

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing Participation)
in the Joint Cable Regulation Consolidation) Resolution
Task Force)
) 92-150
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WHEREAS, cable television regulation in Multnomah County is presently handled by two cable regulatory commissions and staff offices;

WHEREAS, the Multnomah Cable Regulatory Commission ("MCRC") represents the cities of Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview, and unincorporated Multnomah County, and oversees a franchise with Paragon Cable serving approximately 45,000 subscribers;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has established the Portland Cable Communications Regulatory Commission ("PCRC") under City Code Chapter 3.115 to oversee franchises with three cable companies (Paragon Cable, TCI Cable, and Columbia Cable) serving approximately 100,000 subscribers;

WHEREAS, current cable systems cross jurisdictional boundaries and can best be regulated by cooperative arrangements among governments; and

WHEREAS, participating jurisdictions have informally agreed to create a task force to consolidate cable regulatory commissions in order to improve efficiencies and economies in the delivery of services without sacrificing the effectiveness of community programming and access services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Multnomah County authorizes the establishment of a Joint Cable Regulation Consolidation Task Force ("Task Force"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall include appointed representatives of the MCRC, the PCRC, Multnomah County, and the cities of Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, and Fairview, and such other participants and advisors as the Task Force may deem necessary to carry out its functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall recommend to the participating jurisdictions a proposal to (1) Form a single cable regulatory commission; (2) Enable the provision of administrative support for the consolidated commission at fiscal savings from the current structure, without sacrificing regulatory effectiveness; (3) Include a provision to allow other interested jurisdictions to

participate in the future should they elect to do so; and (4) Establish a mechanism that would facilitate future consolidation of the east side Paragon cable franchises without reducing public benefits provided under the current separate agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall provide periodic progress reports to the participating jurisdictions as necessary, and that a final report and recommendations be submitted to participating jurisdictions by November 2, 1992.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 1992.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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