

## APPENDIX B - FRANCHISES

### FRANCHISES

NOTE: The franchise ordinances included herein are for information only. Each of them contains the substance as adopted by the governing body but enacting clauses, repealers and signatures have been omitted. A complete copy of each ordinance as adopted is on file in the office of the city clerk. Date of adoption of each franchise ordinance is shown in parentheses at the end of the text.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 387

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FRANCHISEE, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN, UNDER, OVER, ALONG, ACROSS THE STREETS, LANES, AVENUES, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, EASEMENTS DEDICATED FOR COMPATIBLE USES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS, AND THE SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS, THERETO, TOWERS, CABLES AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING BROADBAND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION BY CABLE OF TELEVISION SIGNALS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS REGULATING THE SAME AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE CITY; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 328.

#### FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

This Franchise Agreement ("Franchise") is between the City of Carbondale, Kansas, hereinafter referred to as "the Franchising Authority" and Mediacom Southeast LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee."

The Franchising Authority hereby acknowledges that the Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable law, and that the financial, legal, and technical ability of the Grantee is reasonably sufficient to provide services, facilities, and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, and having afforded the public adequate notice and opportunity for comment, desires to enter into this Franchise with the Grantee for the construction and operation of a cable system on the terms set forth herein.

#### **SECTION 1**

#### **Definition of Terms**

**1.1 Terms.** For the purpose of this Franchise, the following terms, phrases, words, and abbreviations shall have the meanings ascribed to them below. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number:

- A. "Basic Cable" is the lowest priced tier of Cable Service that includes the retransmission of local broadcast television signals.

- B. "Cable Act" means Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- C. "Cable Services" shall mean (1) the one-way transmission to Subscribers of (a) video programming, or (b) other programming service, and (2) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.
- D. "Cable System" shall mean the Grantee's facility, 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 Service Area.
- E. "FCC" means Federal Communications Commission, or successor governmental entity thereto.
- F. "Franchising Authority" means the City of Carbondale, Kansas.
- G. "Grantee" means Mediacom Southeast LLC, or the lawful successor, transferee, or assignee thereof.
- H. "Gross Revenue" means any revenues from the operation of the Cable System to provide Basic Cable Services in the Service Area received by Grantee from Subscribers, provided, however, that Gross Revenues shall not include franchise fees, the FCC User Fee or any tax, fee or assessment of general applicability collected by the Grantee from Subscribers for pass-through to a government agency.
- I. "Person" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.
- J. "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, parkway, way, lane, public way, drive, circle, or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses now or hereafter held by the Franchising Authority in the Service Area which shall entitle the Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining the Cable System.
- K. "Service Area" means the present boundaries of the Franchising Authority, and shall include any additions thereto by annexation or other legal means, subject to the exceptions in subsection 3.9.
- L. "Standard Installation" is defined as 125 feet from the nearest tap to the Subscriber's terminal.
- M. "Subscriber" means a Person who lawfully receives Cable Service of the Cable System with the Grantee's express permission.

**SECTION 2**  
**Grant of Franchise**

**2.1 Grant.** The Franchising Authority hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive Franchise which authorizes the Grantee to construct and operate a Cable System in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under, or in any manner connected with Public Ways within the Service Area, and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain, or retain in, on, over, under, upon, across, or along any Public Way such facilities and equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the Cable System for the transmission and distribution of Cable Services, data services, information and other communications services or for any other lawful purposes.

**2.2 Other Ordinances.** The Grantee agrees to comply with the terms of any lawfully adopted generally applicable local ordinance, to the extent that the provisions of the ordinance do not have the effect of limiting the benefits or expanding the obligations of the Grantee that are granted by this Franchise. Neither party may unilaterally alter the material rights nor obligations set forth in this Franchise. In the event of a conflict between any ordinance and this Franchise, the Franchise shall control.

**2.3 Other Authorizations.** The Franchising Authority shall not permit any person to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee in the Service Area without first having secured a non-exclusive franchise from the Franchising Authority. The Franchising Authority agrees that any grant of additional franchises or other authorizations including OVS authorizations by the Franchising Authority to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement to any other entity shall cover the entire Service Area and shall not be on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome to the grantee of any such additional franchise or other authorization than those which are set forth herein. In any renewal of this Franchise, the Franchising Authority, should it seek to impose increased obligations upon the Grantee, must take into account any additional franchise(s) or authorizations previously granted and find that the proposed increased obligations in the renewal, are not more burdensome and/or less favorable than those contained in any such additional franchise(s) or authorizations.

**2.4 Term.** The Franchise granted hereunder shall be for an initial term of ten (10) years commencing on the effective date of the Franchise as set forth in subsection 8.6, unless otherwise lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise.

**SECTION 3**  
**Standards of Service**

**3.1 Conditions of Occupancy.** The Cable System installed by the Grantee pursuant to the terms hereof shall be located so as to cause a minimum of interference with the proper use of Public Ways and with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins any of such Public Ways.

**3.2 Restoration of Public Ways.** If during the course of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of the Cable System there occurs a disturbance of any Public Way by the Grantee, Grantee shall replace and restore such Public Way to a condition reasonably comparable to the condition of the Public Way existing immediately prior to such disturbance.

**3.3 Relocation for the Franchising Authority.** Upon its receipt of reasonable advance written notice, to be not less than ten (10) business days, the Grantee shall protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in or remove from the Public Way, any property of the Grantee when lawfully required by the Franchising Authority by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street abandonment, freeway and street construction, change or establishment of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other type of public structures or improvements which are not used to compete with the Grantee's services. The Grantee shall in all cases have the right of abandonment of its property.

**3.4 Relocation for a Third Party.** The Grantee shall, on the request of any Person holding a lawful permit issued by the Franchising Authority, protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in or remove from the Public Way as necessary any property of the Grantee, provided: (A) the expense of such is paid by said Person benefiting from the relocation, including, if required by the Grantee, making such payment in advance; and (B) the Grantee is given reasonable advance written notice to prepare for such changes. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable advance written notice" shall be no less than thirty (30) business days in the event of a temporary relocation, and no less than one hundred twenty (120) days for a permanent relocation.

**3.5 Trimming of Trees and Shrubbery.** The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth in order to access and maintain the Cable System.

