to regulation by the Board.

The above referenced true-up procedure does not exclude any cable system party to this Order.

DATED: 3/9/11

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:




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PRESIDENT



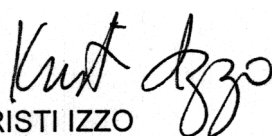
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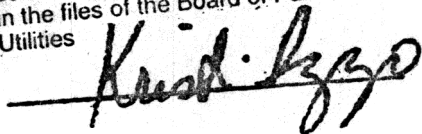
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IN THE MATTER OF  
COMCAST OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, LLC  
(MONMOUTH)  
FCC FORM 1240 USING THE  
OPTIONAL EXPEDITED RATE PROCEDURES

DOCKET NUMBER: CR10100718

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(MONMOUTH) FILING OF FCC FORM )  
1240, AN ANNUAL UPDATING OF THE )  
MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE FOR )  
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STIPULATION OF FINAL RATES

The undersigned parties, as a result of a review of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Form 1240 and timely filed public comments in this matter hereby stipulate to the following findings of fact and conclusions of law for consideration by the Board of Public Utilities ("Board"); and,

As part of the Optional Expedited Rate Procedures (Approved January 12, 1996, Docket No. CX95120636), Comcast of Monmouth County, LLC (Monmouth) ("Petitioner") agreed to waive the Company's litigation rights at the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") in this proceeding. It should be noted that Petitioner's waiver was a knowing, voluntary and intelligent waiver of its litigation rights at the OAL and that the waiver did not constitute a circumvention of the FCC rules nor did it affect the Company's right to appeal in that forum.

WHEREAS, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992), codified at 47 U.S.C. § 543 et seq., (the "Federal Act"), classified the delivery of cable television services into two separate rate regulated categories: (i) "basic service" (consisting primarily of "off-the-air" and public, educational and governmental channels) and associated equipment and installation and (ii) cable programming services ("CPS") (consisting of other tiers of channels) and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Act, basic service is regulated by the "franchising authority"; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the New Jersey Cable Television Act ("New Jersey Act"), N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., the franchising authority is the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Act required the FCC to issue regulations governing the standards to be used by franchising authorities in regulating basic service rates; and

WHEREAS, under the regulations adopted March 30, 1994, 47 C.F.R. § 76.900 et seq., a cable operator may adjust its rates by electing the annual rate adjustment system under the regulations adopted September 15, 1995 (47 C.F.R. § 76.922) by filing a Form 1240 and a Form 1205 on the same date; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2010, Petitioner, serving the Boroughs of Allenhurst, Highlands and Monmouth Beach, the Townships of Hazlet and Shrewsbury and Loch Arbour Village, filed a Form 1240, Docket Number CR10100718, with the Board seeking approval of inflation and external cost adjustments for a total increase in the Maximum Permitted Rate (“MPR”) of 4.2% for the rate cycle of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 for a rate increase from \$14.65 to \$15.27, exclusive of franchise fees, which would result in a total increase in the MPR for basic service of \$.62 per month. The Operator Selected Rate (“OSR”) will be \$14.65 effective January 1, 2011 for the same rate cycle of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. However, during this period, if Petitioner chooses to decrease the OSR, with proper notice to its subscribers and the Board, this decrease will not affect the established rate cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Board Staff (“Staff”) and the Division of Rate Counsel (“Rate Counsel”), upon review of the FCC Form 1240, supporting documentation and schedules thereto agree that the proposed MPR and OSR rates are just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, Staff, Rate Counsel and Petitioner have engaged in discussions of this matter; and

WHEREAS, Staff, Rate Counsel and Petitioner have concluded that the Company is entitled to the above-referenced adjustment which it seeks in its FCC Form 1240 filing;

