

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMCAST OF EASTERN SHORE, LLC FOR A )  
CHANGE TO ITS BASIC SERVICE TIER )  
("BST") CABLE TELEVISION RATES AND )  
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND ) PSC DOCKET NO. 14-0431  
INSTALLATION CHARGES IN THE )  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SUSSEX )  
COUNTY - CUID # DE0023 )  
(FILED OCTOBER 1, 2014) )

**ORDER NO. 8683**

**AND NOW**, this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2014, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

**WHEREAS**, Comcast of Eastern Shore, LLC ("Comcast") holds a franchise granted by the Commission to operate a cable television system in certain 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, 2014, Comcast filed an application ("Application") seeking adjustments to its maximum permitted BST monthly rate, as well its equipment and installation charges for the period January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015, for the areas

served within Community Identifier Unit Number DE0023; and

**WHEREAS,** the Application includes FCC Form 1240, which lists adjustments to the maximum permitted BST cable monthly 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 adjustments to its regulated rates in the Delaware State News and The News Journal newspapers on November 7, 2014 and November 6, 2014 respectively; and

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

**WHEREAS,** on December 4, 2014, the Commission conducted a public hearing on the Application; and

**WHEREAS,** based on the evidence presented, the Commission Staff determined that Comcast's maximum permitted rate, as they appear on its FCC Forms 1240 and 1205, have been calculated in accordance with the regulations of the FCC and, hence, recommends that such maximum permitted rates should be approved for services, installation services and equipment rentals on and after January 1, 2015;

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

1. That 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 DE0023, with such maximum permitted rates to be effective for services on and after January 1, 2015.

**Basic Service Tier Rates**

CURRENT MONTHLY MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE	CURRENT OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED MONTHLY RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2015)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM MONTHLY PERMITTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2015)
\$22.68	\$21.04*	\$25.54*	\$25.54

\* All of the proposed Operator-Selected Basic Service Tier rates 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, 2015)	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2015)
Hourly service charge	\$36.30	\$36.30
Install unwired home	\$45.75	\$45.75
Install pre-wired home	\$33.00	\$33.00
Install A/O initial	\$14.45	\$14.45
Install A/O separate	\$33.22	\$33.22
Other Install-Relocate outlet initial	\$14.53	\$14.53
Other Install-Relocate outlet separate	\$30.33	\$30.33
Other Install-Upgrade (non addressable)	\$28.48	\$28.48
Other Install-Downgrade (non-addressable)	\$12.41	\$12.41

	PROPOSED MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2015)	PROPOSED OPERATOR-SELECTED RATE (effective on and after January 1, 2015)
Other Install-Upgrade/downgrade service (addressable)	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.99
Connect VCR-Connect Initial	\$ 7.75	\$ 7.75
Connect VCR-Connect Separate	\$19.00	\$19.00
Customer Trouble Call	\$37.06	\$37.06
Activate Pre-Existing A/O initial	\$ 6.12	\$ 6.12
Activate Pre-Existing A/O separate	\$22.99	\$22.99
Remote Control	\$0.19	\$0.19
Converter Box (Basic Service Only-Non HD)	\$2.32	\$2.32
Converter Box (Basic Service Only-HD)	\$2.32	\$2.32
Converter Box (All Others Excluding Basic Only and DTA)	\$3.47	\$3.47
Converter Box (DTA)	\$1.67	\$1.67
CableCARD	\$1.00	\$1.00

2. That 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:**

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Chair

/s/ Harold B. Gray  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley  
Secretary