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November 15, 2007

Deborah Guthrie, Cable Coordinator  
Meridian Township  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Ms. Guthrie:

At Comcast, we are committed to making public, education and government (PEG) programming readily available to all of our customers. By January 15, 2008, Comcast will deliver PEG programming in a high quality digital format and place these channels in consecutive channel positions largely uniform across the state. Customers will be notified of these channel changes beginning November 15, 2007 by a bill insert, a copy of which is enclosed, reflecting the transition of the current PEG channel to its new channel position.

Comcast will continue to offer PEG channels on our basic tier; however, we will deliver these channels in a digital format. Comcast is offering a special promotion of a free converter box to analog customers. Customers who use CableCard or have a QAM TV set will not need the additional digital converter box to receive these channels.

To support these efforts and reinforce the importance of this programming, Comcast plans to partner with our communities in a public service announcement (PSA) campaign that will create awareness of the value of community programming and inform customers of the new channel locations. Comcast will simultaneously consolidate existing Comcast-created Local Origination (LO) channels to a single digital LO channel, bolstering the image and value of the Comcast Community Network statewide.

Comcast recognizes the investments communities have made in their PEG programming offering, so in addition to the PSA campaign, Comcast will provide conversion at no cost and continue to maintain existing free transmission lines of PEG channels. Comcast will continue to partner with communities to ensure there is a smooth transition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 517-333-6028.

Sincerely,

John P. Gardner  
Government Affairs Manager  
Comcast, Michigan Region  
1070 Trowbridge Road  
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**Basic Cable Customers:**

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East Lansing Educational Access	24	902
Educational Access	27	903
Educational Access	28	904
Educational Access	29	905
Educational Access	31	906
Government Access HOM TV	21	911
E. Lansing Govt. Access/Educ. Access Haslett*	22	912
E. Lansing Govt. Access/Educ. Access Okemos*	23	913
Public Access	30	916

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November 15, 2007

Bill Irving  
Law Department  
City of Dearborn  
13615 Michigan Avenue  
Dearborn, MI 48126

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 734-254-1888.

Sincerely,

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Frederick G. Eaton  
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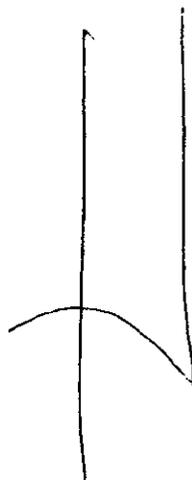
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Channel Name	Current Channel	New Channel (by Jan. 15)
Comcast Television	25	900
Dearborn Educational Access	19	902
Educational Access	24	903
CDTV	12	911
Public Ethnic Access	15	916
Public Access	18	917
Dearborn Public Access	16	918

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*VIA Overnight Delivery  
and Email*

**Re: Comcast Announcement to Move PEG Channels to Digital Tier**

Dear Ms. Beller:

We write with respect to Comcast's recent announcement to move public, educational and government ("PEG") channels to Comcast's digital tier. This letter also provides our formal objection to the company's plan.

As declared by Comcast on or about November 15, 2007, the company plans to digitize and move the current lineup position of PEG channels "by January 15, 2008." Thereafter, Comcast plans to relegate PEG channels to the "900" range of the company's digital lineup. Unfortunately, Comcast's letters came without any prior consultation with local governments or their representatives. The company's surprise announcement has consequently created a number of significant operational and legal questions which we ask you to address promptly.

**Operational Questions**

Among our more pressing operational questions are these:

1. Why has Comcast chosen to digitize and move PEG channels now?
2. Is the company's strategy somehow related to the "digital transition" currently scheduled to occur in February, 2009?
3. Will Comcast continue to offer an analog-only tier to its customers after the "digital transition" date?
4. Why aren't other basic service tier ("BST") channels being digitized and repositioned at this time too?

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5. Will Comcast proactively provide digital boxes to *all* BST-only customers without any installation or monthly charges so those customers can continue to receive PEG channels?
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11. Has the company announced this same plan in other parts of the country? If so, where? If not, why has Comcast's Michigan Region been singled out?

