

1 AN ACT in relation to cable television.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 5-1095 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1095) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1095)

7 Sec. 5-1095. Community antenna television systems;
8 satellite transmitted television programming.

9 (a) The County Board may license, tax or franchise the
10 business of operating a community antenna television system
11 or systems within the County and outside of a municipality,
12 as defined in Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

13 When an area is annexed to a municipality, the annexing
14 municipality shall thereby become the franchising authority
15 with respect to that portion of any community antenna
16 television system that, immediately before annexation, had
17 provided cable television services within the annexed area
18 under a franchise granted by the county, and the owner of
19 that community antenna television system shall thereby be
20 authorized to provide cable television services within the
21 annexed area under the terms and provisions of the existing
22 franchise. In that instance, the franchise shall remain in
23 effect until, by its terms, it expires, except that any
24 franchise fees payable under the franchise shall be payable
25 only to the county for a period of 5 years or until, by its
26 terms, the franchise expires, whichever occurs first. After
27 the 5 year period, any franchise fees payable under the
28 franchise shall be paid to the annexing municipality. In any
29 instance in which a duly franchised community antenna
30 television system is providing cable television services
31 within the annexing municipality at the time of annexation,

1 the annexing municipality may permit that franchisee to
2 extend its community antenna television system to the annexed
3 area under terms and conditions that are no more burdensome
4 nor less favorable to that franchisee than those imposed
5 under any community antenna television franchise applicable
6 to the annexed area at the time of annexation. The
7 authorization to extend cable television service to the
8 annexed area and any community antenna television system
9 authorized to provide cable television services within the
10 annexed area at the time of annexation shall not be subject
11 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this Section.

12 (b) "Community antenna television system" as used in
13 this Section, means any facility which is constructed in
14 whole or in part in, on, under or over any highway or other
15 public place and which is operated to perform for hire the
16 service of receiving and amplifying the signals broadcast by
17 one or more television stations and redistributing such
18 signals by wire, cable or other means to members of the
19 public who subscribe to such service except that such term
20 does not include (i) any system which serves fewer than 50
21 subscribers or (ii) any system which serves only the
22 residents of one or more apartment dwellings under common
23 ownership, control or management, and commercial
24 establishments located on the premises of such dwellings.

25 (c) The authority hereby granted does not include the
26 authority to license or franchise telephone companies subject
27 to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission or
28 the Federal Communications Commission in connection with
29 furnishing circuits, wires, cables or other facilities to the
30 operator of a community antenna television system.

31 The County Board may, in the course of franchising such
32 community antenna television system, grant to such franchisee
33 the authority and the right and permission to use all public
34 streets, rights of way, alleys, ways for public service

1 facilities, parks, playgrounds, school grounds, or other
2 public grounds, in which such county may have an interest,
3 for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance,
4 alteration, addition, extension or improvement of a community
5 antenna television system.

6 Any charge imposed by a community antenna television
7 system franchised pursuant to this Section for the raising or
8 removal of cables or lines to permit passage on, to or from a
9 street shall not exceed the reasonable costs of work
10 reasonably necessary to safely permit such passage. Pursuant
11 to subsections (h) and (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
12 Constitution of the State of Illinois, the General Assembly
13 declares the regulation of charges which may be imposed by
14 community antenna television systems for the raising or
15 removal of cables or lines to permit passage on, to or from
16 streets is a power or function to be exercised exclusively by
17 the State and not to be exercised or performed concurrently
18 with the State by any unit of local government, including any
19 home rule unit.

20 The County Board may, upon written request by the
21 franchisee of a community antenna television system, exercise
22 its right of eminent domain solely for the purpose of
23 granting an easement right no greater than 8 feet in width,
24 extending no greater than 8 feet from any lot line for the
25 purpose of extending cable across any parcel of property in
26 the manner provided for by the law of eminent domain,
27 provided, however, such franchisee deposits with the county
28 sufficient security to pay all costs incurred by the county
29 in the exercise of its right of eminent domain.

30 Except as specifically provided otherwise in this
31 Section, this Section is not a limitation on any home rule
32 county.

33 (d) The General Assembly finds and declares that
34 satellite-transmitted television programming should be

1 available to those who desire to subscribe to such
2 programming and that decoding devices should be obtainable at
3 reasonable prices by those who are unable to obtain
4 satellite-transmitted television programming through duly
5 franchised community antenna television systems.

