

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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February 6, 2009

Morgan County  
ATTN: County Mayor Becky Ruppe  
P.O. Box 387  
Wartburg, TN 37887

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

Dear Mayor Ruppe:

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Lisa Cooper  
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February 6, 2009

City of Wartburg  
ATTN: Mayor Joey Williams  
P.O. Box 386  
Wartburg, TN 37887-0386

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City of Wartburg

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February 6, 2009

City of Sunbright  
ATTN: Mayor Dennis Reagan  
P.O. Box 188  
Sunbright, TN 37872

RE: **NOTICE** of TRA Receipt of Application for Certificate of Franchise Authority  
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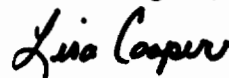
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February 6, 2009

City of Oakdale  
ATTN: Mayor Vic Jeffers  
P.O. Box 116  
Sunbright, TN 37829-0116

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Scott County  
ATTN: County Mayor Ricky A. Keeton  
P.O. Box 180  
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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 governments for the use of holders of state-issued certificates of franchise authority"<sup>3</sup> and the Tennessee General Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Tenn. Pub. Acts 932.

<sup>2</sup> CCVSA § 10(a).

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**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT,** according to the CCVSA, if a municipality or county fails to provide PEG information after being requested to do so by the TRA, a holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority shall not be held in violation or noncompliance with the requirements of § 10 of the CCVSA, as to any such municipality or county, until the TRA has received the information requested and the holder has been given adequate time to comply with such PEG provisions.<sup>4</sup> A notice in compliance with the requirements of § 10(a) of the CCVSA acts to trigger the franchise authority holder's obligation to make PEG access support payments,<sup>5</sup> starts the clock running on the deadline for designating PEG channels,<sup>6</sup> and initiates any other duties or obligations required of the state-issued franchise authority holder encompassed within § 10 of the CCVSA.

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Nashville, TN 37243**

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Sincerest Regards,



Lisa Cooper  
TRA Programs Manager

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# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

February 6, 2009

City of Huntsville  
ATTN: Mayor George Potter  
P.O. Box 150  
Huntsville, TN 37756

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

Dear Mayor Potter:

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www.state.tn.us/tra

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# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

February 6, 2009

City of Winfield  
ATTN: Mayor Kenny Burchfield  
P.O. Box 38  
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and **OFFICIAL REQUEST** for Information

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