#### Legal Issues

With respect to legal issues surrounding Comcast's proposed move of PEG channels:

#### **Which provision(s) of governing law permit Comcast to initiate the proposed digitization and move PEG channels at this time?**

As you know, federal Cable Act §623 requires PEG channels to be on the BST, along with broadcast stations. The Cable Act (and our state's consumer protection law, for that matter), prevents discrimination between subscribers with respect to the rates charged for video programming. Finally, the Cable Act also permits the regulation of rates for equipment necessary to receive the BST, which would apparently include digital boxes under Comcast's announced plan. Whether considered individually or in combination, these governing laws and regulations appear to prevent the effort that Comcast has announced.<sup>1</sup> Further discussion is warranted before Comcast initiates its proposed strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> With respect to this issue, we note two other relevant matters. First, federal law will prevail over any conflicting state law. Therefore, while PA 480 purports to eliminate cable "rate regulation" as provided by federal law and which would otherwise benefit Michigan's residents, the Cable Act makes clear that "[A]ny provision of any State, political subdivision, or agency thereof . . . which is inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed to be preempted and superseded." Cable Act §636. Second, Comcast has agreed, as a matter of state contract law, to comply with federal law and regulations – that agreement has either been made in uniform local franchise agreements (see paragraph II(C) of those agreements) or pursuant to other franchise contracts currently in place.

Invitation to Discuss

MI-NATOA members have a well-rounded understanding of these issues. We appreciate, for example, that the "digital transition" is scheduled to occur approximately fifteen months from now, and that cable operators can respond to that date in a number of ways. Our members also acknowledge that benefits can be achieved for all interested parties if digitization of the *entire* Comcast lineup is achieved.

However, our members are deeply disappointed by the tactics used by Comcast to initiate this proposed strategy. In Comcast's mind, notices to local officials about the company's activities seem to be an afterthought. For example, very limited notice was provided in the case of Comcast's decisions to close local business offices and public access studios under the purported cover of Michigan's new franchising law. In this most recent case, notice about the proposed move of PEG channels was given to local officials at *the same time* as when customers were being informed of the proposed change. The questions raised by this letter might have been adequately addressed if the company had made an effort to engage in a collaborative dialogue before declaring its plan. As it now stands, however, MI-NATOA members must object to Comcast's proposal until these questions are adequately addressed by the company.

Please respond to our questions in writing by December 7, 2007, so that we may distribute your responses to our membership. We also invite discussion on this matter and hope that constructive conversations can occur before December 15, 2007. If written answers and informal discussions can not occur as noted, however, our members will be required to consider other rights and remedies.

Sincerely,

Caren Collins Fifer  
President

MI-NATOA

cc: Honorable John Dingell, United States House of Representatives  
Roger Fraser, Ann Arbor City Administrator  
Dave Payne, Bloomfield Township Supervisor  
Tom Yack, Canton Township Supervisor  
John B. O'Reilly, Dearborn Mayor  
Robert J. Cannon, Supervisor, Charter Township of Clinton  
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December 7, 2007

*Via Overnight Delivery & E-mail*

Caren Collins Fifer, President  
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**Re: Digital PEG Channels on the Basic Service Tier**

Dear Mrs. Collins Fifer:

I am responding to your recent letter asking questions regarding the provision of PEG channels in digital format as part of Comcast's basic service tier. Let me begin by letting you know that we appreciate the Michigan Chapter's willingness to work through the issues involving PEG digitization. As you know, we have started running a new public service announcement promoting PEG programming and alerting customers to the move. Thank you again for providing us the footage that was used to create the spot. With your help, we hope to create additional spots as we move forward that feature familiar local faces, more detail on the new standard channel locations and additional details that will be helpful to both communities and viewers.

Your letter posed operational questions and legal questions regarding digital PEG channels. Please share our response with your members and feel free to forward to me any further questions that may arise.

**Operational Questions**

**Why has Comcast chosen to digitize and move PEG channels now?**

We believe the timing of this effort reflects the overwhelming market adoption of digital services, ensures that PEG is not left behind in the digital transition, and enhances our ability to provide the additional services and features our customers want. Because of Michigan's high digital penetration, the only change a majority of our customers will experience is in the channel position of PEG.