6 In any instance in which a person is unable to obtain
7 satellite-transmitted television programming through a duly
8 franchised community antenna television system either because
9 the municipality and county in which such person resides has
10 not granted a franchise to operate and maintain a community
11 antenna television system, or because the duly franchised
12 community antenna television system operator does not make
13 cable television services available to such person, any
14 programming company that delivers satellite-transmitted
15 television programming in scrambled or encrypted form shall
16 ensure that devices for decryption of such programming are
17 made available to such person, through the local community
18 antenna television operator or directly, for purchase or
19 lease at prices reasonably related to the cost of manufacture
20 and distribution of such devices.

21 (e) The General Assembly finds and declares that, in
22 order to ensure that community antenna television services
23 are provided in an orderly, competitive and economically
24 sound manner, the best interests of the public will be served
25 by the establishment of certain minimum standards and
26 procedures for the granting of additional cable television
27 franchises.

28 Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the
29 authority granted under subsection (a) hereof shall include
30 the authority to license, franchise and tax more than one
31 cable operator to provide community antenna television
32 services within the territorial limits of a single
33 franchising authority. For purposes of this subsection (e),
34 the term:

1 (i) "Existing cable television franchise" means a
2 community antenna television franchise granted by a
3 county which is in use at the time such county receives
4 an application or request by another cable operator for a
5 franchise to provide cable antenna television services
6 within all or any portion of the territorial area which
7 is or may be served under the existing cable television
8 franchise.

9 (ii) "Additional cable television franchise" means
10 a franchise pursuant to which community antenna
11 television services may be provided within the
12 territorial areas, or any portion thereof, which may be
13 served under an existing cable television franchise.

14 (iii) "Franchising Authority" is defined as that
15 term is defined under Section 602(9) of the Cable
16 Communications Policy Act of 1984, Public Law 98-549.

17 (iv) "Cable operator" is defined as that term is
18 defined under Section 602(4) of the Cable Communications
19 Policy Act of 1984, Public Law 98-549.

20 Before granting an additional cable television franchise,
21 the franchising authority shall:

22 (1) Give written notice to the owner or operator of
23 any other community antenna television system franchised
24 to serve all or any portion of the territorial area to be
25 served by such additional cable television franchise,
26 identifying the applicant for such additional franchise
27 and specifying the date, time and place at which the
28 franchising authority shall conduct public hearings to
29 consider and determine whether such additional cable
30 television franchise should be granted.

31 (2) Conduct a public hearing to determine the
32 public need for such additional cable television
33 franchise, the capacity of public rights-of-way to
34 accommodate such additional community antenna television

1 services, the potential disruption to existing users of
2 public rights-of-way to be used by such additional
3 franchise applicant to complete construction and to
4 provide cable television services within the proposed
5 franchise area, the long term economic impact of such
6 additional cable television system within the community,
7 and such other factors as the franchising authority shall
8 deem appropriate.

9 (3) Determine, based upon the foregoing factors,
10 whether it is in the best interest of the county to grant
11 such additional cable television franchise.

12 (4) If the franchising authority shall determine
13 that it is in the best interest of the county to do so,
14 it may grant the additional cable television franchise.
15 Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection
16 (e), no such additional cable television franchise shall
17 be granted under terms or conditions more favorable or
18 less burdensome to the applicant than those required
19 under the existing cable television franchise, including
20 but not limited to terms and conditions pertaining to the
21 territorial extent of the franchise, system design,
22 technical performance standards, construction schedules,
23 performance bonds, standards for construction and
24 installation of cable television facilities, service to
25 subscribers, public educational and governmental access
26 channels and programming, production assistance,
27 liability and indemnification, and franchise fees.

28 (5) Unless the existing cable television franchise
29 provides that any additional cable television franchise
30 shall be subject to the same terms or substantially
31 equivalent terms and conditions as those of the existing
32 cable television franchise, the franchising authority may
33 grant an additional cable television franchise under
34 different terms and conditions than those of the existing

