

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 02-090

Support for Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission to Monitor Franchisee Service Quality and Related Labor Issues

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. On May 20, 2002 the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) adopted Resolution No. 2002-06 recommending that Multnomah County and the cities of Gresham, Fairview, Portland, Troutdale, and Wood Village (Jurisdictions) consent to the change of control of the cable franchises administered by the MHCRC from AT&T Corp. to AT&T Comcast Corporation subject to terms and conditions.
- b. On June 13, 2002 the Board adopted a resolution consenting to the change of control of the cable franchises to AT&T Comcast with conditions as recommended by MHCRC.
- c. The current franchisees of the MHCRC-administered franchises, their guarantor (TCI West), and their current parent corporation (AT&T Corp.) as well as their planned new parent corporation (AT&T Comcast Corporation) agree and acknowledge that the change of control will not affect, diminish, impair or supersede the existing MHCRC-administered cable franchises, ordinances, resolutions and agreements, including all commitments, side letters, and regulatory actions whether prior or subsequent to the date control of the franchises changes from AT&T Corp. to AT&T Comcast Corporation.
- d. Testimony at the April 29, 2002 MHCRC public hearing and correspondence to MHCRC and the Board included concerns of labor and consumers. Suggestions have been made to impose certain conditions on the AT&T-Comcast merger.
- e. Existing franchises and law limit MHCRC and Board's authority to impose conditions suggested by such testimony and correspondence. On May 20, MHCRC adopted Resolution No. 2002-07 addressing the issues of concern and directing its staff to continue close monitoring of franchisee service quality and compliance with customer service standards. The Board wishes to support MHCRC and also address these issues.
- f. The Board recognizes that:
 - Quality cable service depends on a well trained, well compensated, career workforce, among other factors;
 - Investment in this community and its quality of life by local residents may provide the best delivery of local services;
 - AT&T Comcast workers want the company to succeed to provide stability for their families, pride in their work and the good customer service.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board supports MHCRC efforts to continue close monitoring of franchisee service quality and compliance with Jurisdiction customer service standards. These are indicators of a commitment to its local workforce, and issues within the authority of the MHCRC.
2. The Board expects and urges:
 - a) cable franchisees to respect both the spirit and letter of all applicable laws in connection with labor relations matters;
 - b) cable franchisees to provide quality service and to be in full compliance with all service standards;
 - c) cable franchisees will be good corporate citizens, providing stable employment and family supporting jobs;
 - d) cable franchisees to invest in a local workforce wherever possible, and to contribute to and be engaged in local civic, cultural and other community events;
 - e) cable franchisees and their current and future parent corporations will address issues involving labor in the workplace with respect and fairness to all interested parties, and will remain committed to fair labor practices; and
 - f) cable franchisees to maintain neutrality during labor organizing efforts.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2002.

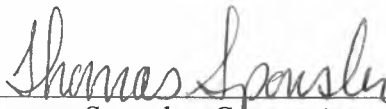


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