As you may be aware, cable operators have been providing more and more channels in a digital format for some time now. PEG channels should not be left behind. Digital delivery enhances the signal quality and reliability for the programmer, a benefit that should enhance the viewer's PEG experience overall.

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Digitizing PEG channels along with other channels also frees up bandwidth on the cable system which we will use to provide even more channels and enhanced services. For example, customers are demanding, and programmers are now providing, more high-definition channels. Comcast has also always been a leader in providing our customers faster and faster Internet speeds.

As to the relocation of PEG channels at this time, the digital transition strikes us as a logical opportunity to establish a uniform location for PEG and related content state-wide. Uniform channel locations enhance our and your ability to promote and market the PEG channels on a broader basis.

**Is the company's strategy somehow related to the "digital transition" currently scheduled to occur in February, 2009?**

Certainly the broadcast TV digital transition coming up roughly a year from now is bringing the digital issue to the forefront of the public's awareness. Our initiative in this regard will give Michigan consumers a leg up on the digital transition. The success of our existing digital services in Michigan is evidence of the forward thinking nature of your constituents.

**Will Comcast continue to offer an analog-only tier to its customers after the "digital transition" date?**

For competitive reasons, we decline to comment on our thinking about marketing strategy in any given market post-February, 2009. But I would point out that what we are talking about today with our provision of PEG in digital is a basic service tier that is "analog-plus" not "analog-only". At this time, we will not be offering a service tier that is "analog-only."

**Why aren't other basic service tier ("BST") channels being digitized and repositioned at this time too?**

We anticipate that over time more channels will go through similar changes. Among other reasons, many of these channels are subject to contracts or legal requirements that may not have the same flexibility at this time.

**Will Comcast proactively provide digital boxes to all BST-only customers without any installation or monthly charges so those customers can continue to receive PEG channels?**

We are offering a free digital box to all BST customers for the first year following this change. Of course, customers may have their own digital equipment or obtain it from a third party such that they will not need our equipment. There will be no installation charge for those BST customers who receive a digital box during this transition period.

Caren Collins Fifer, President  
Michigan NATOA  
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**Will digital boxes be provided for each additional outlet which currently exists in a BST-only customer's home?**

Comcast will supply one free box per BST-only home.

**Will multiple box swaps be required because Comcast hopes to digitize PEG channels in advance of the "digital transition" date?**

No. In fact, Michigan consumers will have a lead on the rest of the country in this regard. Of course, the Comcast change has no effect on people who don't subscribe to cable service. People who receive broadcast TV signals over the air will need digital equipment of some kind in order to continue to receive broadcast TV signals after the "digital transition."

**Where will other BST channels be positioned on any eventual, fully-digitized lineup relative to the "900" range proposed for PEG channels?**

We don't know the answer to this question at this time. In many instances, channel position is arranged by contract with the programmer. It is possible that a fully-digitized lineup would allow for regroupings of content by primary subject matter (sports, movies, foreign language, music), for example.

**Will full digital service be offered to current BST-only customers without charge, or will the digital converters associated with this plan be used more like a "trap," and simply deliver digitized PEG programming?**

BST-only customers will see an enhancement to their service beyond the quality of the digital PEG channels. If they use a box, they will also have access to the interactive digital channel guide, convenient parental controls, and access to pay per view and event programming. Customers would still need to choose to subscribe to a digital tier of service to receive additional channels that are not part of the BST.

**What financial support is being offered by Comcast to help local governments transition PEG channels and reduce the expense associated with rebranding those channels?**

We believe this change imposes no new equipment costs on PEG programmers and the digitization will take place on Comcast's part. In regards to rebranding and consumer education, Comcast understands that communities may incur expenses associated with rebranding these channels. Some communities have specifically mentioned letterhead and business card changes that will be required because of the change. We will consider reasonable reimbursement to offset these expenses.

Caren Collins Fifer, President  
Michigan NATOA  
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**Has the company announced this same plan in other parts of the county? If so, where? If not, why has Comcast's Michigan Region been singled out?**

Michigan is the first state to implement PEG channel digitization and line up consistency in this type of coordinated way.

