



**TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**460 James Robertson Parkway**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505**

August 31, 2011

Rhea County  
ATTN: County Executive George Thacker  
375 Church Street  
Suite 215  
Dayton, TN 37321

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

Dear County Executive Thacker:

On August 30, 2011, Spring City Cable TV, Inc. ("Spring City CATV") applied with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Department") for a state-issued franchise to serve the First and Second Civil Districts of Rhea County including the municipality of Spring City<sup>1</sup>. Spring City CATV asserts that it already serves this area and wishes to convert its existing local franchise to a state cable franchise.<sup>2</sup> By this time, you should have already received notice from Spring City CATV of its intention to serve your area. This and other related filings may be found on the TRA's website at <http://www.tn.gov/tra/dockets/1100146.htm>. The Department is required to send this notice so that you may act to preserve your Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") channels and PEG access support payments under Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309.<sup>3</sup>

If the local franchise with Spring City CATV that existed as of July 1, 2008 required it to provide PEG channels or access payments, then you may be able to receive the same number of PEG channels and equivalent support payments from Spring City CATV under the state cable franchise.<sup>4</sup> However, in order to claim these benefits, you must provide the TRA with information about the PEG channels and support payments negotiated under the incumbent provider's franchise *within ten (10) days* from the date you received notice from Spring City CATV that it intended to provide cable or video service to your municipality, specifically:

- (1) The number of PEG channels that have been activated by the incumbent;
- (2) The number of PEG channels that are authorized to be activated under the incumbent franchise; and,
- (3) The amount of any fee or other payment for PEG access support required under the incumbent franchise.<sup>5</sup>

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to send the above information to:

**Tennessee Regulatory Authority**  
**ATTN: Docket Room (11-00146)**  
**460 James Robertson Parkway**  
**Nashville, TN 37243**

If you have already forwarded this information to the TRA upon receipt of the notice from the applicant or state-issued franchise service provider in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a), please disregard this request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (615) 741-2904 x207 or at the address listed above. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerest Regards.

Arnold Reed,  
Consultant, Policy & Economic Analysis Division

<sup>1</sup> A similar letter has been sent to Spring City.

<sup>2</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314.

<sup>3</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314(b)(1).

<sup>4</sup> This applies whether or not the local franchise agreement had expired on July 1, 2008 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a)(1)).

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Spring City  
ATTN: Mayor Mary Sue Garrison  
229 Front Street  
P.O. Box 369  
Spring City, TN 37381

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