

1 Introduced January 12, 1999, by Councilman
2 Binder, seconded by Council Members Cerny
3 and Williams
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6 **RESOLUTION R99-01**
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9 A resolution of agreement between the City of Slidell and RMedia for Cable
10 TV rates, credits due to Slidell consumers, and changes to the methodology for calculating
11 franchise fees.
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13 WHEREAS, the City of Slidell employed Rebowe & Co., a CPA firm to audit
14 and report on compliance with franchise agreements issued by the City of Slidell; and

15 WHEREAS, said audit recommended changes in the methodology of
16 calculating certain fees due the City of Slidell and related matters; and

17 WHEREAS, RMedia had communicated its good-faith belief that the
18 recalculation of those certain fees based on previous rulings of the Federal
19 Communications Commission could result in an unwanted increase in the cost of cable
20 television to subscribers in the City of Slidell; and

21 WHEREAS, certain members of the Slidell City Council met with
22 representatives of RMedia to review the subject matter identified in the CPA's audit report;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, as a result, RMedia has offered to take the following voluntary
25 action:

- 26 1. Refund Cable TV subscribers twenty four cents (24¢) per month for the
27 previous twelve (12) months by placing a credit on consumer bills within
28 ninety (90) days.
- 29 2. Withdraw its appeal with the Federal Communications Commission for
30 reconsideration of a higher rate structure.
- 31 3. Change its methodology for calculating franchise fees due the City of Slidell.
- 32 4. Use the new methodology for calculating franchise fees due the City of
33 Slidell effective July 1, 1998.
- 34 5. RMedia will forego any rate adjustment fee pass through to Slidell
35 subscribers for methodology differences in franchise fee calculations.
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5 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Slidell City Council that it does
6 hereby acknowledge and recognize RMedia for being a good corporate citizen of the City
7 of Slidell by offering to voluntarily settle differences with the City of Slidell for Cable TV
8 rates, franchise fee calculation methods, rate refund to consumers, and related matters.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Slidell City Council does hereby
10 accept the agreement offered by RMedia identified herein.

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12 **ADOPTED** this 12th day of January, 1999.

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16 Lionel J. Washington
17 President of the Council
18 Councilman, District A

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23 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council
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