**3.6 Safety Requirements.** Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Cable System shall be performed in an orderly and workmanlike manner. All such work shall be performed in substantial accordance with generally applicable federal, state, and local regulations and the National Electric Safety Code.

**3.7 Underground Construction.** In those areas of the Service Area where all of the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are underground, the Grantee likewise shall construct, operate, and maintain its Cable System underground. Nothing contained in this subsection shall require the Grantee to construct, operate, and maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances.

**3.8 Access to Open Trenches.** The Franchising Authority agrees to include the Grantee in the platting process for any new subdivision. At a minimum, the Franchising Authority agrees to require as a condition of issuing a permit for open trenching to any utility or developer that (A) the utility or developer give the Grantee at least ten (10) days advance written notice of the availability of the open trench, and (B) that the utility or developer provide the Grantee with reasonable access to the open trench. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not be required to utilize any open trench.

**3.9 Required Extensions of the Cable System.** Grantee agrees to provide Cable Service to all residences in the Service Area subject to the density requirements specified in this subsection. Whenever the Grantee receives a request for Cable Service from a potential Subscriber in an unserved area contiguous to Grantee's to existing distribution facilities where there are at least 10 residences within 1320 cable-bearing strand feet (one-quarter cable mile) from the portion of the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable which is to be extended, it shall

extend its Cable System to such Subscribers at no cost to said Subscribers for the Cable System extension, other than the published Standard/non-Standard Installation fees charged to all Subscribers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the Cable System into any portion of the Service Area where another operator is providing Cable Service, into any annexed area which is not contiguous to the present Service Area of the Grantee, or into any area which is financially or technically infeasible due to extraordinary circumstances, such as a runway or freeway crossing.

**3.10 Subscriber Charges for Extensions of the Cable System.** No Subscriber shall be refused service arbitrarily. However, if an area does not meet the density requirements of subsection 3.9 above, the Grantee shall only be required to extend the Cable System to Subscriber(s) in that area if the Subscriber(s) are willing to share the capital costs of extending the Cable System. Specifically, the Grantee shall contribute a capital amount equal to the construction cost per mile, multiplied by a fraction whose numerator equals the actual number of residences per 1320 cable-bearing strand feet from the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable, and whose denominator equals 10. Subscribers who request service hereunder shall bear the remaining cost to extend the Cable System on a *pro rata* basis. The Grantee may require that payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential Subscribers be paid in advance. Subscribers shall also be responsible for any Standard/non-Standard Installation charges to extend the Cable System from the tap to the residence.

**3.11 Cable Service to Public Buildings.** The Grantee, upon request, shall provide without charge, a Standard Installation and one outlet of Basic Cable to those administrative buildings owned and occupied by the Franchising Authority, fire station(s), police station(s), and K-12 public school(s) that are passed by its Cable System. The Cable Service provided shall not be distributed beyond the originally installed outlet without authorization from the Grantee. The Cable Service provided shall not be used for commercial purposes, and such outlets shall not be located in areas open to the public. The Franchising Authority shall take reasonable precautions to prevent any inappropriate use of the Grantee's Cable System or any loss or damage to Grantee's Cable System. The Franchising Authority shall hold the Grantee harmless from any and all liability or claims arising out of the provision and use of Cable Service required by this subsection. The Grantee shall not be required to provide an outlet to such buildings where a non-Standard Installation is required, unless the Franchising Authority or building owner/occupant agrees to pay the incremental cost of any necessary Cable System extension and/or non-Standard Installation. If additional outlets of Basic Cable are provided to such buildings, the building owner/occupant shall pay the usual installation and service fees associated therewith.

**3.12 Emergency Use.** If the Grantee provides an Emergency Alert System ("EAS") such EAS shall be operated in accordance with FCC regulations. The Franchising Authority shall permit only appropriately trained and authorized Persons to operate the EAS equipment and shall take reasonable precautions to prevent any use of the Grantee's Cable System in any manner that results in inappropriate use thereof, or any loss or damage to the Cable System. Except to the extent expressly prohibited by law, the Franchising Authority shall hold the Grantee, its employees, officers and assigns harmless from any claims arising out of use of the EAS, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

**3.13 Reimbursement of Costs.** If funds are available to any Person using the Public Way for the purpose of defraying the cost of any of the foregoing, the Franchising Authority shall

reimburse the Grantee in the same manner in which other Persons affected by the requirement are reimbursed. If the funds are controlled by another governmental entity, the Franchising Authority shall make application for such funds on behalf of the Grantee.

**3.14 Service and Repairs.** Franchisee shall render service and make repairs in a commercially reasonable manner, and interrupt service only for good cause, including as required by federal law for the shortest time possible, such interruptions, insofar as possible, shall occur during periods of minimum use of the System.

**3.15 Restoration of Service.** Under normal operating conditions, Franchisee shall respond to service requests within two business days following receipt of the request except when customer requests a response after the two business days period. Failure by Franchisee to restore any service to a customer within two business days after receipt of notification of a complete disruption of service will, upon request by the customer, result in the issuance of a credit to that customer's account for the portion of a month they were without cable service. The credit previously referenced will not be issued when customer requests a response after the two business days period.

**3.16 Customer Service and Consumer Protection.** Franchisee will comply with the customer service and consumer protection provisions of this Franchise; as well as those, from time to time, adopted by the FCC.

#### **SECTION 4**

#### **Regulation by the Franchising Authority**

##### **4.1 Franchise Fee.**

- A. The Grantee shall pay to the Franchising Authority a franchise fee of three percent (3 %) of annual Gross Revenues (as defined in subsection 1.1 of this Franchise). In accordance with the Cable Act, the twelve (12) month period applicable under the Franchise for the computation of the franchise fee shall be a calendar year. The franchise fee payment shall be due semi-annually and payable within 90 days after the close of the preceding six month calendar year. Each payment shall be accompanied by a brief report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation.
- B. Limitation on Franchise Fee Actions. The period of limitation for recovery by the Franchising Authority of any franchise fee payable hereunder shall be three (3) years from the date on which payment by the Grantee is due to the Franchising Authority.

**4.2 Rates and Charges.** The Franchising Authority may regulate rates for the provision of Basic Cable and equipment as expressly permitted by federal or state law.

