Introduced September 10, 1985 by Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Callahan

Item No. 85-9-899

ORDINANCE NO. 1884

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1005, St. Tammany Cablevision, Inc./LaFourche Communications, Inc. Franchise.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that Ordinance No. 1005 of July, 1976, an ordinance granting Slidell Cablevision, Inc. a Franchise for Operating a Community Television Antenna Service, is amended as follows:

Substitute for the name Slidell Cablevision, Inc. each place it appears in Ordinance No. 1005 the names St. Tammany Cablevision, Inc./LaFourche Communications, Inc.

Section VII: of Ordinance No. 1005 is repealed and reordained as follows:

SECTION VII:

Any rights, permits, privileges or franchise granted shall be in effect until July 1, 2000.

Section XVI: of Ordinance No. 1005 is repealed and reordained as follows:

SECTION XVI:

Grantee shall have a local office within the corporate limits of the City of Slidell, Louisiana, with a local telephone number to receive subscriber complaints twenty-four (24) hours per day.

Grantee shall resolve all complaints within forty-eight (48) hours unless natural disaster, lack of cooperation by the complainant, or other disaster beyond the control of the grantee precludes such resolution. The City of Slidell hereby designates its City Council Administrator to be the official with primary responsibility for administration of this section of this ordinance and the implementation of grantee's complaint procedures. Grantee shall provide notice of its procedures for reporting and resolving complaints to each subscriber in writing at the time of initial subscription to the cable system.

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The following section is hereby added to Ordinance No. 1005: SECTION XVIII:

The monthly basic service rate for single outlet installations is fixed at ten and no/100 (\$10.00) dollars. Any increase in this rate will require City Council approval and shall be based upon a comparison of basic rates in similar cities in the State of Louisiana as well as the rate of return of other franchises in the State of Louisiana operated by Wometco Communications. The rate regulation authority granted by this ordinance will terminate at midnight on December 31, 1986. After this date no rate increase shall be implemented without advising, at least thirty (30) days prior to its effective date, the City Council of the City of Slidell of the amount of the increase, the justification thereof, and the effective date thereof.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance the grantee shall be entitled to increase the monthly basic service charge by an amount equal to the increase in the grantee's costs for programming, copyright and other costs outside the control of grantee. Such increase shall be limited to the actual amount of the cost increase to grantee, shall not contain any margin of profit and will not be implemented without advising, at least thirty (30) days prior to its effective date, the City Council of the City of Slidell of the amount of the increase, the justification thereof, and the effective date thereof.

In the event that federal rules, regulations or laws now in effect are changed to permit municipal regulation of community television antenna service rates or service charges, this ordinance will not abrogate such rate regulation authority.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Slidell City Charter and upon written acceptance from St. Tammany Cablevision, Inc./LaFourche Communications, Inc.

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ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 1985.

Richard B. Van Sandt Councilman, District C President of the Council

and B. Van Sandt

Salvatore A. Caruso

Mayor

Barbara Marteris Penton Clerk of the Council

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