

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 00-016

Authorizing Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission to Develop and Negotiate Competitive Cable and Telecommunications Franchise Agreements

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC), created by Intergovernmental Agreement dated December 24, 1992 (IGA), carries out cable regulation and administration on behalf of Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale, and Wood Village (Jurisdictions). The MHCRC acts in an advisory capacity to the Jurisdictions in connection with any decision to grant a franchise agreement.
- b. On December 16, 1999, WideOpenWest requested that MHCRC develop franchise agreements for competitive cable and broadband communications services in the Jurisdictions.
- c. Other potential competitive cable and broadband communications providers have met with MHCRC staff and intend to pursue construction of competitive cable and broadband communications facilities in Multnomah County and elsewhere in the Jurisdictions.
- d. On December 16, 1999, MHCRC directed its staff in Resolution 99-5 to develop franchise agreements for the scope of business planned by WideOpenWest, consistent with the existing cable franchise and maximizing citizen choice and access to state of the art technology.
- e. MHCRC Resolution 99-5 also directed staff to prepare a resolution for the Jurisdictions to authorize MHCRC to develop the franchise agreements, including authorizations for WideOpenWest to offer services other than cable.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The MHCRC is authorized to develop and negotiate documents with WideOpenWest or other applicants, including proposed franchise

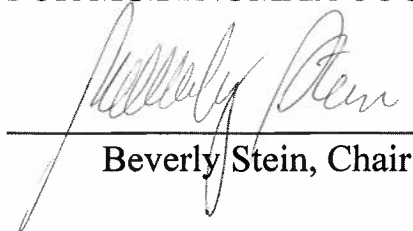
agreements for competitive cable and broadband communications services in Multnomah County. This may include services other than cable services.

2. As provided in the MHCRC IGA, Section 4.B., Multnomah County reserves full authority to accept, reject, or modify proposed franchise agreements for cable, broadband or other services recommended by the MHCRC.

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2000.



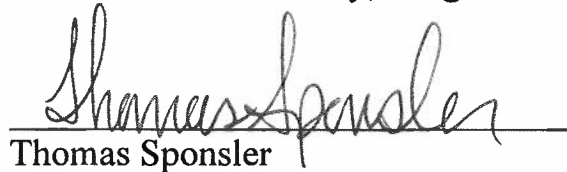
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