##### **4.3 Renewal of Franchise.**

- A. The Franchising Authority and the Grantee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Franchising Authority that relate to the renewal of the Grantee's Franchise shall be governed by and comply with the renewal provisions of federal law.

- B. In addition to the procedures set forth in the Cable Act, the Franchising Authority agrees to notify the Grantee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of the Grantee under the then current Franchise term. The Franchising Authority further agrees that such assessments shall be provided to the Grantee promptly so that the Grantee has adequate time to submit a proposal pursuant to the Cable Act and complete renewal of the Franchise prior to expiration of its term.
- C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this subsection 4.3, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority agree that at any time during the term of the then current Franchise, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment in accordance with the provisions of federal law the Franchising Authority and the Grantee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current Franchise and the Franchising Authority may grant a renewal thereof.
- D. The Grantee and the Franchising Authority consider the terms set forth in this subsection 4.3 to be consistent with the express renewal provisions of the Cable Act.

**4.4 Conditions of Sale.** If a renewal or extension of the Grantee's Franchise is denied or the Franchise is lawfully terminated, and the Franchising Authority either lawfully acquires ownership of the Cable System or by its actions lawfully effects a transfer of ownership of the Cable System to another party, any such acquisition or transfer shall be at the price determined pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 627 of the Cable Act.

The Grantee and the Franchising Authority agree that in the case of a final determination of a lawful revocation of the Franchise, the Grantee shall be given at least twelve (12) months to effectuate a transfer of its Cable System to a qualified third party. Furthermore, the Grantee shall be authorized to continue to operate pursuant to the terms of its prior Franchise during this period. If, at the end of that time, the Grantee is unsuccessful in procuring a qualified transferee or assignee of its Cable System which is reasonably acceptable to the Franchising Authority, the Grantee and the Franchising Authority may avail themselves of any rights they may have pursuant to federal or state law. It is further agreed that the Grantee's continued operation of the Cable System during the twelve (12) month period shall not be deemed to be a waiver, nor an extinguishment of, any rights of either the Franchising Authority or the Grantee.

**4.5 Transfer of Franchise.** The Grantee's right, title, or interest in the Franchise shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, or otherwise encumbered, other than to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Grantee, without prior written notice to the Franchising Authority. No such notice shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or Cable System in order to secure indebtedness.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Books and Records**

The Grantee agrees that the Franchising Authority, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Grantee and no more than once annually may review such of its books and records at the Grantee's business office, during normal business hours and on a nondisruptive basis, as is reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Franchise. Such notice shall

specifically reference the subsection of the Franchise which is under review, so that the Grantee may organize the necessary books and records for easy access by the Franchising Authority. Alternatively, if the books and records are not easily accessible at the local office of the Grantee, the Grantee may, at its sole option, choose to pay the reasonable travel costs of the Franchising Authority's representative to view the books and records at the appropriate location. The Grantee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for Franchise compliance purposes longer than three (3) years. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information which it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose books and records of any affiliate which is not providing Cable Service in the Service Area. The Franchising Authority agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to employees, representatives, and agents thereof that have a need to know, or in order to enforce the provisions hereof. The Grantee shall not be required to provide Subscriber information in violation of Section 631 of the Cable Act.

## **SECTION 6** **Insurance and Indemnification**

**6.1 Insurance Requirements.** The Grantee shall maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the term of the Franchise, Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. The Franchising Authority shall be designated as an additional insured. Such insurance shall be noncancellable except upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Franchising Authority. Upon written request, the Grantee shall provide a Certificate of Insurance showing evidence of the coverage required by this subsection.

**6.2 Indemnification.** The Grantee agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the Franchising Authority, its officers, boards and employees, from and against any liability for damages and for any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death), which arise out of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of its Cable System in the Service Area provided that the Franchising Authority shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify the Franchising Authority within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not indemnify the Franchising Authority for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Franchising Authority.

## **SECTION 7** **Enforcement and Termination of Franchise**

**7.1 Notice of Violation.** In the event that the Franchising Authority believes that the Grantee has not complied with the terms of the Franchise, the Franchising Authority shall informally discuss the matter with Grantee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem, the Franchising Authority shall notify the Grantee in writing of the exact nature of the alleged noncompliance.

**7.2 The Grantee's Right to Cure or Respond.** The Grantee shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice described in subsection 7.1: (A) to respond to the Franchising Authority, contesting the assertion of noncompliance, or (B) to cure such default, or (C) in the



event that, by the nature of default, such default cannot be cured within the thirty (30) day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the Franchising Authority of the steps being taken and the projected date that they will be completed.

**7.3 Public Hearing.** In the event that the Grantee fails to respond to the notice described in subsection 7.1 pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection 7.2, or in the event that the alleged default is not remedied within thirty (30) days or the date projected pursuant to 7.2(C) above, if it intends to continue its investigation into the default, then the Franchising Authority shall schedule a public hearing. The Franchising Authority shall provide the Grantee at least ten (10) days prior written notice of such hearing, which specifies the time, place and purpose of such hearing, and provide the Grantee the opportunity to be heard.

**7.4 Enforcement.** Subject to applicable federal and state law, in the event the Franchising Authority, after the hearing set forth in subsection 7.3, determines that the Grantee is in default of any provision of the Franchise, the Franchising Authority may:

- A. Seek specific performance of any provision, which reasonably lends itself to such remedy, as an alternative to damages; or
- B. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief; or
- C. In the case of a substantial default of a material provision of the Franchise, seek to revoke the Franchise in accordance with subsection 7.5.

**7.5 Revocation.** Should the Franchising Authority seek to revoke the Franchise after following the procedures set forth in subsections 7.1-7.4 above, the Franchising Authority shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent. The notice shall set forth the exact nature of the noncompliance. The Grantee shall have ninety (90) days from such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the Franchising Authority has not received a satisfactory response from the Grantee, it may then seek termination of the Franchise at a public hearing. The Franchising Authority shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke the Franchise.

At the designated hearing, Grantee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the right to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the Franchising Authority, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question witnesses. A complete verbatim record and transcript shall be made of such hearing.