NOW, THEREFORE, Staff, Rate Counsel, and Petitioner hereby STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Petitioner notified its customers of the proposed MPR rate increase via a newspaper announcement and has informed them of their opportunity to submit written comments for a period of thirty (30) days.
2. The effective date for the increase in the MPR for basic service due to inflation and external cost adjustments under Docket Number CR10100718 and the OSR is January 1, 2011.
3. The rate cycle established under Docket Number CR10100718 is January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
4. On September 14, 2006, in Docket Nos. CR05090826 (Toms River-Rebuild), CR05090827 (Crestwood Village/Cedar Bonnet Island), CR05110935 (South Jersey/Vineland-Vineland) and CR05110937 (South Jersey/Vineland-Franklinville South) (hereinafter the “Toms River/South Jersey Matters”), the Board issued Orders adopting Stipulations of Settlement among the Parties therein (the “Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations”), which, among other things, addressed the cost of programming pertaining to CN8, a Comcast affiliated channel, to be reported on Worksheet 7 – Line 701 of the Form 1240. Specifically, the Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations provided that, for all “Comcast” affiliated rate districts in New Jersey, Line 701 on Worksheet 7 would be based upon rates of thirty-three cents (33¢), thirty-four cents (34¢) and thirty-five cents (35¢) per subscriber per month for CN8 (excluding the Form 1240’s

permitted 7.5% markup), and that these rates would be frozen for specific true-up and projected periods listed for each rate district in Exhibit B to the Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations (hereinafter, the "CN8 Agreement"). For convenience, a copy of the Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations' Exhibit B is annexed hereto as Attachment 1. It was further agreed in the Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations that for the period during which the CN8 rates shall be frozen at the above rates, such rates shall be deemed not unreasonable and that documentation in support of such rates and/or discovery requests relating to such rates shall not be necessary. Accordingly, and pursuant to the CN8 Agreement, as set forth in the Toms River/South Jersey Matters, the cost of programming pertaining to CN8 in the instant matters has been calculated at the agreed upon rate per subscriber per month in Worksheet 7 – Line 701 of the Form 1240<sup>1</sup>. Comcast further agrees to include this paragraph in future Stipulations for all Comcast Form 1240 rate filings that include any true up or projected period subject to the CN8 rate freeze as indicated on Attachment 1.

5. The foregoing description of the CN8 Agreement is intended merely to summarize and in no way change the terms of the Agreement reached among the Parties and Approved by the Board with respect to the treatment of CN8 as set forth in the Toms River/South Jersey Matters.
6. In the event that a system listed in Attachment 1 changes its annual rate cycle, resulting in a concomitant change in the true-up and/or projected periods attributable to said system, the rate freeze periods set forth in Exhibit B to the Toms River/South Jersey Stipulations shall remain unchanged.
7. This stipulated rate increase shall be subject to the approval of the Board and all revenues collected as a result of this adjustment shall be subject to refund, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the FCC as well as those of the Board if the Board finds this rate increase to be unjustified in whole or in part or in any way implemented improperly.
8. This Stipulation of Settlement resolves all issues raised by this filing which are the subject of the within matter.
9. The signatories agree that, except as expressly provided herein, this Stipulation has been made exclusively for the purpose of this proceeding and that the Stipulation contained herein, in total or by specific items, is in no way binding upon the parties in other proceedings before the Board or in other forums or jurisdictions, nor are the contents of this Stipulation, in total or by specific items, by inference, inclusion, or deletion, in any way to be considered or used by another party as any indication of the position of any party hereto on any issue litigated or to be litigated in other proceedings.

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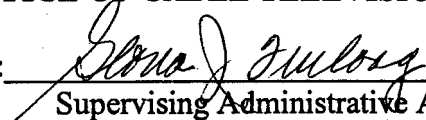
<sup>1</sup> Petitioner chose not to include any programming costs for CN8 in the projected period for this instant matter.

This Stipulation contains terms, each of which is interdependent with the others and essential in its own right to the signing of this Stipulation. Each term is vital to the agreement as a whole, since the parties expressly and jointly state that they would not have signed the agreement had any term been modified in any way. Each party is entitled to certain procedures in the event that any modification is made to the terms of this Stipulation. That is, each signatory party must be given the right to be placed in the position it was in before the Stipulation was entered. Therefore, if any modification is made to the terms of this Stipulation, it is essential that each party be given the option, before the implementation of any new rate resulting from this action, either to modify its own position to accept the proposed changes, or to resume the proceeding as if no agreement had been reached.

