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Mr. Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Complaint of Community Television of Knoxville and Community Television of  
Knox County /Docket Number: 12-00082

Dear Chairman Hill,

The Town of Smyrna is writing in support of the City of Knoxville and Knox County and the complaint filed against AT&T regarding signal transmission and the necessary equipment to transmit Public, Education and Government (PEG) Channels. The Town of Smyrna also utilizes PEG Channels on AT&T's U-verse system.

The Town of Smyrna is in agreement with the City of Knoxville and Knox County's interpretation of the Tennessee Competitive Cable and Video Services Act of 2008 (CCVSA) language related to PEG channel transmission and equipment requirements.

T.C.A. 7-59-309(f)(1)(B) states:

A holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority must transmit a PEG channel by one (1) of the following methods...(B) Transmission of the signal from each PEG channel programmer's local origination point, **at the holder's expense, such expense to include any equipment necessary** for the holder to transmit the signal from PEG channels activated as of July 1, 2008, if the origination point is in the holder's service area.

The CCVSA states in no uncertain terms that the holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority is responsible for providing the transmission and the equipment for carrying out that transmission. In this case, AT&T is responsible, at its expense, for providing the equipment to transmit the PEG channel(s) signal to the U-verse system. Functioning equipment is necessary to transmit the PEG channel(s) signal to the U-verse system, and per the CCVSA, it is AT&T's obligation to provide such.

Accordingly, The Town of Smyrna urges the TRA to find in favor of the Complainant in the matter referenced above, and requests that this letter be included in the record for this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Lanza". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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cc: Mayor Tony Dover  
Mark O'Neal, Town Manager