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Originator- Council			10/22/91	Petition rec'd/Council
Division Head-			11/26/91	Council/Intro
Department Head-			12/10/91	Public Serv/Council
Prosecutor Review-			1/7/91	Hearing/Council
Purchasing/Budget Dir.-				
Executive-				

SUBJECT:

Petition for franchise, filed by Black Rock Cable, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:

Petition
Ordinance

Public Hearing Needed? Yes No

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The 25-year franchise would allow Black Rock Cable to use county roads in the installation of cable tv lines. The following roads would be impacted: Ten Mile Road, East Hemmi Road, Chasteen Road, East Laurel Road, East Axton Road, Murray Road, Kline Road, Hannegan Road, Medcalf Road, Van Wyck Road, Central Road, Boyer Street, Market Road, East Smith Road, Kelly Road, Ross Road, Dewey Road, Chance Road, Lunde Road, Noon Road, Starry Road, Huntley Road, Everson Goshen Road, Dinkle Road, Harmony Road, East Pole Road, Mission Road, Wahl Road, Agate Bay Lane, Roberts Road, Martin Road, Fazon Road, Sand Road, Squalicum road, Y Road, Henderson Road, Jensen Road, Inquist Road, North Shore Road, Cedarville Road, Eberle Road,

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

COMMITTEE ACTION (including dates):

COUNCIL ACTION (including dates):

- 10/22/91: Franchise received and sent to Public Works.
- 12/10/91 Ordinance passed 6-0 It was noticed that this required further advertising so will be rescheduled for January 7, 1992.
- 1/7/92: Ordinance passed 7-0.

Related File Numbers: _____

Ordinance or Resolution Number: 092-001

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INTRODUCED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Public Works Dept.

DATE INTRODUCED: 10/22/91

ORDINANCE NO. 92-001

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO BLACK ROCK CABLE, INC., FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND SECTION 9.30 OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHIN SPECIFIED AREAS OF WHATCOM COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for Whatcom County, Section 9.30 authorizes the County Council to grant non-exclusive franchises for a fixed term not to exceed 25 years for the use of any street, road or public place; and

WHEREAS, R.C.W. Chapter 36.55 provides that the County Council may grant franchises to persons or private or municipal corporations to use that right-of-way of County roads in their respective counties for the construction and maintenance of water works, gas pipes, telephones, telegraph and electrical light lines, sewers and other such facilities and including cable television wires and other cable television facilities; and

WHEREAS, Black Rock Cable, Inc., a sole proprietorship, hereinafter referred to as "the grantee," has applied for a 25-year non-exclusive franchise to operate and maintain coaxial cable along certain roads in Whatcom County, Washington, and notice of this hearing having been duly published on the 1st and days of December, 1991, in the official newspaper for Whatcom County, and that it appearing to the County Council that notice of said hearing having been given as required by law and that it is in the public interest to grant the franchise for a period of 25 years; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of granting of the non-exclusive franchise, Whatcom County shall receive a sum equivalent to four (4) percent (%) of all gross subscriber revenues from the operation and installation of cable facilities and services and has agreed to the addition of certain administrative provisions to the franchise as provided herein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Whatcom County, Washington:

Section 1. Franchise Granted.

(a.) A non-exclusive franchise for Black Rock Cable, Inc, its successors and assigns, referred to as the grantee, is hereby granted for a

1 period of 25 years commencing on the date this ordinance shall become effective,
2 the non-exclusive rights and privileges to construct, erect, operate and main-
3 tain coaxial cable in, upon, along, across, above, over and under public County
4 roads, highways, alleys and other public ways and public properties of Whatcom
5 County now laid out or dedicated, and including all extensions thereof and addi-
6 tions thereto, the poles, wires, cables, underground conduit, manholes, and
7 other cable conductors and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation
8 of a cable communication system for the distribution of cable service, including,
9 but not limited to the carriage of television and radio signals and the cable
10 casting of programing.