1 franchise, in which event the franchising authority shall
2 enter into good faith negotiations with the existing
3 franchisee and shall, within 120 days after the effective
4 date of the additional cable television franchise, modify
5 the existing cable television franchise in a manner and
6 to the extent necessary to ensure that neither the
7 existing cable television franchise nor the additional
8 cable television franchise, each considered in its
9 entirety, provides a competitive advantage over the
10 other, provided that prior to modifying the existing
11 cable television franchise, the franchising authority
12 shall have conducted a public hearing to consider the
13 proposed modification. No modification in the terms and
14 conditions of the existing cable television franchise
15 shall oblige the existing cable television franchisee (1)
16 to make any additional payment to the franchising
17 authority, including the payment of any additional
18 franchise fee, (2) to engage in any additional
19 construction of the existing cable television system or,
20 (3) to modify the specifications or design of the
21 existing cable television system; and the inclusion of
22 the factors identified in items (2) and (3) shall not be
23 considered in determining whether either franchise
24 considered in its entirety, has a competitive advantage
25 over the other except to the extent that the additional
26 franchisee provides additional video or data services or
27 the equipment or facilities necessary to generate and or
28 carry such service. No modification in the terms and
29 conditions of the existing cable television franchise
30 shall be made if the existing cable television franchisee
31 elects to continue to operate under all terms and
32 conditions of the existing franchise.

33 If within the 120 day period the franchising
34 authority and the existing cable television franchisee

1 are unable to reach agreement on modifications to the
2 existing cable television franchise, then the franchising
3 authority shall modify the existing cable television
4 franchise, effective 45 days thereafter, in a manner, and
5 only to the extent, that the terms and conditions of the
6 existing cable television franchise shall no longer
7 impose any duty or obligation on the existing franchisee
8 which is not also imposed under the additional cable
9 television franchise; however, if by the modification the
10 existing cable television franchisee is relieved of
11 duties or obligations not imposed under the additional
12 cable television franchise, then within the same 45 days
13 and following a public hearing concerning modification of
14 the additional cable television franchise within that 45
15 day period, the franchising authority shall modify the
16 additional cable television franchise to the extent
17 necessary to insure that neither the existing cable
18 television franchise nor the additional cable television
19 franchise, each considered in its entirety, shall have a
20 competitive advantage over the other.

21 No county shall be subject to suit for damages based upon
22 the county's determination to grant or its refusal to grant
23 an additional cable television franchise, provided that a
24 public hearing as herein provided has been held and the
25 franchising authority has determined that it is in the best
26 interest of the county to grant or refuse to grant such
27 additional franchise, as the case may be.

28 It is declared to be the law of this State, pursuant to
29 paragraphs (h) and (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
30 Illinois Constitution, that the establishment of minimum
31 standards and procedures for the granting of additional cable
32 television franchises as provided in this subsection (e) is
33 an exclusive State power and function that may not be
34 exercised concurrently by a home rule unit.

1 (f) If the county has granted a franchise to a community
2 antenna television company under this Section, the community
3 antenna television company may not impose a rate increase
4 unless the company has given its customers not less than 60
5 day's notice of the increase. A community antenna television
6 company that has been granted a franchise under this Section
7 must maintain a toll-free telephone number in order to
8 respond to customer questions regarding the increase. The
9 telephone number must be provided to customers at the same
10 time as the notice of the rate increase.

11 (Source: P.A. 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-285, eff. 7-31-97.)

12 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
13 changing Section 11-42-11 as follows:

14 (65 ILCS 5/11-42-11) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-42-11)

15 Sec. 11-42-11. Community antenna television systems;
16 satellite transmitted television programming.

17 (a) The corporate authorities of each municipality may
18 license, franchise and tax the business of operating a
19 community antenna television system as hereinafter defined.
20 In municipalities with less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the
21 corporate authorities may, under the limited circumstances
22 set forth in this Section, own (or lease as lessee) and
23 operate a community antenna television system; provided that
24 a municipality may not acquire, construct, own, or operate a
25 community antenna television system for the use or benefit of
26 private consumers or users, and may not charge a fee for that
27 consumption or use, unless the proposition to acquire,
28 construct, own, or operate a cable antenna television system
29 has been submitted to and approved by the electors of the
30 municipality in accordance with subsection (f). Before
31 acquiring, constructing, or commencing operation of a
32 community antenna television system, the municipality shall

1 comply with the following:

2 (1) Give written notice to the owner or operator of
3 any other community antenna television system franchised
4 to serve all or any portion of the territorial area to be
5 served by the municipality's community antenna television
6 system, specifying the date, time, and place at which the
7 municipality shall conduct public hearings to consider
8 and determine whether the municipality should acquire,
9 construct, or commence operation of a community antenna
10 television system. The public hearings shall be
11 conducted at least 14 days after this notice is given.

12 (2) Publish a notice of the hearing in 2 or more
13 newspapers published in the county, city, village,
14 incorporated town, or town, as the case may be. If there
15 is no such newspaper, then notice shall be published in
16 any 2 or more newspapers published in the county and
17 having a general circulation throughout the community.
18 The public hearings shall be conducted at least 14 days
19 after this notice is given.