Following the hearing, the Franchising Authority shall determine whether or not the Franchise shall be revoked. If the Franchising Authority determines that the Franchise shall be revoked, the Franchising Authority shall promptly provide Grantee with its decision in writing. The Grantee may appeal such determination of the Franchising Authority to an appropriate court which shall have the power to review the decision of the Franchising Authority *de novo*. Grantee shall be entitled to such relief as the court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within sixty (60) days of Grantee's receipt of the determination of the Franchising Authority.

The Franchising Authority may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action which it deems appropriate to enforce the Franchising Authority's rights under the Franchise in lieu of revocation of the Franchise.

**7.6 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, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by circumstances reasonably beyond the ability of the Grantee to anticipate and control. This provision includes work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their utility poles to which the Grantee's Cable System is attached, as well as unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary.

Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the Franchising Authority's intention to subject the Grantee to penalties, fines, forfeitures or revocation of the Franchise for violations of the Franchise where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on the Subscribers within the Service Area, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship to the Grantee which outweigh the benefit to be derived by the Franchising Authority and/or Subscribers.

## **SECTION 8** **Miscellaneous Provisions**

**8.1 Actions of Parties.** In any action by the Franchising Authority or the Grantee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**8.2 Entire Agreement.** This Franchise constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantee and the Franchising Authority and supersedes all other prior understandings and agreements oral or written. Any amendments to this Franchise shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

**8.3 Notice.** Unless expressly otherwise agreed between the parties, every notice or response required by this Franchise to be served upon the Franchising Authority or the Grantee shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given to the required party when placed in a properly sealed and correctly addressed envelope: a) upon receipt when hand delivered with receipt/acknowledgment, b) upon receipt when sent certified, registered mail, c) within five (5) business days after having been posted in the regular mail or d) or the next business day if sent by express mail or overnight air courier.

The notices or responses to the Franchising Authority shall be addressed as follows:

The City of Carbondale, Kansas  
234 Main Street  
P.O. Box 70  
Carbondale, Kansas 66414

The notices or responses to the Grantee shall be addressed as follows:

Mediacom Southeast LLC  
Legal Dept.: Bruce Gluckman

100 Crystal Run Road  
Middletown, NY. 10941

with a copy to:

General Manager  
Mediacom Southeast LLC  
1533 S. Enterprise Avenue  
Springfield, Mo. 65804

The Franchising Authority and the Grantee may designate such other address or addresses from time to time by giving notice to the other in the manner provided for in this subsection.

**8.4 Descriptive Headings.** The captions to Sections and subsections contained herein are intended solely to facilitate the reading thereof. Such captions shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the text herein.

**8.5 Severability.** If any Section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term, or provision hereof is determined to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof, such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other Section, subsection, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of the Franchise.  
(10-6-03)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 400-2005**

A CONTRACT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE GRANTED TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P., A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER PROVIDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS:

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001, a contract franchise ordinance is hereby granted to Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a SBC Kansas ("SBC Kansas), a telecommunications local exchange service provider providing local exchange service within the City of Carbondale, Kansas, subject to the provisions contained hereafter. The initial term of this ordinance shall be for a period beginning September 1, 2005, and ending August 31, 2008. Compensation for said contract franchise ordinance shall be established pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 2. For the purpose of this contract franchise ordinance, the following words and phrases and their derivations shall have the following meaning:

"Access line" shall mean and be limited to retail billed and collected residential lines; business lines; ISDN lines; PBX trunks and simulated exchange access lines provided by a central office based switching arrangement where all stations serviced by such simulated

exchange access lines are used by a single customer of the provider of such arrangement. Access line may not be construed to include interoffice transport or other transmission media that do not terminate at an end user customer's premises, or to permit duplicate or multiple assessment of access line rates on the provision of a single service or on the multiple communications paths derived from a billed and collected access line. Access line shall not include the following: Wireless telecommunications services, the sale or lease of unbundled loop facilities, special access services, lines providing only data services without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider or private line service arrangements.

"Access line count" means the number of access lines serving consumers within the corporate boundaries of the city on the last day of each month.

"Access line fee" means a fee determined by a city, up to a maximum as set out in K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, to be used by a telecommunications local exchange service provider in calculating the amount of access line remittance.

"Access line remittance" means the amount to be paid by a telecommunications local exchange service provider to a city, the total of which is calculated by multiplying the access line fee, as determined in the city, by the number of access lines served by that telecommunications local exchange service provider within that city for each month in that calendar quarter.

"Gross receipts" means only those receipts collected from within the corporate boundaries of the city enacting the franchise and which are derived from the following: (A) Recurring local exchange service for business and residence which includes basic exchange service, touch tone, optional calling features and measured local calls; (B) recurring local exchange access line services for pay phone lines provided by a telecommunications local exchange service provider to all pay phone service providers; (C) local directory assistance revenue; (D) line status verification/busy interrupt revenue; (E) local operator assistance revenue; and (F) nonrecurring local exchange service revenue which shall include customer service for installation of lines, reconnection of service and charge for duplicate bills. All other revenues, including, but not limited to, revenues from extended area service, the sale or lease of unbundled network elements, nonregulated services, carrier and end user access, long distance, wireless telecommunications services, lines providing only data service without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider, privateline service arrangements, internet, broadband and all other services not wholly local in nature are excluded from gross receipts. Gross receipts shall be reduced by bad debt expenses. Uncollectible and late charges shall not be included within gross receipts. If a telecommunications local exchange service provider offers additional services of a wholly local nature which if in existence on or before July 1, 2002, would have been included with the definition of gross receipts, such services shall be included from the date of the offering of such services in the city.

"Local exchange service" means local switched telecommunications service within any local exchange service area approved by the state corporation commission, regardless of the medium by which the local telecommunications service is provided. The term local exchange service shall not include wireless communication services.

"Provider" shall mean a local exchange carrier as defined in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto, or a telecommunications carrier as defined in subsection (m) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto.

“Telecommunications local exchange service provider” means a local exchange carrier as defined in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto, and a telecommunications carrier as defined in subsection (m) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto, which does, or in good faith intends to, provide local exchange service. The term telecommunications local exchange service provider does not include an interexchange carrier that does not provide local exchange service, competitive access provider that does not provide local exchange service or any wireless telecommunications local exchange service provider.

