

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

IN RE: RULES GOVERNING COMMUNITY)
ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS) DOCKET NO. 2006-C-8

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) will conduct a public hearing on **Friday, November 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the first-floor hearing room 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 specifically relate to requirements associated with the provision and maintenance of PEG (Public, Educational and Government) access television and institutional networks by cable television companies operating in Rhode Island. Through these proposed amendments, the Division: (1) satisfies the legislative charge contained in recently enacted law that requires the Division to promulgate rules to allow the transition of management of PEG access television including responsibility for programming the three statewide interconnect channels, and managing interconnect playback in conjunction with its management of PEG playback, from current cable television certificate holders to the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority; and (2) abrogates the requirement that cable television companies construct and operate an institutional network. Excepting, physically separate institutional networks existing as of December 31, 2006 shall be preserved.

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
November 2, 2006