11 (b) The rights and privileges granted herein shall apply to all roads
12 and public ways identified in Exhibit A, and upon the following express terms
13 and conditions, to wit:

14 Section 2. Acceptance of Franchise.

15 (a) No franchise hereunder shall become effective for any purpose
16 unless and until written acceptance therefore shall have been filed with the
17 Whatcom County Council and County Director of Public Works and such written
18 acceptance shall be in form and substance as shall be prescribed and approved by
19 the County Prosecuting Attorney and operate as an acceptance of each and every
20 term and condition and limitation contained in this ordinance, and in such
21 franchise;

22 (b) Such written acceptance shall be filed by Grantee not later than
23 the thirtieth day following the effective date of the ordinance granting such
24 franchise; and in default of the filing of such written acceptance as herein
25 required, Grantee shall be deemed to have rejected the same.

26 Section 3. Entering Rights of Way.

27 The Grantee, its successors and assignees, shall have the right and
28 authority to enter upon the above-mentioned County roads, rights-of-way and
29 other County property as designated hereinbefore, for the purposes of
30 constructing its transmission lines and all necessary facilities connected
31 therewith, and for repairing all such lines and facilities, and for operating
32 and maintaining said lines and facilities.

33 Section 4. Construction Standards.

34 All construction and installation work along, under or over County
35 roads or rights-of-way or other County property outside the corporate limits of
36 any incorporated town shall be subject to the approval and pass the inspection
37 of the Director of Public Works and shall conform to all applicable County,
38 State, and Federal minimum standards, codes or regulations, and the County
39 expressly reserves the right to prescribe how and where mains, poles, lines, and
40 wires shall be installed and may from time to time upon reasonable notice,
41 require the removal and replacement thereof in the public interest.

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Section 5. Construction Application.

(a) Prior to commencement of construction of said transmission lines or facilities, Grantee shall first file with the Director of Public Works its application for permit to do such work, together with plans and specifications in duplicate showing the position and location of all such lines and facilities sought to be constructed, laid, installed or erected at that time, showing their relative position to existing County roads, rights-of-way or other County property upon plans drawn to scale, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "map of definite location."

(b) The lines and appurtenant facilities shall be laid in substantial compliance with said map of definite location, except in instances in which deviation may be allowed thereafter in writing by the Director of Public Works pursuant to application by Grantee. The plans and specifications shall specify the class and type of material and equipment to be used, manner of excavation, construction, installation, backfill, erection of temporary structures, erection of permanent structures, traffic control, traffic turnouts and road obstruction, etc. No such construction shall be commenced without the Grantee first securing a written permit from the Director of Public Works, including approval endorsed on one set of plans and specifications returned to the Grantee. All such work shall be subject to the approval of and shall pass the inspection of the Director of Public Works. Any and all approvals required of the Director of Public Works, pursuant to this section, shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Grantee shall, in compliance with Whatcom County Ordinance No. 88-79 (an ordinance providing for the issuance of revocable encroachment permits for work in County roads and rights-of-way) and County Development Standards, pay all permit fees as required. The Grantee shall pay all actual and necessary costs of and expenses incurred in the examination, inspection and approval of such work on account of granting the said permits.

Section 6. Construction on Roadways/Other County Property.

(a) In any work which requires breaking of soil of the County roads, rights-of-way or other County property subject to this Franchise for the purpose of laying, relaying, connecting, disconnecting and repairing the said transmission lines and facilities, and making connections between the same to structures and buildings of consumers or making connections to other facilities of the Grantee now in existence or hereafter constructed, the Grantee shall be governed by and conform to the general rules adopted by the officers charged with the supervision and care of such County roads, rights-of-way, and other County property; and the Grantee at its own expense and with all convenient speed shall complete the work for which the soil has been broken and forthwith replace the work and make good the County road, rights-of-way or other County property and leave the same in as good condition as before the work was commenced.