“Telecommunications services” means providing the means of transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user’s choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

Section 3. Compensation made pursuant to this contract franchise ordinance shall be paid on a quarterly basis without invoice or reminder from the City and paid not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the remittal period. For the first year of this contract franchise ordinance, said compensation shall be a sum equal to \$.60 per access line. Thereafter, compensation for each calendar year of the remaining term of the contract franchise ordinance shall continue to be based on a sum equal to \$.60 per access line; unless the City notifies SBC Kansas prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to increase or decrease the percentage of gross receipts for the following calendar year or that it intends to switch to an access line fee for the following calendar year. In the event City elects compensation based on an access line fee, nothing herein precludes City from switching back to a gross receipts fee provided City notifies SBC Kansas prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to elect a gross receipts fee for the following calendar year. Any increased access line fee or gross receipt fee shall be in compliance with the public notification procedures set forth in subsections (l) and (m) K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001.

Section 4: The City shall have the right to examine, upon written notice to the telecommunications local exchange service provider, no more than once per calendar year, those records necessary to verify the correctness of the compensation paid pursuant to this contract franchise ordinance.

Section 5. As a condition of this contract franchise ordinance, SBC Kansas is required to obtain and is responsible for any necessary permit, license, certification, grant, registration or any other authorization required by any appropriate governmental entity, including, but not limited to, the City, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), subject to SBC Kansas’ right to challenge in good faith such requirements as established by the FCC, KCC or other City Ordinance. SBC Kansas shall also comply with all applicable laws, statutes and/or ordinances, subject to SBC Kansas’ right to challenge in good faith such laws, statutes and/or ordinances.

Section 6: This contract franchise ordinance does not provide SBC Kansas the right to provide cable service as a cable operator (as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 522 (5)) within the City. Upon SBC Kansas’ request for a franchise to provide cable service as a cable operator (as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 522 (5)) within the City, the City agrees to timely negotiate such franchise in good faith with SBC Kansas. SBC Kansas agrees that this contract franchise ordinance does not permit it to operate an open video system without payment of fees permitted by 47 U.S.C. § 573(c)(2)(B) and without complying with FCC regulations promulgated pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 573.

Section 7: Nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving SBC Kansas any exclusive privileges, nor shall it affect any prior or existing rights of SBC Kansas to maintain a telecommunications system within the City.

Section 8: SBC Kansas shall collect and remit compensation as described in Section 3 on those access lines that have been resold to another telecommunications local exchange service provider.

Section 9: Any required or permitted notice under this contract franchise ordinance shall be in writing. Notice upon the City shall be delivered to the city clerk by first class United States mail or by personal delivery. Notice upon SBC Kansas shall be delivered by first class United States mail or by personal delivery to:

Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P.  
Cindy Zapletal  
Director-External Affairs  
1640 Fairchild Avenue, First Floor  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Section 10: Failure to Enforce. The failure of either party to enforce and remedy any noncompliance of the terms and conditions of this contract franchise ordinance shall not constitute a waiver of rights nor a waiver of the other party's obligations as provided herein.

Section 11: Force Majeure. Each and every provision hereof shall be subject to acts of God, fires, strikes, riots, floods, war and other disasters beyond SBC Kansas' or the City's control.

Section 12: SBC Kansas has entered into this contract franchise ordinance as required by the City and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001. If any clause, sentence, section, or provision of K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001, and amendments thereto, shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, either the City or SBC Kansas may elect to terminate the entire contract franchise ordinance. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 12-2001, and amendments thereto, if SBC Kansas is required by law to enter into a contract franchise ordinance with the City, the parties agree to act in good faith in promptly negotiating a new contract franchise ordinance.

Section 13: In entering into this contract franchise ordinance, neither the City's nor SBC Kansas present or future legal rights, positions, claims, assertions or arguments before any administrative agency or court of law are in any way prejudiced or waived. By entering into the contract franchise ordinance, neither the City nor SBC Kansas waive any rights, but instead expressly reserve any and all rights, remedies, and arguments the City or SBC Kansas may have at law or equity, without limitation, to argue, assert, and/or take any position as to the legality or appropriateness of this contract franchise ordinance or any present or future laws, ordinances, and/or rulings which may be the basis for the City and SBC Kansas entering into this contract franchise ordinance.

(07-05-05)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 414-2006**

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING WESTAR ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF.

Section 1. That in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Carbondale, Kansas, and its inhabitants, there is hereby granted to Westar Energy, Inc., a Kansas corporation, hereinafter sometimes designated as "Company," said Company being a corporation operating a system for the transmission of electric current between two or more incorporated cities in the State of Kansas, into and through which it has built transmission lines, the right, privilege, and authority for a period of twenty (20) years from the effective date of this ordinance, to occupy and use the several streets, avenues, alleys, bridges, parks, parkings, and public places of said City, for the placing and maintaining of equipment and property necessary to carry on the business of selling and distributing electricity for all purposes to the City of Carbondale, Kansas, and its inhabitants, and through said City and beyond the limits thereof; to obtain said electricity from any source available; and to do all things necessary or proper to carry on said business in the City of Carbondale, Kansas.

Section 2. As further consideration for the granting of this franchise, and in lieu of any city occupation, license, or revenue taxes, the Company shall pay to the City during the term of this franchise three percent (3%) of its gross cash receipts from the sale of electric energy for use within the corporate limits of said City, such payment to be made monthly for the preceding monthly period. Gross cash receipts shall not include other operating revenues received by the Company, which are not related to the "sale of electric energy". Other operating revenues include, but are not limited to, delayed payment charges, connection fees, disconnection and reconnection fees, collection fees and return check charges. Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of its records and of the determination of the amount of gross cash receipts subject to the fee provided for in this Section 2. At the option of either the City or the Company and upon written notice given by one to the other sent at least (90) days before the fifth, tenth, or fifteenth anniversary of this franchise, the rate of compensation hereunder may be renegotiated. Any new rate of compensation that results from such renegotiation shall be effective on and after the fifth, tenth, or fifteenth anniversary of this franchise. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 2 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law and a map of the city detailing the annexed area.