**Legal Questions**

**Which provision(s) of governing law permit Comcast to initiate the proposed digitization and move PEG channels at this time?**

It is important to understand that we are not changing the composition of the basic service tier, only the format in which some components of the basic service tier are delivered. Customers who choose to take only our most basic level of service receive all local PEG channels as part of that basic service today, and they will continue to receive those PEG channels on Basic after digitization. The Basic Service Tier will not have changed. This is consistent with federal law.

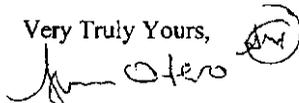
Likewise, state law places no limitation on a provider's determination of the placement of PEG channels. The Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act (2006 PA 480) requires that providers offer the same number of PEG channels in actual use as of the effective date of the Act 480. We are. The relocation of the existing PEG channels on the Basic Service Tier is consistent with state law.

It is worth noting that besides there being no legal requirement that cable operators offer PEG programming in analog format only, none of cable's national competitors offer it in analog. AT&T and Verizon's video services are digital and require a box, without which you cannot view PEG channels. Of course, satellite companies carry no PEG channels whatsoever.

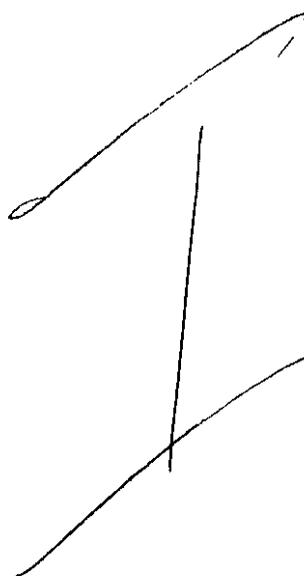
**Meeting**

I hope the above responses have answered the most pressing concerns and questions of the MI-NATOA members. We accept your invitation to meet to discuss the transition. Please propose some dates and times for the meeting. We would be happy to host. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me with any additional questions.

Very Truly Yours,



Juan Otero  
Vice President, Government Affairs

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November 29, 2007

Mr. John P. Gardner  
Government Affairs Manager  
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Dear Mr. Gardner:

This past year we have seen many changes at Comcast many of which are not in the best interest of the residents of Meridian Township. Comcast's latest "commitment to making public education and government (PEG) programming readily available to all customers" seems a disingenuous statement at best. Though we appreciate having the PEG channels in consecutive positions, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep our citizenry informed of our government's actions as well as events within our community. No longer can citizens or government officials view the proceedings of our neighboring governmental entities or those at our State Capitol.

We are particularly concerned that moving the PEG programming to the 900 tier appears to be separating PEG from the basic services. Does Comcast plan to charge for these PEG channels in the future? Moving to the 900 tier will force many of our residents to obtain a converter box in order to continue viewing the PEG channels, many of these residents are seniors. Additionally, there is no guarantee made by Comcast that there will be no charges for the converter box or the PEG channels in the future. Why not digitize all existing basic tier channels at the same time and give boxes to all basic subscribers for a greatly extended period of time.

There are many questions that we would like to have answered. Does our franchise agreement permit PEG to be moved to digital? If so, where? Has Comcast applied for a uniform franchise? Please identify how this action complies with PA 480.

Obviously, we are not supportive of Comcast's intention to move PEG to the 900's starting January 15, 2008 and respectfully request that you not proceed with this plan.

Sincerely,

Susan McGillicuddy  
Supervisor

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December 4, 2007

Ms. Susan McGillicuddy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Meridian  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, MI 48864-1198

Dear Ms. McGillicuddy:

Thank you for contacting me with your questions relative to Comcast's PEG channel migration. Another letter to the communities we serve will be sent this week, but I wanted to get back with you about some of the concerns you expressed in your letter to me.

PEG programming is remaining as part of the Basic cable service. Our customers will not be required to upgrade their service to continue receiving PEG channels. This is similar to channel 249 "Sky Team 10 Weather Source" on the current channel line up in Meridian Township. While channel 249 is part of the Basic cable service tier, a QAM TV, CableCard or a digital converter box is required to view the programming.

Comcast is offering its analog customers the use of a digital converter without charge for a one-year period. After that period, then-current retail prices or promotional offering will apply. Currently, the retail price is \$4.20 a month for a digital converter and remote; however, our current promotion is for the digital converter and remote for \$1.99 as part of our Digital Starter package. Again, upgrading service levels is not required to continue viewing PEG programming.

