Introduced April 10, 2007, by Councilman Kingston, seconded by Councilman Canada

RESOLUTION R07-11

A resolution by the City of Slidell demonstrating its desire to encourage and promote competition by cable television companies within its municipal limits of Slidell.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell ("City") desires to encourage and promote competition within its municipal limits for cable services (as that term is presently commonly understood within the cable service industry) and other video programming ("Cable Services") for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, City desires to promote nonexclusive opportunities for Cable Service providers to operate within its municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, City desires to provide nondiscriminatory franchise agreement opportunities for all providers of Cable Services within its municipal limits; and WHEREAS, City desires to cooperate with the Louisiana Municipal Association and other municipalities within the State of Louisiana in order to meet the foregoing goals throughout the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council did meet in open and regular session in order to consider this Resolution and to hereby state the intent of the City of Slidell regarding franchise agreements for Cable Services and the encouragement of access to and competition among Cable Service providers with its municipal limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any Cable Service provider desire to provide Cable Services within the municipal limits of the City, City does hereby agree to enter into a cable franchise agreement substantially similar to that agreement attached hereto and made apart hereof as Exhibit A (the "Cable Franchise Agreement").

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any non-incumbent provider of Cable Services agree to and execute the Cable Franchise Agreement, City does hereby agree to enter into a substantially similar Cable Franchise Agreement with any incumbent provider of Cable Services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that City shall henceforth not enter into any franchise agreement for Cable Services other than agreements substantially similar to the Cable Franchise Agreement.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2007.

Vice President of the Council

Councilman, District E

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Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator