

## Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities-Cable Section

### 1999 Docket Items

#### DOCKET 99-C-1: Public Access Rules **(CLOSED)**

This docket was initiated by the Division to examine the fairness and reasonableness of the Public Access Rules and Guidelines that were filed with the Administrator by Cox Communications pursuant to Section 14.4 of the 1981 Rules Governing CATV Systems, as amended, as well as other matters relevant to public access. Hearings took place on February 11, 1999 and on May 27, 1999, at which time, comments from the Division's Advocacy Section as well as the public and other interested parties was taken. Subsequent to that hearing negotiation took place between Cox Communications and the Division that resulted in a draft set of rules that was discussed at a public hearing on March 28, 2000. Subsequent to additional public comment, an order was issued by the hearing officer on April 14, 2000 promulgating a new set of rules. Copies are available at the Division of Public Utilities.

#### DOCKET 99-C-2: MediaOne Certificate Transfer **(CLOSED)**

An application to "transfer" MediaOne's Certificate of Authority to Operate Service Area No. 9 was filed with the Division on or about March 22, 1999. Pursuant to its authority to review transfers, hearings were held on June 1, 1999 in Providence and on June 3, 1999 in Westerly at which Cox, MediaOne, the Division's Advocacy Section and members of the public stated their respective positions. Based on the evidence presented, the Division authorized approval of the transfer by Compliance Order on August 23, 1999.

#### DOCKET 99-C-3: MediaOne Rate Increase **(CLOSED)**

MediaOne filed a notification for a 1.2% rate increase for basic service tier. By Order dated May 14, 1999, the Division approved the proposed rate increase subject to the right to disapprove the rate increase and order refunds subject to public comment. Significant public comment was not received by the Division.

#### DOCKET 99-C-4: Cox Compliance With Sections 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 of the Division's 1981 Rules **(CLOSED)**

This docket was opened to evaluate Cox's compliance with the above referenced regulations concerning the Institutional/Industrial network, the interconnection of systems and emergency communications. The Division received a waiver request from Cox on November 15, 2000 to initiate a new

alternative to meeting the standards of these sections of the rules. Accordingly, this matter has been transferred to Docket 2000-C-7.

DOCKET 99-C-5: Baggy Wrinkle Cove Condominium Association (CLOSED)

This docket was initiated pursuant to a complaint dated December 19, 1998, alleging that Full Channel Television, Inc. was responsible for reinstalling underground cable drops to members of the Condominium Association who lost cable service rather than providing service by means of temporary above ground wires. Through negotiations conducted with the Division, both parties have come to agreement for reinstallation of the cable with a sharing of the costs.

DOCKET 99-C-6: Full Channel Television, Inc. Rate Increase (CLOSED)

On July 16, 1999 Full Channel Television, Inc. requested a rate increase totaling 6.4%. Since Full Channel is a small cable company operator under Federal Communication Commission guidelines as defined by Congressional action, the Division has no regulatory control of these rates and they were approved.

DOCKET 99-C-7: Cox Communication, Inc. Rate Increase (CLOSED)

On August 3, 1999 Cox Communication filed notification for a rate increase. The rate increases were scheduled to take effect September 15, 1999. The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the FCC Rules promulgated thereunder limit the Division's jurisdiction to a review of "basic" cable service only. All basic tier rates, as proposed, either remained the same or were reduced. Accordingly, this tariff was approved by the Division on September 14, 1999. Expanded service rates were increased and some programming adjustments were made without review of the Division as these areas are unregulated.