## STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **APPLICATION FOR A CABLE TELEVISION CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD (CPG)**

Applicants for an initial Certificate of Public Good to provide cable television services must complete and file the application form. **Failure to complete the application form and submit all necessary documents may result in delay and/or denial.** If the filer of the application form is not an officer of the Applicant, a written document executed by a corporate officer authorizing the filer to act as an agent of the Applicant must be included as an attachment to the application form.

Note that an Applicant must submit with the completed application form a list of the persons to whom he/she will mail a copy of the petition, with or without supporting documents.

Please contact the Public Utility Commission at 802-828-2358 if you have any questions regarding this application form.

Note: You may fill out and file this form online in the Public Utility Commission's electronic document management system, known as ePUC, which is accessible at <a href="http://epuc.vermont.gov">http://epuc.vermont.gov</a>. If you do so, ePUC will provide notice of, and access to, this application to the Vermont Department of Public Service. More information about using ePUC is available at <a href="http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information">http://epuc.vermont.gov/epuc-information</a>. If you choose to file this application with the Public Utility Commission in paper form, you must mail a copy of this application, along with all supporting documents, to the Vermont Department of Public Service at 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2601.

Type of Application	<ul> <li>Initial Cable TV CPG for Applicant</li> <li>Initial CPG for Additional Town(s)</li> </ul>
Application for the following Vermont towns:	
Company's name, as registered with the Vermont Secretary of State	

All other names under	
which Applicant will	
conduct business in	
Vermont (a copy of each	
Tradename Certificate	
from the Vermont	
Secretary of State must	
be filed with the	
registration form)	
Applicant's principal	
business address, and	
telephone number	
Name, address, telephone	
number, and email	
address of contact person	
for this form	
Name, address, telephone	
number, and email	
address of person to	
receive annual report	
forms	
Name, address, telephone	
number, and email	
address of Applicant's	
customer service contact	
Name, address, telephone	
number, and email	
address of Applicant's	
regulatory matters	
contact	

## **Additional Required Documents**

The following documents must be filed with this application form:

- List of entities to whom the Applicant will mail a copy of this application
- Vermont Secretary of State Certificate of Authority (required unless the Applicant is a new corporation)
- List of the names of the owners or incorporators of the Applicant
- Town road map(s) showing general location of area of initial build (if this application is for construction of a new cable television system)

- Statement indicating how the Applicant will comply with (a) the criteria known as the EMCO criteria, and (b) the criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 504. The criteria known as the EMCO criteria are:
  - 1. financial soundness and stability, both of the Applicant generally and the particular proposal (this should include an eleven-year pro-forma Balance Sheet and Income Statement as well as a statement regarding the proposed financing for the company);
  - 2. the present proposed service offerings to customers, including the number of channels and the ability and capacity of the system to offer additional varied services in the future, and the ability to provide public access;
  - 3. the commitment to a construction and in-service schedule;
  - 4. the experience and ability of the applicant to run and manage a cable television system;
  - 5. the rates proposed to be charged to customers;
  - 6. consumer policies, particularly re: complaints and problems;
  - 7. availability of service to maximum number of residences;
  - 8. the quality of the engineering and materials used in the system; and
  - 9. logical fit with neighboring systems.

The criteria of 30 V.S.A. & 504 are:

- 1. designation of adequate channel capacity and appropriate facilities for public, educational, or governmental use;
- 2. adequate and technically sound facilities and equipment, and signal quality;
- 3. a reasonably broad range of public, educational and governmental programming;
- 4. the prohibition of discrimination among customers of basic service;
- 5. basic service in a competitive market, and if a competitive market does not exist, that the system provides basic service at reasonable rates determined in accordance with section 218 of this title;
- 6. a reasonable quality of service for basic, premium or otherwise, having regard to available technology, subscriber interest, and cost;
- 7. construction, including installation, which conforms to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and the National Electrical Safety Code;
- 8. a competent staff sufficient to provide adequate and prompt service and to respond quickly and comprehensively to customer and Department of Public Service complaints and problems;
- 9. unless waived by the Public Utility Commission, an office that shall be open during usual business hours, and have a listed toll-free telephone so that complaints and requests for repairs or adjustments may be received; and
- 10. reasonable rules and policies for line extensions, disconnections, customer deposits and billing practices.

## Declaration

The undersigned declares, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that:

- 1. Having exercised due diligence and made reasonable inquiry, the information I have provided on the application and any attachments thereto is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief;
- 2. The Applicant agrees to comply with Vermont statutes and Vermont Public Utility Commission rules including both Rule 3.400 (concerning disconnections) and Rule 8.000 (concerning cable television system operators), and orders regarding cable operators and the provision of cable services as they may be promulgated and amended from time to time;
- 3. The Applicant attests that it has the financial and managerial ability to provide cable television services in Vermont; and
- 4. I am:
  - a. A corporate officer of the Applicant; or
  - b. A duly authorized agent of the Applicant acting pursuant to an applicable written authorization executed by a corporate officer of the Applicant.

Filer Name

Date Signed

**Note:** Mail a copy of this application, **along with** all supporting documents, to the Vermont Department of Public Service and the clerk of each municipality adjacent to the proposed service area; mail a copy of the application **without** the supporting documentation to the superintendent of any school system in the proposed service area and the clerk of each municipality adjacent to the proposed service area.