Section 3. That Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance, and operation of its electric transmission, distribution and street lighting system, shall use all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons and property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Carbondale, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

Section 4. After the approval of this ordinance by the City, Company shall file with the City Clerk of the City of Carbondale, Kansas, its unconditional written acceptance of this ordinance. Said ordinance shall become effective and be in force and shall be and become a binding contract between the parties hereto, their successors and assigns, from and after the expiration of 60 days from its final passage, approval and publication as required by law, and acceptance by said Company.

Section 5. That this ordinance, when accepted as above provided, shall constitute the entire agreement between the City and Company relating to this franchise and the same shall

supersede and cancel any prior understandings, agreements, or representations regarding the subject matter hereof, or involved in negotiations pertaining thereto, whether oral or written.

Section 6. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2001.

Section 7. That any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 8. The Company will file this ordinance with the State Corporation Commission of Kansas. Should the State Corporation Commission take any action with respect to this franchise ordinance, which would or may preclude Westar Energy, Inc., a Kansas corporation, from recovering from its customers any cost provided for hereunder, the parties hereto shall renegotiate this ordinance in accordance with the State Corporation Commission's ruling.

Section 9. A franchise shall be assignable only in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas, as the same may exist at the time when any assignment is made, provided, however, that the franchise may be assigned by Company without action by the City to any creditworthy entity which succeeds to all or substantially all of the electric utility business of the Company. In the event of such assignment to a successor, Company shall be released from all obligations which are assumed in writing by such successor and the assignee shall have executed an assumption of the franchise being assigned.

(10-16-06)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 416-2007**

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING TO KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONEOK, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEROF.

Section 1. That in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Carbondale, Kansas, ("City"), and its inhabitants, there is hereby granted to Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONEOK, Inc. ("Company"), said Company operating a system for the transmission and distribution of natural gas in the State of Kansas, the right, privilege, and authority for a period of twenty (20) years from the effective date of this ordinance, to occupy and use the several streets, avenues, alleys, bridges, parks, parking areas, and public places of said City, for the placing and maintaining of equipment and property necessary to carry on the business of selling and distributing natural gas for all purposes to the City, and its inhabitants, and through said City and beyond the limits thereof; to obtain said natural gas from any source available; and to do all things necessary or proper to carry on said business.

Section 2. As further consideration for the granting of this franchise, and in lieu of any city occupation, license, or permit fees, or revenue taxes, the Company shall pay to the City during the term of this franchise three percent (3%) of the gross cash receipts from the sale of natural gas for consumption in the City for all purposes within the corporate limits of the City, such payments to be made monthly for the preceding monthly period. Gross cash receipts shall not include other operating revenues received by the Company, which are not related to the



“sale of natural gas”. These include, but are not limited to, connection fees, disconnection and reconnection fees, temporary service charges, delayed or late payment charges, collection fees, and returned check charges as such terms are used in tariffs or in the natural gas industry.

Section 3. The payments and compensation herein provided shall be in lieu of all other licenses, taxes, charges, and fees, except that the usual general property taxes and special ad valorem property assessments, sales, and excise taxes or charges made for privileges which are not connected with the natural gas business, will be imposed on the Company and are not covered by the payments herein. From and after the date hereof, however, the permit fees required of the Company by any ordinance presently in effect or hereafter adopted for a permit to excavate in or adjacent to any street, alley, or other public place shall be deemed a part of the compensation paid in Section 2 and shall not be separately assessed or collected by the City; in no event, however, shall this provision be interpreted to waive the requirement of notice to the City and the procedural requirements of such ordinance.

Section 4. The use of Right of Way under this franchise by the Company shall be subject to all rules, regulations and policies now or hereafter adopted or promulgated by the City in the reasonable exercise of its police power. In addition, the Company shall be subject to all rules, regulations and policies now or hereafter adopted or promulgated by the City relating to permits, sidewalk and pavement cuts, utility location, construction coordination, and other requirements on the use of the Right of Way; provided however, that nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of or be construed as waiving the right of the Company to oppose, challenge, or seek judicial review of, in such manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law, any such rules, regulation or policy proposed, adopted, or promulgated by the City and, further provided other than the items enumerated in Section 3 herein, that such rules, regulations or policies shall not require the payment of additional fees or additional costs for the use of the Right of Way. In any event, the Company is granted an offset for such fees and costs against the franchise fees required to be paid hereunder.

Section 5. All mains, services, and pipe which shall be laid or installed under this grant shall be so located and laid as not to obstruct or interfere with any water pipes, drains, sewers, or other structures already installed. Company shall provide, prior to commencing work, information to the City concerning work to be performed in the streets, avenues, bridges, parks, parking areas, and public places of the City, as the City may from time to time require for purposes of record keeping. The City may require that the information be provided on its standard permit form, but without requiring approval, consent, or fees. In the event of an emergency, Company shall have the right to commence work without having first providing such form(s).

Section 6. Company shall, in doing the work in connection with its said gas mains, pipes, and services, avoid, so far as may be practicable, interfering with the use of any street, alley, avenue, or other public thoroughfare. It shall, without expense to the City, and in a manner satisfactory to the duly authorized representatives of the City, replace such paving or surface in substantially as good condition as before said work was commenced.

Section 7. It is recognized that the natural gas to be delivered hereunder is to be supplied from a pipeline system transporting natural gas from distant sources of supply; and the Company, by its acceptance of this franchise as hereinafter provided, does obligate itself to furnish natural gas in such quantity and for such length of time, limited by the terms hereof, as the said sources and said pipelines are reasonably capable of supplying.

Section 8. Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance, and operation of its natural gas system, shall use all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons and property, and shall hold and save harmless the City from any and all damage, injury, and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

Section 9. Within twenty (20) days after the passage and approval of this Ordinance, Company shall file the same with the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Section 10. After the approval of this Ordinance by the City, Company shall file with the City Clerk of the City its written acceptance of this Ordinance. Said Ordinance shall become effective and be in force and shall be and become a binding contract between the parties hereto, their successors and assigns, no later than the first cycle of the monthly billing cycle which begins no later than sixty (60) days after its passage and approval by the City, acceptance by the Company, and publication in the official City newspaper. In its letter of acceptance, Company shall identify the effective date as set forth above and Company shall begin charging its customers those fees set forth in Section 2 above on that date.