1 (b) Applications for permits referred to in Section 5 above shall be
2 accompanied by specifications for the restoration of the County road, rights-of-
3 way or other County property and to the same or better condition as it was prior
4 to such breaking, and such specifications must be approved by the Director of
5 Public Works before such breaking of the soil is commenced. Provided, that the
6 Director of Public Works shall require compliance with the Whatcom County
7 Revocable Encroachment Ordinance (Whatcom County Ordinance No. 88-79) and County
8 Development Standards to insure that such County roads, rights-of-way or other
9 County property shall be restored to the same or better condition as it was
10 prior to the breaking of the soil. The Grantee, in addition to any other such
11 requirements contained herein, shall be subject to the conditions and penalties
12 as provided in Whatcom County Ordinance No. 88-79.

13 (c) The Director of Public Works may at any time, do order, or have
14 done any and all work that is considered necessary to restore to a safe con-
15 dition any such County road, rights-of-way or other County property left by the
16 Grantee or its agents in a condition dangerous to life or property, and the
17 Grantee upon demand shall pay to the County all actual costs of such work.

18 Section 7. Construction - Other Lines and Facilities.

19 (a) All construction or installation of such lines and facilities,
20 service repair or relocation of same, performed over, above, along or under the
21 County roads, rights-of-way or other County property subject to this Franchise
22 shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the construction and
23 maintenance of other utilities lines, public or private, drains, drainage
24 ditches and structures, irrigation ditches and structures located therein, nor
25 with the grading or improvement of such County roads, rights-of-way or other
26 County property.

27 (b) The owners of all utilities, public or private, installed prior in
28 time to the line and facilities of the Grantee shall have preference as to the
29 positioning and location of such utilities so installed with respect to the
30 Grantee. Such preference shall continue in the event of the necessity of relo-
31 cating or changing the grade of any such County road or right-of-way.

32 Section 8. Construction - Public Safety and Inconvenience.

33 All work done under this Franchise shall be done in a thorough and
34 workmanlike manner. In the laying of transmission lines and the construction of
35 other facilities and the opening of trenches, the tunneling under County roads,
36 rights-of-way or other County property, the Grantee shall leave such trenches,
37 ditches and tunnels in such a way as to interfere as little as possible with
38 public travel and shall take all due and necessary precautions to guard the
39 same, so that damage or injury shall not occur or arise by reason of such work;
40 and where any of such trenches, ditches, or tunnels are left open at night, the
41 Grantee shall place warning lights and barricades at such a position as to give
42 adequate warning of such work. The Grantee shall be liable for any injury to
43 person or persons or damage to property sustained through its carelessness or
44 neglect, or through any failure or neglect to properly guard or give warning of
45 any trenches, ditches or tunnels dug or maintained by the Grantee.

1 Section 9. County Rights Reserved.

2 The County of Whatcom in granting this Franchise, does not waive any
3 rights which it has now or may hereafter acquire with respect to County roads,
4 rights-of-way or other County property and this Franchise shall not be construed
5 to deprive the County of any powers, rights or privileges which it now has or
6 may hereafter acquire to regulate the use of and to control the County roads,
7 rights-of-way or other County property covered by this Franchise. This
8 Franchise shall be subject to the power of eminent domain, and in any proceeding
9 under eminent domain, the Franchise itself shall have no value.

10 Section 10. Relocation of Lines and Facilities.

11 (a) If at any time, the County of Whatcom shall improve or change any
12 County road, right-of-way or other County property subject to this Franchise by
13 grading or regrading, planking or paving the same, changing the grade, altering,
14 changing, repairing or relocating the same or by constructing drainage facilities,
15 or in the event that such County road, right-of-way or other County property
16 subject to this Franchise shall become a Primary State Highway as provided
17 by law, the Grantee upon written notice from the Director of Public Works or the
18 Director of Highways, shall at its sole expense, within thirty (30) working days
19 change the location or readjust the elevation of its transmission lines and
20 other facilities so that the same shall not interfere with such County work and
21 so that such lines and facilities shall conform to such new grades or routes as
22 may be established. The County of Whatcom shall in no wise be held liable for
23 any damages to said Grantee that may occur by reason of any of the County's
24 improvements, changes or works above enumerated.

