

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

IN RE: RULES GOVERNING COMMUNITY)
ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS) DOCKET NO. 2009-C-1

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the second-floor hearing room (Hearing Room B) of the Division’s office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, for the purpose of affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, in response to the Division’s plans to amend its current *Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Systems*.

The proposed amendments are deemed a necessary response to the growth of competition that has developed in the Rhode Island cable services market over the last several years. Additionally, some of the proposed amendments are designed to modify or repeal existing rules that have been determined to be obsolete. The amendments generally relate to requirements associated with cable company regulatory assessments, the maintenance of business offices, mandatory service outage notifications, public access studios, Service Area Advisory Committees, annual reporting requirements, Statewide Technical Committees, and prohibited practices.

The proposed amendments are on file in the Clerk’s Office at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. Copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained in person at the Division, or by mail by calling 941-4500, ext. 131, or may be accessed through the Division’s website at www.ripuc.org.

Interested persons wishing to offer data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments may do so either orally on the day of the hearing, or in writing, by submitting their comments to the following address prior to the date of the hearing:

Mr. Stephen Martin, Division Cable Clerk
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Reference is made to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-35 and 39-1, and specifically, §§42-35-1, 42-35-2, 42-25-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-15, 39-3-33, 39-1-38 and 16-61-6 and 6.2.

THE DIVISION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION BY CALLING 941-4500, EXT. 131, SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

Thomas F. Ahern
Administrator
October 20, 2009