Section 11. This Ordinance, when accepted as above provided, shall constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company relating to this franchise and the same shall supercede and cancel any prior understandings, agreements, or representations regarding the subject matter hereof, or involved in negotiations pertaining thereto, whether oral or written, shall be binding upon the parties, including their successors and assigns, and shall not be amended or further obligations imposed without mutual consent of the parties hereto.

Section 12. I. Upon written request of either the City or the Company, this franchise may be reviewed after five (5) years from the effective date of this ordinance, and every five (5) years thereafter to review the rate set forth in Section 2 above. Said request must be served upon the other party at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the end of each period set forth above, and shall state specifically the amendments desired. The City and the Company shall negotiate in good faith in an effort to agree upon mutually satisfactory amendments.

Amendments under this section, if any, shall be made by ordinance as prescribed by statute. Except as provided within this section the franchise shall remain in effect according to its terms pending completion of any review or renegotiation provided by this subsection.

II. Upon written request of either the City or the Company, the franchise shall be reopened and renegotiated at any time upon any of the following events:

- (a) Change in federal, state, or local law, regulation, or order, which materially affects any rights or obligations of either the City or Company, including, but not limited to, the scope of the grant to the Company or the compensation to be received by the City.
- (b) Change in the structure or operation of the natural gas industry, which materially affects any rights or obligations of either the City or Company, including, but not limited to, the scope of the grant to the Company or the compensation to be received by the City.
- (c) Any other material and unintended change or shift in the economic benefit to the City or the Company relied upon and anticipated upon entering into this franchise.

III. The compensation provision of this franchise shall be reopened and renegotiated at any time if energy consumers within the City have access to alternative natural gas suppliers or

other suppliers of energy through pipelines, and use the public rights of way or public property of the City without paying a franchise fee or other payment substantially equivalent to the franchise fee established herein, which results in a material and unfair disadvantage to the Company. The use of right of provision of this franchise shall be reopened and renegotiated if energy consumers within the City have access to alternative natural gas suppliers or other suppliers of energy through pipelines which use the public rights of way or public property of the City, and do not have requirements on the use of the public ways substantially equivalent to the requirements of this franchise, which results in a material and unfair disadvantage to the Company. Upon any such event, the City shall have up to ninety (90) days after written request of the Company to restore competitive neutrality. Following notice to the City, Company may suspend collection and payment of the franchise fee to the City for the affected customers until the City resolves the competitive disadvantage. After the last above referred ninety (90) day period expires without resolution of the competitive disadvantage, the Company shall have no liability to the City for any uncollected franchise fees suspended as provided in the subsection.

Section 13. The franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2001 and amendments thereto.  
(01-02-2007)

#### ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A CONTRACT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE GRANTED TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDER PROVIDING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF CARBONDALE, KANSAS.

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2006 supp. 12-2001, a contract franchise ordinance is hereby granted to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas ("AT&T Kansas), a telecommunications local exchange service provider providing local exchange service within the City of Carbondale, Kansas ("City"), subject to the provisions contained hereafter. The initial term of this contract franchise ordinance shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2010, and ending April 30, 2012. Thereafter, this contract franchise ordinance will automatically renew for additional one (1) year terms, unless either party notifies the other party of its intent to terminate the contract franchise ordinance at least ninety (90) days before the termination of the then current term. The additional term shall be deemed a continuation of this contract franchise ordinance and not as a new contract franchise ordinance or amendment. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2006 Supp.12-2001 (b)(2) under no circumstances shall this contract franchise ordinance exceed twenty (20) years from the effective date of the contract franchise ordinance. Compensation for said contract franchise ordinance shall be established pursuant to Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 2. For the purpose of this contract franchise ordinance, the following words and phrases and their derivations shall have the following meaning:

**"Access line"** shall mean and be limited to retail billed and collected residential lines; business lines; ISDN lines; PBX trunks and simulated exchange access lines provided by a central office based switching arrangement where all stations serviced by such simulated exchange access lines are used by a single customer of the provider of such arrangement. Access line may not be construed to include interoffice transport or other transmission media that do not terminate at an end user customer's premises, or to permit duplicate or multiple assessment of access line

rates on the provision of a single service or on the multiple communications paths derived from a billed and collected access line. Access line shall not include the following: wireless telecommunications services, the sale or lease of unbundled loop facilities, special access services, lines providing only data services without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider or private line service arrangements.

**“Access line count”** means the number of access lines serving consumers within the corporate boundaries of the city on the last day of each month.

**“Access line fee”** means a fee determined by a city, up to a maximum as set out in K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, to be used by a telecommunications local exchange service provider in calculating the amount of access line remittance.

**“Access line remittance”** means the amount to be paid by a telecommunications local exchange service provider to a city, the total of which is calculated by multiplying the access line fee, as determined in the city, by the number of access lines served by that telecommunications local exchange service provider within that city of each month in that calendar quarter.

**“Gross receipts”** means only those receipts collected from within the corporate boundaries of the city enacting the franchise and which are derived from the following: (A) Recurring local exchange service for business and residence which includes basic exchange service, touch tone, optional calling features and measured local calls; (B) recurring local exchange access line services for pay phone lines provided by a telecommunications local exchange service provider to all pay phone service providers; (C) local directory assistance revenue; (D) line status verification/busy interrupt revenue; (E) local operator assistance revenue; and (F) nonrecurring local exchange service revenue which shall include customer service for installation of lines, reconnection of service and charge for duplicate bills. All other revenues, including, but not limited to, revenues from extended area service, the sale or lease of unbundled network elements, non-regulated services, carrier and end user access, long distance, wireless telecommunications services, lines providing only data service without voice services processed by a telecommunications local exchange service provider, private line service arrangements, internet, broadband and all other services not wholly local in nature are excluded from gross receipts. Gross receipts shall be reduced by bad debt expenses. Uncollectible and late charges shall not be included within gross receipts. If a telecommunications local exchange service provider offers additional services of a wholly local nature which if in existence on or before July 1, 2002, would have been included with the definition of gross receipts, such services shall be included from the date of the offering of such services in the city.

**“Local exchange service”** means local switched telecommunications service within any local exchange service area approved by the state corporation commission, regardless of the medium by which the local telecommunications service is provided. The term local exchange service shall not include wireless communication services.