25 (b) All work to be performed by the Grantee under this section shall
26 be under the direction and approval, and shall pass the inspection of the
27 Director of Public Works. The Grantee shall pay all actual and necessary costs
28 and expenses incurred in the examination, inspection and approval of such work.

29 Section 11. County Road Work Permitted.

30 The laying, construction, operation and maintenance of the Grantee's
31 transmission lines and facilities authorized by this Franchise shall not
32 preclude the County of Whatcom, its agents or its contractors from blasting,
33 grading, excavating or doing other necessary road work contiguous to the said
34 lines and facilities of the Grantee provided that the Grantee shall be given
35 forty-eight (48) hours notice of said blasting or other work in order that the
36 Grantee may protect its lines and facilities.

37 Section 12. Monuments and Survey Markers.

38 (a) Before any work is performed under this Franchise which may affect
39 any existing monuments or markers of any nature relating to subdivisions, plats,
40 roads and all other surveys, the Grantee shall reference all such monuments and
41 markers. The reference points shall be so located that they will not be
42 disturbed during the Grantee's operations under this Franchise. The method of
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1 referencing these monuments or other points to be referenced shall be approved
2 by the Director of Public Works. The replacement of all such monuments or other
3 points to be referenced shall be approved by the Director of Public Works. The
4 replacement of all such monuments or markers disturbed during construction shall
5 be made as expeditiously as conditions permit, and as directed by the Director
6 of Public Works. The cost of monuments or other markers lost, destroyed or
7 disturbed, and the expense of replacement by approved monuments shall be borne
8 by the Grantee.

9 (b) A complete set of reference notes for monuments and other ties
10 shall be filed with the Whatcom County Director of Public Works.

11 Section 13. Vacations.

12 If at any time the County of Whatcom shall vacate any County road,
13 right-of-way or other County property which is subject to the rights granted by
14 this Franchise and said vacation shall be for the purpose of acquiring the fee
15 of other property interest in said road, rights-of-way or other County property
16 for the use of Whatcom County, in either its proprietary or governmental capa-
17 city, then the Council of Whatcom County may at its option and by giving sixty
18 (60) days written notice to the Grantee, terminate this Franchise with reference
19 to such County road, rights-of-way or other County property so vacated, and the
20 County of Whatcom shall not be liable for any damages or loss to the Grantee by
21 reason of such termination.

22 Section 14. Indemnification.

23 (a) The Grantee by acceptance of the privileges granted hereunder,
24 does hereby agree and covenant to indemnify, defend, and save harmless Whatcom
25 County and those persons who were, are now, or shall be duly elected or
26 appointed officials or members or employees thereof, against and from any loss,
27 damage, costs, charges, expenses, liability, claims, demands or judgments what-
28 soever kind or nature whether to persons or property, arising wholly or par-
29 tially out of any act, action, neglect, omissions or default on the part of the
30 Grantee, his sub-contractors and/or employees which may occur by reason of
31 construction, operation and maintenance of the Grantee's said transmission lines
32 and facilities. In case that suit or action is brought against the County of
33 Whatcom for damages arising out of or by reason of the above-mentioned causes,
34 the Grantee will upon notice to him of the filing of a claim or the commencement
35 of said action, appear and defend the same at its sole cost and expense, and in
36 case judgment shall be rendered against the County of Whatcom in suit or action,
37 the Grantee will fully satisfy said judgment within ninety (90) days after said
38 suit or action shall have finally been determined, if determined adversely to
39 Whatcom County. Upon the Grantee's failure to satisfy said judgment within a
40 ninety (90) day period, this Franchise shall at once cease and terminate and the
41 County of Whatcom shall have a lien upon the transmission lines and all other
42 facilities used in its construction, operation and maintenance of the Grantee's
43 transmission system which may be enforced against the property for the full
44 amount of any such judgment so taken against Whatcom County.

1 (b) Acceptance by the County of any work performed by the Grantee at
2 the time of completion shall not be grounds for avoidance of this covenant.

