

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMCAST OF DELMARVA, INC. FOR A )  
CHANGE TO ITS BASIC SERVICE TIER )  
("BST") CABLE TELEVISION RATES AND )  
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND ) PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1457  
INSTALLATION CHARGES IN THE )  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SUSSEX )  
COUNTY - CUID # DE0079 )  
(FILED OCTOBER 1, 2015) )

**ORDER NO. 8825**

**AND NOW**, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

**WHEREAS**, Comcast of Delmarva, Inc. ("Comcast") holds a franchise granted by the Commission to operate a cable television system in certain unincorporated areas of the southeast portion of Sussex County, Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§76.910 and 76.933(g), the Commission is authorized to approve the calculation of the maximum permitted rates that Comcast may charge its subscribers for its basic service tier ("BST") cable and related equipment rentals and installation services by applying the rate regulation rules and methodologies adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2015, Comcast filed an application ("Application") seeking adjustments to its maximum permitted BST monthly cable rate, as well its equipment and installation

charges for the period January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016, for the areas served by the head-end system within Community Identifier Unit Number DE0079; and

**WHEREAS,** the Application includes FCC Form 1240, which lists adjustments to the maximum permitted BST monthly cable rate, and FCC Form 1205, which lists changes to Comcast's maximum permitted rates for its equipment and installation charges during the same period; and

**WHEREAS,** at the direction of the Commission Staff ("Staff"), Comcast published a notice of the proposed changes to its regulated rates in the Delaware State News and The News Journal newspapers on November 6, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** no comments have been filed in response to such legal notices; and

**WHEREAS,** based on the evidence presented, Staff determined that Comcast's maximum permitted rates, as they appear on its FCC Forms 1240 and 1205, have been calculated in accordance with the regulations of the FCC and, hence, recommended that such maximum permitted rates should be approved for BST cable services, installation services, and equipment rentals effective on and after January 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission has reviewed the record regarding the Application in this case and has deliberated in public at its duly-noticed evidentiary hearing held on December 3, 2015;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE  
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. The Commission hereby approves the maximum permitted

rates for BST cable and related equipment rentals and installation services as set forth below for services offered by Comcast in the areas within Community Identifier Unit Number DE0079, with such maximum permitted rates to be effective for services on and after January 1, 2016.

**Basic Service Tier Rates**

CURRENT MONTHLY MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE	CURRENT OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE	PROPOSED MAXIMUM MONTHLY PERMITTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED MONTHLY RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)
\$43.59*	\$18.79*	\$49.58*	\$49.58*

\* All of the rates listed above include a monthly FCC regulatory fee of \$0.09 and a Broadcast TV fee.

**Maximum Permitted Rates for Equipment and Installation Per FCC Form 1205**

	PROPOSED MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)
Hourly service charge	\$35.35	\$35.35
Install unwired home	\$39.52	\$39.52
Install pre-wired home	\$30.34	\$30.34
Install A/O initial	\$14.22	\$14.22
Install A/O separate	\$33.22	\$33.22
Other Install-Relocate outlet initial	\$14.26	\$14.26
Other Install-Relocate outlet separate	\$32.68	\$32.68

	PROPOSED MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2016)
Other Install-Upgrade (non-addressable)	\$29.48	\$29.48
Other Install-Downgrade (non-addressable)	\$12.47	\$12.47
Other Install-Upgrade/downgrade service (addressable)	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.99
Connect VCR-Connect Initial	\$ 8.21	\$ 8.21
Connect VCR-Connect Separate	\$19.63	\$19.63
Customer Trouble Call	\$37.18	\$37.18
Activate Pre-Existing A/O initial	\$5.79	\$5.79
Activate Pre-Existing A/O separate	\$24.64	\$24.64
Remote Control	\$0.22	\$0.22
Converter Box (Basic Service Only)	\$2.03	\$2.03
Converter Box (All Others Excluding Basic Only and DTA)	\$3.56	\$3.56
Converter Box (DTA)	\$1.62	\$1.62
CableCARD	\$0.83	\$0.83

2. The Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

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Chair

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Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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Secretary