**“Telecommunications local exchange service provider”** means a local exchange carrier as defined in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto, and a telecommunications carrier as defined in subsection (m) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto, which does, or in good faith intends to, provide local exchange service. The term telecommunications local exchange service provider does not include an interexchange carrier

that does not provide local exchange service, competitive access provider that does not provide local exchange service or any wireless telecommunications local exchange service provider.

**“Telecommunications services”** means providing the means of transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user’s choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

Section 3. Compensation made pursuant to this contract franchise ordinance shall be paid on a quarterly basis without invoice or reminder from the City and paid not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the remittal period. For the first year of this contract franchise ordinance, said compensation shall be a sum equal to \$.60 per access line.

Thereafter, compensation for each calendar year of the remaining term of the contract franchise ordinance shall continue to be based on a sum equal to \$.60 per access line; unless the City notifies AT&T Kansas prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to increase or decrease the percentage of gross receipts or amount per access line for the following calendar year. Any increased access line fee or gross receipt fee shall be in compliance with the public notification procedures set forth in subsections (l) and (m) K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001. In the event the City elects compensation based on a gross receipts fee, nothing herein precludes the City from switching to an access line fee provided the City notifies AT&T Kansas prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to elect an access line fee for the following calendar year. Alternatively, in the event the City elects compensation based on an access line fee, nothing herein precludes City from switching to a gross receipts fee provided City notifies AT&T Kansas prior to ninety days (90) before the end of the calendar year that it intends to elect a gross receipts fee for the following calendar year.

Section 4. The City shall have the right to examine, upon written notice to the telecommunications local exchange service provider, no more than once per calendar year, those records necessary to verify the correctness of the compensation paid pursuant to this contract franchise ordinance. If the gross receipts or access line fee is determined to be erroneous, AT&T Kansas shall revise the gross receipts or access line fee accordingly and make payment upon such corrected gross receipts or access line fee.

Section 5. As a condition of this contract franchise ordinance, AT&T Kansas is required to obtain and is responsible for any necessary permit, license, certification, grant, registration or any other authorization required by any appropriate governmental entity, including, but not limited to, the City, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), subject to AT&T Kansas’ right to challenge in good faith such requirements as established by the FCC, KCC or other City Ordinance. AT&T Kansas shall also comply with all applicable laws, statutes and/or ordinances, subject to AT&T Kansas’ right to challenge in good faith such laws, statutes and/or ordinances.

Section 6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving AT&T Kansas any exclusive privileges, nor shall it affect any prior or existing rights of AT&T Kansas to maintain a telecommunications system within the City.

Section 7. AT&T Kansas shall collect and remit compensation as described in Section 3 on those access lines that have been resold to another telecommunications local exchange service provider.

Section 8. The City agrees to provide AT&T Kansas with notification in the event that it annexes property into the corporate boundaries of the City that would require AT&T Kansas to collect and pay a franchise fee on access lines or gross receipts which prior to the annexation of the property AT&T Kansas was not required to pay a franchise fee. The City agrees to provide AT&T Kansas with notification in the event the City renumbers or renames any streets that would require AT&T Kansas to collect and pay a franchise fee on access lines or gross receipts which prior to the renumbering or renaming of the streets AT&T Kansas would not have been required to pay a franchise fee. The City agrees that in the event the City does not provide AT&T Kansas with notice of an annexation or renumbering and/or renaming of the streets, AT&T Kansas is not liable to the City of payment of franchise fees on the annexation or renumbered and /or renamed streets prior to the City providing notice to AT&T Kansas of such.

Section 9. The City agrees that pursuant to K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001(j)(1) and (2) that the franchise fee imposed under this contract franchise ordinance must be assessed in a competitively neutral manner, may not unduly impair competition, must be nondiscriminatory and must comply with state and federal law.

Section 10. Any required or permitted notice under this contract franchise ordinance shall be in writing. Notice upon the City shall be delivered to the city clerk by first class United States mail or by personal delivery. Notice upon AT&T Kansas shall be delivered by first class United States mail or by personal delivery to:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
Cindy Zapletal  
Director-External Affairs  
1640 Fairchild Avenue, First Floor  
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Section 11. Failure to Enforce. The failure of either party to enforce and remedy any noncompliance of the terms and conditions of this contract franchise ordinance shall not constitute a waiver of rights nor a waiver of the other party's obligations as provided herein.

Section 12. Force Majeure. Each and every provision hereof shall be subject to acts of God, fires, strikes, riots, floods, war and other disasters beyond AT&T Kansas' or the City's control.

Section 13. AT&T Kansas has entered into this contract franchise ordinance as required by the City and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001. If any clause, sentence, section, or provision of K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, either the City or AT&T Kansas may elect to terminate the entire contract franchise ordinance. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 12-2001 and amendments thereto, if AT&T Kansas is required by law to enter into a contract franchise ordinance with the City, the parties agree to act in good faith in promptly negotiating a new contract franchise ordinance.

Section 14. In entering into this contract franchise ordinance, neither the City's nor AT&T Kansas present or future legal rights, positions, claims, assertions or arguments before any administrative agency or court of law are in any way prejudiced or waived. By entering into

the contract franchise ordinance, neither the City nor AT&T Kansas waive any rights, but instead expressly reserve any and all rights, remedies, and arguments the City or AT&T Kansas may have at law or equity, without limitation, to argue, assert, and/or take any position as to the legality or appropriateness of this contract franchise ordinance or any present or future laws, ordinances, and/or take any position as to the legality or appropriateness of this contract franchise ordinance or any present or future laws, ordinances, and/or rulings which may be the basis for the city and AT&T Kansas entering into this contract franchise ordinance.

Section 15. The parties agree that in the event of a breach of this contract franchise ordinance by either party, the non-breaching party has the right to terminate the contract franchise ordinance. Prior to terminating the contract franchise ordinance, the non-breaching party shall first serve a written notice upon the breaching party, setting forth in detail the nature of the breach. If at the end of such thirty (30) day period the non-breaching party deems that the breach has not been cured, the non-breaching party may take action to terminate this contract franchise ordinance.

Section 16. This contract franchise ordinance is made under and in conformity with the laws of the State of Kansas. The contract franchise ordinance shall not be effective until the ordinance granting the same has been adopted as provided by law.  
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