3 Section 15. Non-Exclusive Franchise.

4 This Franchise shall not be deemed to be an exclusive franchise. It
5 shall in no manner prohibit the County of Whatcom from granting other franchises
6 of a like nature or franchises for other public or private utilities, under,
7 along, across, over and upon any of the County roads, rights-of-way, or other
8 County property subject to franchise, and shall in no wise prevent or prohibit
9 the County of Whatcom from construction, altering, maintaining, using or
10 vacating any of said roads, rights-of-way, drainage structures or facilities,
11 irrigation structures or facilities, or any other County property or affect its
12 jurisdiction over them with full power to make all necessary changes, reloca-
13 tions, repairs, maintenance, as the County may deem fit.

14 Section 16. Successors and Assignees.

15 All the provisions, conditions, regulations and requirements herein
16 contained shall be binding upon the successors and assignees of the Grantee, and
17 all privileges, as well as all obligations and liabilities of the Grantee shall
18 inure to its successors and assignees equally as if they were specifically men-
19 tioned wherever the Grantee is mentioned herein.

20 Section 17. Transferability.

21 Neither this Franchise nor any interest therein shall be sold, trans-
22 ferred or assigned without the previous consent in writing of the Council of
23 Whatcom County, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

24 Section 18. Incorporation.

25 Whenever any of the County roads, rights-of-way or other County prop-
26 erty as designated in this Franchise, by reason of the subsequent incorporation
27 of any town or city, or extension of the limits of any town or city, shall fall
28 within the city or town limits this Franchise shall continue in force and effect
29 as to all County roads, rights-of-way or other County property not so included
30 in city or town limits.

31 Section 19. Construction/Extension Plan.

32 Five (5) years from the date of this Franchise, the rights conferred
33 hereby to the Grantee may, at the election of the Council of Whatcom County and
34 pursuant to notice, be terminated with respect to those County roads, rights-of-
35 way and other County property or portions thereof upon which the Grantee has not
36 laid, constructed and placed in operation its lines and facilities. The Grantee
37 shall extend its facilities and offer its services to all areas within the
38 franchise area which are contiguous to existing service areas, but which are not
39 currently served, provided there are 30 assured subscribers per mile of aerial
40 distribution cable (60 potential subscribers per mile of underground distribu-

1 tion cable) of new construction required. Such construction and services ren-
2 dered in new building areas will be subject to and governed by the provisions of
3 this franchise ordinance. If Grantee does not so extend its facilities and ser-
4 vices within a reasonable time, upon request made by subscribers, the County's
5 sole remedy shall be to terminate Grantee's rights as to such area not served as
6 set forth in the first sentence of this section.

7 Section 20. Installation Specifications.

8 In preparing plans and specifications for the installation of trans-
9 mission lines along or across County roads and rights-of-way, the Grantee shall
10 use as a guide the standards and specifications contained in the National
11 Electrical Safety Code (National Bureau of Standards); National Electrical Code
12 (National Bureau of Fire Underwriters); Bell System Code of Pole Line Construc-
13 tion; applicable FCC or other Federal, State or local codes and regulations;
14 State and municipal construction standards.

15 Section 21. Enforcement/Remedies.

16 (a) If the Grantee shall willfully violate, or fail to comply with
17 any of the provisions of this franchise through willful or unreasonable neglect,
18 or fail to heed or comply with any notice given the Grantee under the provisions
19 of this franchise, then the said Grantee shall forfeit all rights conferred
20 hereunder, and this Franchise may be revoked or annulled by the Council of
21 Whatcom County. In addition to any rights implied or set out elsewhere in this
22 ordinance, the Council reserves the right to apply, at its sole option, any one
23 or combination of the following in the event the company violates any provisions
24 of the franchise:

25 (1) Levy an assessment of actual damages.

26 (2) Reduce the duration of the franchise on such basis as the
27 arbitrator may deem reasonable and justified.

28 (3) Require a reduction in the company's rates by such amount or
29 amounts as may be necessary to remedy the violation.

30 (4) Require the company to make payments or refunds to its custo-
31 mers or classes of customers in such amount as may be necessary to remedy the
32 violation.

