City of Louisville ATTN: Mayor Geraldine Anderson P.O. Box 215 Louisville, Tennessee 37777

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Anderson:

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Lisa Cooper

TRA Programs Manager

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City of Morristown ATTN: Mayor Barbara Barlie 100 West 1st North Street P.O. Box 1499 Morristown, Tennessee 37816

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Barlie:

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City of Oak Ridge ATTN: Mayor Thomas Beehan P.O. Box 1 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Beehan:

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City of Tullahoma ATTN: Mayor Troy Bisby 201 West Grundy P.O. Box 807 Tullahoma, Tennessee 37388

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Dear Mayor Bisby:

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City of Murfreesboro ATTN: Mayor Tommy Bragg 111 West Vine Street P.O. Box 1139 Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37133

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City of Springfield ATTN: Mayor Bill Carneal 405 North Main P.O. Box 788 Springfield, Tennessee 37172

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Carneal:

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Further, § 15(b)(1) of the CCVSA requires the TRA upon receipt of an application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority to notify all municipalities or counties identified as part of the applicant's service area to obtain certain information related to PEG access channels. The TRA is required to "compile and keep current the information it receives from municipalities, counties, or local

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City of Shelbyville ATTN: Mayor Wallace Cartwright 201 North Spring Street P.O. Box 185 Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Collierville ATTN: Mayor Whitney Chambers P.O. Box 328 Collierville, Tennessee 38027

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Chambers:

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City of Nashville ATTN: Mayor Karl Dean Metro City Hall 225 Polk Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37203

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Dean:

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City of White House ATTN: Mayor John Decker 105 College Street White House, Tennessee 37188

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Decker:

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City of Lawrenceburg ATTN: Mayor Keith Durham 233 West Gaines NBU #4 Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Durham:

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City of Hendersonville ATTN: Mayor Scott Foster 101 Maple Drive North Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075

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City of Lebanon ATTN: Mayor Don Fox 200 Castle Heights Avenue Suite 100 Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

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Dear Mayor Fox:

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City of Rossville ATTN: Mayor James Gaither 360 Morrison Road P.O. Box 27 Rossville, Tennessee 38066

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Gaither:

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City of Goodlettsville ATTN: Mayor Jerry Garrett 105 South Main Street Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Columbia ATTN: Mayor William Gentner 707 North Main Street Columbia, Tennessee 38401

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Red Bank ATTN: Mayor Joe Glasscock 3117 Dayton Boulevard P.O. Box 15069 Red Bank, Tennessee 37415

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Dear Mayor Glasscock:

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City of Germantown ATTN: Mayor Sharron Goldsworthy 1930 Germantown Road South P.O. Box 38809 Germantown, Tennessee 38809

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City of Covington ATTN: Mayor David Gordon 200 West Washington Avenue P.O. Box 768 Covington, Tennessee 38019

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City of Winchester ATTN: Mayor Terry Harrell 7 South High Street Winchester, Tennessee 37398

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City of Knoxville ATTN: Mayor Bill Haslam 400 Main Street P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Haslam:

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City of White Bluff ATTN: Mayor Linda Hayes 1020 Taylor Town Road P.O. Box 300 White Bluff, Tennessee 37187

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Dear Mayor Hayes:

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City of Memphis ATTN: Mayor Willie Herenton 125 North Main Street Suite 700 Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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City of Dyersburg ATTN: Mayor John Holden 425 West Court Street P.O. Box 1358 Dyersburg, Tennessee 38025

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Holden:

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City of Ridgetop ATTN: Mayor Mark Johnson P.O. Box 650 Ridgetop, Tennessee 37152

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City of Collierville ATTN: Mayor Linda Kerley 500 Poplar View Parkway Collierville, Tennessee 38017

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Spring Hill ATTN: Mayor Danny Leverette 199 Town Center Parkway P.O. Box 789 Spring Hill, Tennessee 37174

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City of Chattanooga ATTN: Mayor Ron Littlefield City Hall 100 East 11th Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

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City of Pleasant View ATTN: Mayor Kerry McCarver 1008 Civic Court P.O. Box 127 Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor McCarver:

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City of Bartlett ATTN: Mayor Keith McDonald 6400 Stage Road Bartlett, Tennessee 38134

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City of Williston ATTN: Mayor Audrey McQueen Highway 193

P.O. Box 131

Williston, Tennessee 38076

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor McQueen:

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City of Somerville ATTN: Mayor Robert Morris 13085 North Main P.O. Box 909 Somerville, Tennessee 38068

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Alcoa ATTN: Mayor Donald Mull 223 Associates Boulevard Alcoa, Tennessee 37701

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City of Oakland ATTN: Mayor William Mullins P.O. Box 56 Oakland, Tennessee 38060

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City of Ripley ATTN: Mayor Jon Pavletic 110 South Washington Street Ripley, Tennessee 38063