While neither the existing cable franchise nor P.A. 480 of 2006 ("the Act") prohibits the delivery of PEG programming in a digital format, section 17 of the existing franchise did anticipate that access channels may be relocated. Comcast has not filed a Uniform Franchise under the Act with the Township, but section 5(3) of the Act deems provisions in existing franchises that are in addition to those in a Uniform Franchise to be unenforceable.

Comcast is committed to working with our communities to make PEG programming available to its customers and to delivering it in a high-quality format. Comcast will provide the digital conversion of the PEG programming at no cost to the community. Comcast will also continue to maintain existing transmission lines of PEG channels. Coupled with the PSA campaign and promotional offers to our customers, Comcast is striving to make this a smooth transition.

Please feel free to contact me at (517) 333-6028 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

John P. Gardner  
Government Affairs Manager  
Comcast, Michigan Region

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Digital move conversation notes with Ryan Mcanany, MPSC and John Gardner, Comcast

Tuesday December 4, 2007

Deborah: How do you get a converter box?

John: Call the number on the insert. Pick up for no charge or send at a cost. Looking into sending without a cost.

D: How do you hook it up?

J: If nothing else on TV, straight forward. It will be complicated if DVD, VCR, or sound system is involved. If need install help, you will need to call a technician.

D: What is the cost?

J: \$19.99

D: Will there be a discount?

J: Do not know about a discount. I will look into it. Looking at plans for discount for distribution of boxes, pick up, self install, and technician install.

D: How do the disabled get one?

J: Most likely send out to them.

D: Do you have enough digital converter boxes to go around?

J: Inventory large enough for basic subscribers. Assume an adequate inventory.

D: Do you know how many digital subscribers you have in Meridian Township?

J: No.

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Ryan: Not a lot clearly defined in PA 480. Send inquiry to MPSC secretary on what to file and how to file. Ask the Executive Secretary office at 241-6160.

R: Section 4 uses Network, does not define network. Are the packages all encompassed in the network? For communities who pay a PEG fee but do not have access, seems there is a potential legal problem- a class action lawsuit under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act may have a potential role in it.

R: Just receiving PEG service is \$1.99 service after one year of free service communities will go to the Attorney General office under the consumer protection act. It is up to the community to file a complaint to the MPSC if the industry is making the change, the Commission would step in. File complaint under section 14 of the act.

R: Expired agreements should contact the Commission. No formal complaint filed.

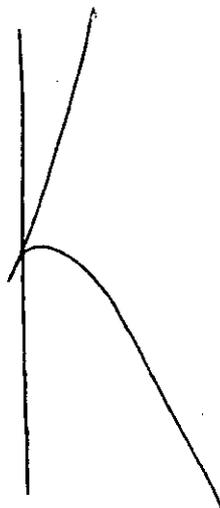
D: Is there a legitimate argument to bring to the commission?

R: Have franchise looked at by an attorney.

D: What good is my existing franchise?

R: Take to township attorney and write up a complaint. That is being looked at.

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Re: Notice and Opportunity to Cure Non-Compliance

Dear Mr. Gardner and Mr. Otero

I am writing you on behalf of the Meridian Charter Township. Comcast has announced that it intends to deliver PEG channels, but not other channels on the basic service tier, in a digital format and at the new and unfamiliar 900 channel level. One of the several effects in addition to that previously discussed in prior correspondence between the Township and Mr. Gardner, as well as in Mr. Otero's correspondence with MiNATOA, specifically incorporated here, is that subscribers who now do not need a converter box to receive PEG signals or broadcast signals will need to obtain one. This will have several negative impacts:

First, in order to watch the PEG channels, the subscribers will need to lease or buy a converter and possibly a remote for every television. While Comcast has offered to provide a converter for one television set free for one year, subscribers with more than one set will have to pay more in order to see the basic service PEG channels for which they are already paying. And of course, after one year, converter boxes will be required for every set. This is a substantial rate increase.

Second, schools that now use the cable system to deliver educational programming into individual classrooms will either have to cease using the system, or pay to place converter boxes in every classroom where the school wishes to have educational programming available. This will place a substantial new burden on schools, and means that a critical benefit of PEG service will be lost.

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