33 (5) Require the company to correct or otherwise remedy the viola-
34 tion prior to any consideration of implementation of rate increase if the viola-
35 tion relates to rates.

36 (6) Require the company to specifically comply with the terms and
37 conditions of the franchise ordinance.

1 (b) In the event of a dispute over a violation of the provisions of
2 this franchise either party may submit resolution of the violation to arbitra-
3 tion. The matter shall be determined by a board of three (3) arbitrators, all
4 of whom shall be citizens and taxpayers of the State of Washington, and shall be
5 selected as follows: One by the County Council, one by the Grantee, and one by
6 the two so appointed. Should the two arbitrators be unable to name a third,
7 such third arbitrator shall be named by a judge of the Superior Court for
8 Whatcom County. Said board shall make its decision in writing and file its
9 decision with the parties within sixty (60) days from the date of the appoint-
10 ment of the final arbitrator. The decision of the board shall be by a majority
11 vote and signed by at least two arbitrators. The written decision shall be
12 final and binding upon the parties.

13 Section 22. Eminent Domain/Reservation of Home Rule Charter Rights.

14 This franchise shall be subject to the power of eminent domain and the
15 right of the Council or the people acting for themselves through the initiative
16 or referendum to repeal, amend or modify the franchise in the interest of the
17 public. In any proceeding under eminent domain the franchise itself shall have
18 no value. This section sets forth the requirements of Section 9.30 of the
19 Whatcom County Home Rule Charter and shall remain in affect so long as the
20 charter provision is valid.

21 Section 23. Compliance with Laws and Regulations.

22 This franchise is subject to, and the Grantee shall comply with all
23 applicable Federal, State, County or municipal laws, regulations and policies
24 affecting performance under this franchise.

25 Section 24. Franchise Payments to County.

26 (a) In consideration of the granting of this Franchise and to compen-
27 sate Whatcom County for the Grantee's occupancy of County roads, rights-of-way
28 and other County property, as well as the expenses incurred in processing this
29 grant and to be incurred in connection with pedriodic inspections and control as
30 provided herein, the Grantee shall pay to Whatcom County, quarterly a sum
31 equivalent to four (4) percent (%) of the gross subscriber revenues received
32 from the installation and operation of its facilities and/or services to patrons
33 served from lines, wires, cables or other devices installed along, under or over
34 public rights-of-way or across County property as herein granted. Said sum
35 shall be due and payable in United States dollars. The term "gross subscriber
36 revenues" is meant to include only those revenues derived from the supplying of
37 basic subscriber service; that is, the installation fees, disconnect and recon-
38 nect fees, and fees for regular cable benefits including the transmission of
39 broadcast signals and access and origination channels if any. It does not
40 include revenues derived from per-program or per-channel charges, leased channel
41 revenues, advertising revenues, or any other income derived from the system nor
42 shall such term include any taxes on ser vices furnished by the Grantee which
43 are imposed directly on any subscriber or user by the State, County or any
44 other governmental unit and collected by the Grantee on behalf of such govern-
45 mental unit.

1 (b) The Grantee's quarterly payments shall be remitted no later than the 30th
2 day following the end of the quarterly period covered by the payment. The
3 Grantee shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) per annum of the sum
4 delinquent, during the term delinquent; and further provided that this franchise
5 and all rights and privileges granted hereunder shall terminate and be forfeited
6 if Grantee should exceed three months delinquent in the submission of the quart-
7 erly payments hereunder required, after receiving written notice from Whatcom
8 County of the delinquency to the local systems office by certified mail.

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10 Section 25. Franchise Payments to County Not In Lieu of Other Taxes.

11 Any franchise payments to the County by Grantee shall not be in lieu
12 of any occupation, income, license, or property tax or similar levy, assess-
13 ment, fee, or charge which would otherwise apply to and be payable by Grantee.
14 No privileges or rights granted hereunder shall exempt Grantee from any future
15 uniform rent, license, tax charge, or impost which may hereafter be required
16 by the Grantor, for revenue or as reimbursement for use and occupancy of
17 public ways, and failure to timely remit any sums properly due thereby, shall
18 be cause for forfeiture of rights hereunder.