20 (3) Conduct a public hearing to determine the means
21 by which construction, maintenance, and operation of the
22 system will be financed, including whether the use of tax
23 revenues or other fees will be required.

24 (b) The words "community antenna television system"
25 shall mean any facility which is constructed in whole or in
26 part in, on, under or over any highway or other public place
27 and which is operated to perform for hire the service of
28 receiving and amplifying the signals broadcast by one or more
29 television stations and redistributing such signals by wire,
30 cable or other means to members of the public who subscribe
31 to such service; except that such definition shall not
32 include (i) any system which serves fewer than fifty
33 subscribers, or (ii) any system which serves only the
34 residents of one or more apartment dwellings under common

1 ownership, control or management, and commercial
2 establishments located on the premises of such dwellings.

3 (c) The authority hereby granted does not include
4 authority to license, franchise or tax telephone companies
5 subject to jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission
6 or the Federal Communications Commission in connection with
7 the furnishing of circuits, wires, cables, and other
8 facilities to the operator of a community antenna television
9 system.

10 The corporate authorities of each municipality may, in
11 the course of franchising such community antenna television
12 system, grant to such franchisee the authority and the right
13 and permission to use all public streets, rights of way,
14 alleys, ways for public service facilities, parks,
15 playgrounds, school grounds, or other public grounds, in
16 which such municipality may have an interest, for the
17 construction, installation, operation, maintenance,
18 alteration, addition, extension or improvement of a community
19 antenna television system.

20 Any charge imposed by a community antenna television
21 system franchised pursuant to this Section for the raising or
22 removal of cables or lines to permit passage on, to or from a
23 street shall not exceed the reasonable costs of work
24 reasonably necessary to safely permit such passage. Pursuant
25 to subsections (h) and (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
26 Constitution of the State of Illinois, the General Assembly
27 declares the regulation of charges which may be imposed by
28 community antenna television systems for the raising or
29 removal of cables or lines to permit passage on, to or from
30 streets is a power or function to be exercised exclusively by
31 the State and not to be exercised or performed concurrently
32 with the State by any unit of local government, including any
33 home rule unit.

34 The municipality may, upon written request by the

1 franchisee of a community antenna television system, exercise
2 its right of eminent domain solely for the purpose of
3 granting an easement right no greater than 8 feet in width,
4 extending no greater than 8 feet from any lot line for the
5 purpose of extending cable across any parcel of property in
6 the manner provided by the law of eminent domain, provided,
7 however, such franchisee deposits with the municipality
8 sufficient security to pay all costs incurred by the
9 municipality in the exercise of its right of eminent domain.

10 (d) The General Assembly finds and declares that
11 satellite-transmitted television programming should be
12 available to those who desire to subscribe to such
13 programming and that decoding devices should be obtainable at
14 reasonable prices by those who are unable to obtain
15 satellite-transmitted television programming through duly
16 franchised community antenna television systems.

17 In any instance in which a person is unable to obtain
18 satellite-transmitted television programming through a duly
19 franchised community antenna television system either because
20 the municipality and county in which such person resides has
21 not granted a franchise to operate and maintain a community
22 antenna television system, or because the duly franchised
23 community antenna television system operator does not make
24 cable television services available to such person, any
25 programming company that delivers satellite-transmitted
26 television programming in scrambled or encrypted form shall
27 ensure that devices for description of such programming are
28 made available to such person, through the local community
29 antenna television operator or directly, for purchase or
30 lease at prices reasonably related to the cost of manufacture
31 and distribution of such devices.

32 (e) The General Assembly finds and declares that, in
33 order to ensure that community antenna television services
34 are provided in an orderly, competitive and economically

1 sound manner, the best interests of the public will be served
2 by the establishment of certain minimum standards and
3 procedures for the granting of additional cable television
4 franchises.

5 Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the
6 authority granted under subsection (a) hereof shall include
7 the authority to license, franchise and tax more than one
8 cable operator to provide community antenna television
9 services within the corporate limits of a single franchising
10 authority. For purposes of this subsection (e), the term:

11 (i) "Existing cable television franchise" means a
12 community antenna television franchise granted by a
13 municipality which is in use at the time such
14 municipality receives an application or request by
15 another cable operator for a franchise to provide cable
16 antenna television services within all or any portion of
17 the territorial area which is or may be served under the
18 existing cable television franchise.

