

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION
NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION OF VERIZON WASHINGTON, DC
INCORPORATED FOR A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 34-1254.03 (2006 Supp.), the Office of Cable Television (OCT) hereby gives notice that Verizon Washington, DC Inc. (Verizon) submitted, on August 29, 2007, a revised application (Application) for an initial cable television franchise that would grant to it the regulated authority to provide cable television services in the District of Columbia. On September 26, 2007, OCT certified Verizon's Application as complete, as that term is contemplated by the applicable statutes.

Verizon's Application contains the following information:

- (1) The names and addresses of persons authorized to act on behalf of Verizon with regard to the application;
- (2) The name and address of Verizon and identification of the ownership and control of Verizon, including the names and addresses of all persons with more than 5% (non-voting or voting) ownership interest in Verizon and its affiliates, all officers and directors of Verizon and its affiliates, general partners or managing members as applicable, and all other business affiliations and cable system ownership interests of each such person;
- (3) An executive summary demonstrating Verizon's technical ability to construct and operate a state-of-the-art cable system, including identification of key personnel;
- (4) A description of Verizon's legal qualifications to construct and operate the proposed cable system;
- (5) A detailed description of the physical facility proposed, including channel capacity, technical design, performance characteristics, headend, and access facilities;
- (6) A demonstration of financial qualifications to complete the construction and operation of the proposed cable system;
- (7) A description of prior experience in cable ownership, construction, and operation, and identification of the communities in which Verizon or any of its principals, including persons named pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, have, or have had, a cable franchise or any interest therein;
- (8) A description of the construction of the proposed system, including an estimate of plant mileage and its location, the proposed construction schedule and map, and a description, where appropriate, of how services will be converted from existing facilities to new facilities;

(9) A demonstration of how Verizon will meet the cable-related needs and interests of District residents, including public, educational, and government access channel capacity and facilities and financial or capital contribution to an institutional network;

(10) An affidavit by the President of Verizon certifying the truth and accuracy of the information in the application and certifying that Verizon is in compliance with all the requirements of federal and District law;

(11) For informational purposes, the proposed rate structure, including projected charges for each service tier, installation, converters, and other equipment or services, and the ownership interest of Verizon or any of its affiliates in any proposed program services to be delivered over the cable system

D.C. Official Code Sections 34-1254.02 (2006 Supp.) through 34-1254.06 (2006 Supp.) establish the following process for awarding a new cable television franchise in the District: (1) an application is filed with the Office of Cable Television (OCT) and that application is reviewed by OCT to ensure compliance with the above-referenced statutes; (2) OCT next determines whether the applicant has the ability, willingness and commitment to construct, operate and maintain a state-of-the-art cable system in the best interest of the District and its residents (in addition to all of the other requisites set forth in D.C. Official Code § 34-1254.03 (2006 Supp.)); (3) after OCT has determined that the applicant has met all of the above-referenced requisites imposed on it by D.C. Official Code § 34-1254.03 (2006 Supp.), it will commence negotiations with the applicant for the purpose of reaching a proposed franchise agreement; and (4) if OCT and the applicant reach a proposed franchise agreement, the City Council and the Mayor will determine whether they will accept OCT's recommendation to approve the application and adopt the parties' proposed franchise agreement.

In making its determination regarding Verizon's satisfaction of the requisites imposed upon it by D.C. Official Code § 34-1254.03 (2006 Supp.), OCT will accept written testimony and other written materials relevant to the application or its determination. All written testimony regarding this applicant and its application should be submitted to: J. Carl Wilson, General Counsel, Office of Cable Television, 3007 Tilden Street, NW, Pod P, Washington, DC 20008. Written testimony may also be forwarded to OCT in electronic form to: comments.OCT@dc.gov. Written testimony that is sent to OCT via regular U.S. Mail must be postmarked on or before December 27, 2007. Testimony that is forwarded to OCT via electronic mail must be sent by or before December 27, 2007.