19 Section 26. Inspection and Information.

20 (a) Grantee shall at all reasonable times, and to the extent neces-
21 sary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, permit any duly-
22 authorized agent or representative of the County to examine all franchise
23 property of Grantee, together with any appurtenant property of Grantee
24 situated within or without the County, and to examine and transcribe all maps
25 and other records kept or maintained by Grantee, or under the control or
26 direction, or at the request of Grantee, which treat of the franchise opera-
27 tions, affairs, transactions, or property of the Grantee.

28 (b) Any of such maps or such other records which are not situated
29 within the County and which are not made available in the County within a reason-
30 able time after written request therefor by the Council or the Prosecuting
31 Attorney, shall be produced for examination wherever the same shall be situated
32 and Grantee shall pay all travel and other expenses necessary or reasonably
33 incurred by the County, its agents, and representatives in making such examina-
34 tion.

35 (c) Grantee shall prepare and furnish to the Director of Public Works,
36 at such times and in such form as prescribed by the Director, references and
37 materials with respect to the operations, affairs, transactions or property of
38 Grantee, as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to the performance of any
39 of the duties of the County of Whatcom.

40 Section 27. Services to Consumers/Public.

41 (a) The Grantee shall:

1 (1) Correct malfunctions promptly, but in no event later than
2 twenty-four (24) hours after occurrence except for Acts of God and other con-
3 ditions beyond the control of the Grantee, in which cases the Grantee shall
4 correct the malfunctions with all deliberate speed.

5 (2) Promptly answer complaints by users.

6 (3) Give 24-hour notice to users of planned interruptions of
7 service, insofar as is possible, and attempt to have such interruptions occur
8 during periods of minimum use of the system.

9 (4) Maintain an office within Whatcom County, which office shall
10 be open during all usual business hours, with its telephone listed in direc-
11 tories of the telephone company serving the County, which office shall be so
12 operated that complaints and requests for repairs or adjustments may be received
13 at any time, day or night, seven days a week; and provide notice of such office
14 and the Grantee's complaint procedure to each user at the time of initial
15 subscription to the system.

16 (5) Maintain a written record, or log, listing date of customer
17 complaints identifying the user and describing the nature of the complaint, and
18 when and what action was taken by Grantee in response thereto. Said record
19 shall be kept at Grantee's local office, for a period of five (5) years, and
20 shall be available for inspection during regular business hours, without further
21 notice or demand, by the manager.

22 (6) Provide services to consumers as delineated in the rate
23 schedule as provided herein.

24 (b) County Complaint Procedures. The Director of Public Works shall
25 have the primary responsibility for the administration of complaints regarding
26 franchises and the County Executive shall approve procedures to be followed by
27 the Director in resolving and processing such complaints. In the event that
28 the parties cannot resolve the subscriber complaint to their mutual satisfac-
29 tion, the subscriber is free to pursue all remedies available to him.

30 (c) To promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of
Whatcom County, the County Council may request, and the Company shall provide,
the following:

(1) At least one special designated non-commercial local origi-
nation channel available on a first come, non-discriminatory basis for the
purpose of public, educational and governmental access.

(2) The company shall provide, without charge, one service drop
(line) at each public facility designated by the County, that is passed by
existing cable up to a maximum of five (5) drops.

