



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Mr. Clifford R. McGinnes
Block Island Cable Television
Corn Neck Road, Box 403
Block Island, RI 02807

Dear Mr. McGinnes:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated September 20, 2006 in which you request authority to cease operation of Block Island Cable Television (BICTV) on October 31, 2006. At a meeting you attended at the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC) on May 9, 2006, which was hosted by Eric A. Palazzo, Associate Administrator of Cable Television, you indicated that it would be impossible for BICTV to continue operation due to financial losses. You were required at that time to submit an abandonment plan according to the requirements of Chapter 5 of the Cable Rules of the State of Rhode Island.

The DPUC accepts the abandonment plan you have submitted and reiterates that you will take the following actions:

1. schedule a meeting with the Block Island Town Council to advise them of the plan and afford them the opportunity to comment;
2. schedule a public meeting for BICTV subscribers to advise them of the plan and afford them the opportunity to comment;
3. invite prospective satellite television companies to attend the public meeting to offer their services to the effected subscribers; and
4. will remove all cable lines and existing equipment from existing power and telephone lines within one year of abandonment, while continuing to meet pole rental financial obligations for as long a BICTV utilizes the poles.

In addition, the DPUC requires you to send a notice of termination of service to each subscriber prior to the date of the public meeting and the notice shall contain the date, time and location of said public meeting. Also, copies of any public meeting notices must be posted in the Town Hall and the public library. Copies of all letters, notices and other correspondence related to this matter must be forwarded to Eric A. Palazzo,

Associate Administrator Cable TV, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.

With the exception of item four referenced above, you should advise the DPUC when you have completed all other requirements of the abandonment plan. This notification must be in writing and include documents to verify authenticity of the actions taken.

Upon receipt and approval of this documentation, the DPUC will issue an "interim abandonment order" until such time as item four is completed and verified, after which a "final abandonment order will be issued.

Any subscriber interested in commenting on this matter directly to the DPUC should feel free to address correspondence to Eric A. Palazzo at the above referenced address.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas F. Ahern".

Thomas F. Ahern
Administrator

Cc: Eric A. Palazzo
Nancy O. Dodge, Town Manager