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City of Lewisburg ATTN: Mayor Robert Phillips 131 East Church Street P.O. Box 1968 Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091

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City of Clarksville ATTN: Mayor Johnny Piper One Public Square Clarksville, Tennessee 37040

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Piper:

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City of Soddy-Daisy ATTN: Mayor Bob Privett 9835 Dayton Pike Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee 37379

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City of Brentwood ATTN: Mayor Joe Reagan 5211 Maryland Way P.O. Box 788 Brentwood, Tennessee 37024

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Cleveland ATTN: Mayor Tom Rowland 190 Church P.O. Box 1519 Cleveland, Tennessee 37364

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City of Rockford ATTN: Mayor Steve Simon P.O. Box 32 Rockford, Tennessee 37853

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City of Smyrna ATTN: Mayor Bob Spivey 315 South Lowry Smyrna, Tennessee 37167

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City of East Ridge ATTN: Mayor Mike Steele 1517 Tombras Avenue East Ridge, Tennessee 37412

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Steele:

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City of Manchester ATTN: Mayor Betty Superstein 707 Woodbury Highway Manchester, Tennessee 37355

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Dear Mayor Superstein:

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City of Maryville ATTN: Mayor Joe Swann 404 West Broadway Avenue Maryville, Tennessee 37801

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Paris ATTN: Mayor David Travis 100 North Caldwell P.O. Box 970 Paris, Tennessee 38242

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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City of Dickson ATTN: Mayor Don Weiss Dickson City Hall 202 South Main Street Dickson, Tennessee 37055

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Montgomery County ATTN: County Mayor Carolyn Bowers P.O. Box 368 Clarksville, Tennessee 37041

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Robertson County ATTN: County Mayor Howard Bradley Robertson County Court House Room 108 Springfield, Tennessee 37172

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Rutherford County ATTN: County Mayor Ernest Burgess Rutherford County Court House Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

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Bradley County ATTN: County Mayor Gary Davis Bradley County Court House P.O. Box 1167 Bradley, Tennessee 37364

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Davidson County ATTN: Mayor Karl Dean Metro City Hall 225 Polk Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37203

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Dean:

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Hickman County ATTN: County Mayor Steve Gregory Hickman Court House Number 5 Public Square Centerville, Tennessee 37033

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Coffee County ATTN: County Mayor David Pennington CCAP Building Suite 1 1329 McArthur Street Manchester, Tennessee 37355

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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Hamblen County ATTN: County Mayor David Purkey Hamblen County Court House 511 West 2nd North Street Morristown, Tennessee 37814

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Knox County ATTN: County Mayor Mike Ragsdale City-County Building Suite 615 400 Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

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Hamilton County ATTN: County Mayor Claude Ramsey Hamilton County Court House Room 208 201 7th Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

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Lawrence County Court House
240 West Gaines Street
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

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Lauderdale County ATTN: County Mayor Rod Shuh 100 Court Square

Ripley, Tennessee 38063

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Franklin County ATTN: County Mayor Richard Stewart Franklin County Court House 1 South Jefferson Street Winchester, Tennessee 37398

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TRA Programs Manager

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Dickson County ATTN: County Mayor Robert Stone Dickson County Court House P.O. Box 267 Charlotte, Tennessee 37036

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Stone:

On July 1, 2008, Public Chapter 932, also known as the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (the "CCVSA"), which was enacted by the 105th Tennessee General Assembly became effective. Pursuant thereto, on July 1, 2008, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Department") received an application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority to provide cable or video service in your municipality or unincorporated area from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T").

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A county or municipality shall, within ten (10) days following receipt of an application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority from a cable or video service provider seeking approval to provide cable or video service to the county or municipality, provide notice to the [TRA] regarding the number of [PEG] access channels. . . that have been activated and are authorized to be activated and the amount of any fee or other payment for PEG support required under the terms of the franchise agreement with the incumbent cable service provider with the most subscribers in the municipality or county on January 1, 2008, whether or not such agreement had expired. . ."²

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Fayette County ATTN: County Mayor Skip Taylor 13095 North Main Street P.O. Box 218 Somerville, Tennessee 38068

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Taylor:

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Further, § 15(b)(1) of the CCVSA requires the TRA upon receipt of an application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority to notify all municipalities or counties identified as part of the applicant's service area to obtain certain information related to PEG access channels. The TRA is required to "compile and keep current the information it receives from municipalities, counties, or local

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TRA Programs Manager

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Sumner County ATTN: County Executive Hank Thompson 355 North Belevedere Drive Gallatin, Tennessee 37066

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Sevier County ATTN: County Mayor Larry Waters Sevier County Court House Suite 201 E 125 Court Avenue Sevierville, Tennessee 37862

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

Dear Mayor Waters:

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Shelby County ATTN: County Mayor A.C. Wharton 160 North Main Street Suite 850 Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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