1 Section 28. Insurance.

2 (a) Upon acceptance of such franchise, the Grantee shall file with
3 the Whatcom County Council, and shall thereafter, during the entire term of
4 such franchise, maintain in full force and effect, a corporate insurance
5 policy or other adequate surety agreement in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED
6 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) for property damage coverage, and THREE HUNDRED
7 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) for public liability coverage, so as to protect
8 the County against damages or costs as set forth in Section 14 above, and
9 there shall be recoverable, jointly and severally from the principal and
10 surety, any such damages or costs suffered or incurred by the County, includ-
11 ing attorneys' fees and costs of any action, or proceedings, and including the
12 full amount of any compensation, indemnification, cost of removal of any pro-
13 perty or other costs which may be incurred up to the full principal amount of
14 such insurance policy; and said condition shall be a continuing obligation
15 during the entire term of such franchise and thereafter until Grantee shall
16 have satisfied in full any and all obligations to the County and any user
17 which arise out of or pertain to said franchise. Neither the provisions of
18 this section, nor any insurance policy accepted by the County pursuant hereto,
19 nor any damages recovered by the County thereunder, shall be construed to
20 excuse faithful performance by the Grantee, or limit the liability of the
21 Grantee under any franchise issued pursuant to this ordinance.

22 (b) The Prosecuting Attorney, at the request of the County Council,
23 may review the dollar amount of said insurance policy and adjust the amount of
24 coverage as deemed appropriate within each five years of the length of the
25 franchise.

26 Section 29. Repealers.

27 All other prior existing franchises granted to Black Rock Cable, Inc.
28 shall be repealed, and the terms of the franchise granted hereunder shall become
29 effective at such time as an acceptance of franchise is filed by the Grantee
30 with the County in accordance with Section 2 herein.

31 Section 30. Severability.

32 If any portion of the ordinance is deemed invalid, the remainder will
33 remain in effect.

34 Section 31. Titles.

35 The section titles used herein are for reference only and should not
36 be used for the purpose of interpreting this ordinance.

37 Section 32. Force Majeure Clause.

38 The Grantee shall not be deemed in default of any provisions of this
39 franchise or subjected to any penalties hereunder where performance or

1 compliance is prevented by Acts of God, civil emergencies, national disasters
2 or acts of third parties that are neither agents, employees, nor affiliates of
3 the Grantee which are beyond the Grantee's reasonable abilities to control.

4 APPROVED this 7th day of January, 1992

5 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

6 Ramona Reeves
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8 Clerk of the Council

9 Daniel M. Warner
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11 Chairperson

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12 Shirley Van Zanten
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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 ~~Randall J. Watts, Chief Civil~~
18 ~~ROBERT A. CHAZWICKEL~~
19 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

20 Date: Jan. 8, 1992

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T39 R3E SECTION 18
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CHASTEEN RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 19
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E. AXTON RD.
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TEN MILE RD.
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E. AXTON RD.

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KELLY RD.
E. SMITH RD.

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HANNEGAN RD..
ROSS RD.
DEWEY RD.
CHANCE RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 10
LUNDE RD.
CENTRAL RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 15
NOON RD.
CENTRAL RD.
E. HEMMI RD.
TEN MILE RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 22
E. HEMMI RD.
NOON RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 27
E. SMITH RD.
NOON RD.
STARRY RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 34
E. SMITH RD.
NOON RD.
KELLY RD.

T38 R3E SECTION 3
KELLY RD.
HUNTLEY RD.
NOON RD.
VAN WYCK RD.

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VAN WYCK RD.
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CHANCE RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 11
CENTRAL RD.
NOON RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 14
E. HEMMI RD.
CENTRAL RD.
NOON RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 23
E. HEMMI RD.
NOON RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 26
NOON RD.
E. SMITH RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
DINKLE RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 35
E. SMITH RD.
KELLY RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
NOON RD.
HARMONY RD.

T38 R3E SECTION 2
KELLY RD.
NOON RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 1
E. POLE RD.
MISSION RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 12
E. POLE RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
CENTRAL RD.
MISSION RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 13
CENTRAL RD.
E. HEMMI RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
MISSION RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 24
E. HEMMI RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
MISSION RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 25
E. SMITH RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
MISSION RD.

T39 R3E SECTION 36
WAHL RD.
KELLY RD.
E. SMITH RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.
MISSION RD.

T38 R3E SECTION 1
KELLY RD.
MISSION RD.
EVERSON GOSHEN RD.

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AGATE BAY LANE

T39 R4E SECTION 7
MISSION RD.
CENTRAL RD.
ROBERTS RD.

T39 R4E SECTION 18
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