The parties believe these provisions are fair to all concerned and therefore, they are made an integral and essential element of this Stipulation. This being the case, all parties expressly agree to support the right of any other party to this Stipulation to enforce all terms and procedures detailed herein.


**GLORIA J. FURLONG**  
**OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION**

DATED: 12/13/10

By:   
Supervising Administrative Analyst


**DIVISION OF RATE COUNSEL**  
**STEFANIE A. BRAND, ESQ., DIRECTOR**

DATED: 1/4/11

By:   
Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq.  
Assistant Deputy Rate Counsel

**COMCAST OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, LLC**  
**(MONMOUTH)**

DATED: 12/7/10

By:   
Dennis C. Linken, Esq.  
Stryker, Tams & Dill



Contract Number / Project Name	Contractor	Contract Value	Start Date	Estimated Period		Actual Period		Contract Value		Actual Value	
				Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month
Contract Number: 001-001-001	Contract of New Jersey, LLC	1,000,000	01/01/2003	01/01	01/01	01/01	01/01	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Contract Number: 001-001-002	Contract of Long Beach Island, LLC	500,000	03/01/2003	03/01	03/01	03/01	03/01	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Contract Number: 001-001-003	Contract of Central New Jersey, LLC	1,200,000	04/01/2003	04/01	04/01	04/01	04/01	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Contract Number: 001-001-004	Contract of South Jersey, LLC	800,000	05/01/2003	05/01	05/01	05/01	05/01	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Contract Number: 001-001-005	Contract of Westland, LLC	600,000	06/01/2003	06/01	06/01	06/01	06/01	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Contract Number: 001-001-006	Contract of Camden, LLC	400,000	07/01/2003	07/01	07/01	07/01	07/01	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Contract Number: 001-001-007	Contract of Jersey City, LLC	900,000	08/01/2003	08/01	08/01	08/01	08/01	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Contract Number: 001-001-008	Contract of Monmouth County, LLC	700,000	09/01/2003	09/01	09/01	09/01	09/01	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Contract Number: 001-001-009	Contract of Ocean County, LLC	500,000	10/01/2003	10/01	10/01	10/01	10/01	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Contract Number: 001-001-010	Contract of Burlington, LLC	300,000	11/01/2003	11/01	11/01	11/01	11/01	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Contract Number: 001-001-011	Contract of Camden New Jersey, LLC	200,000	12/01/2003	12/01	12/01	12/01	12/01	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Contract Number: 001-001-012	Contract of Gloucester County, LLC	400,000	01/01/2004	01/01	01/01	01/01	01/01	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Contract Number: 001-001-013	Contract of Garden State, L.P.	600,000	02/01/2004	02/01	02/01	02/01	02/01	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Contract Number: 001-001-014	Contract of Middlesex New Jersey, LLC	800,000	03/01/2004	03/01	03/01	03/01	03/01	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Contract Number: 001-001-015	Contract of Passaic, LLC	500,000	04/01/2004	04/01	04/01	04/01	04/01	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Contract Number: 001-001-016	Contract of South Jersey, LLC	700,000	05/01/2004	05/01	05/01	05/01	05/01	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Contract Number: 001-001-017	Contract of Hudson Township, NJ	300,000	06/01/2004	06/01	06/01	06/01	06/01	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Contract Number: 001-001-018	Contract of Newark, NJ	900,000	07/01/2004	07/01	07/01	07/01	07/01	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Contract Number: 001-001-019	Contract of South Jersey, LLC	600,000	08/01/2004	08/01	08/01	08/01	08/01	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Contract Number: 001-001-020	Contract of South Jersey, LLC	400,000	09/01/2004	09/01	09/01	09/01	09/01	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
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Contractors and Subcontractors shall be held responsible for the accuracy of the information provided herein. The information is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute a contract. The actual terms and conditions of the contract shall govern.