19 (ii) "Additional cable television franchise" means
20 a franchise pursuant to which community antenna
21 television services may be provided within the
22 territorial areas, or any portion thereof, which may be
23 served under an existing cable television franchise.

24 (iii) "Franchising Authority" is defined as that
25 term is defined under Section 602(9) of the Cable
26 Communications Policy Act of 1984, Public Law 98-549, but
27 does not include any municipality with a population of
28 1,000,000 or more.

29 (iv) "Cable operator" is defined as that term is
30 defined under Section 602(4) of the Cable Communications
31 Policy Act of 1984, Public Law 98-549.

32 Before granting an additional cable television franchise,
33 the franchising authority shall:

34 (1) Give written notice to the owner or operator of

1 any other community antenna television system franchised
2 to serve all or any portion of the territorial area to be
3 served by such additional cable television franchise,
4 identifying the applicant for such additional franchise
5 and specifying the date, time and place at which the
6 franchising authority shall conduct public hearings to
7 consider and determine whether such additional cable
8 television franchise should be granted.

9 (2) Conduct a public hearing to determine the
10 public need for such additional cable television
11 franchise, the capacity of public rights-of-way to
12 accommodate such additional community antenna television
13 services, the potential disruption to existing users of
14 public rights-of-way to be used by such additional
15 franchise applicant to complete construction and to
16 provide cable television services within the proposed
17 franchise area, the long term economic impact of such
18 additional cable television system within the community,
19 and such other factors as the franchising authority shall
20 deem appropriate.

21 (3) Determine, based upon the foregoing factors,
22 whether it is in the best interest of the municipality to
23 grant such additional cable television franchise.

24 (4) If the franchising authority shall determine
25 that it is in the best interest of the municipality to do
26 so, it may grant the additional cable television
27 franchise. Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this
28 subsection (e), no such additional cable television
29 franchise shall be granted under terms or conditions more
30 favorable or less burdensome to the applicant than those
31 required under the existing cable television franchise,
32 including but not limited to terms and conditions
33 pertaining to the territorial extent of the franchise,
34 system design, technical performance standards,

1 construction schedules, performance bonds, standards for
2 construction and installation of cable television
3 facilities, service to subscribers, public educational
4 and governmental access channels and programming,
5 production assistance, liability and indemnification, and
6 franchise fees.

7 (5) Unless the existing cable television franchise
8 provides that any additional cable television franchise
9 shall be subject to the same terms or substantially
10 equivalent terms and conditions as those of the existing
11 cable television franchise, the franchising authority may
12 grant an additional cable television franchise under
13 different terms and conditions than those of the existing
14 franchise, in which event the franchising authority shall
15 enter into good faith negotiations with the existing
16 franchisee and shall, within 120 days after the effective
17 date of the additional cable television franchise, modify
18 the existing cable television franchise in a manner and
19 to the extent necessary to ensure that neither the
20 existing cable television franchise nor the additional
21 cable television franchise, each considered in its
22 entirety, provides a competitive advantage over the
23 other, provided that prior to modifying the existing
24 cable television franchise, the franchising authority
25 shall have conducted a public hearing to consider the
26 proposed modification. No modification in the terms and
27 conditions of the existing cable television franchise
28 shall oblige the existing cable television franchisee (1)
29 to make any additional payment to the franchising
30 authority, including the payment of any additional
31 franchise fee, (2) to engage in any additional
32 construction of the existing cable television system or,
33 (3) to modify the specifications or design of the
34 existing cable television system; and the inclusion of

1 the factors identified in items (2) and (3) shall not be
2 considered in determining whether either franchise
3 considered in its entirety, has a competitive advantage
4 over the other except to the extent that the additional
5 franchisee provides additional video or data services or
6 the equipment or facilities necessary to generate and or
7 carry such service. No modification in the terms and
8 conditions of the existing cable television franchise
9 shall be made if the existing cable television franchisee
10 elects to continue to operate under all terms and
11 conditions of the existing franchise.

12 If within the 120 day period the franchising
13 authority and the existing cable television franchisee
14 are unable to reach agreement on modifications to the
15 existing cable television franchise, then the franchising
16 authority shall modify the existing cable television
17 franchise, effective 45 days thereafter, in a manner, and
18 only to the extent, that the terms and conditions of the
19 existing cable television franchise shall no longer
20 impose any duty or obligation on the existing franchisee
21 which is not also imposed under the additional cable
22 television franchise; however, if by the modification the
23 existing cable television franchisee is relieved of
24 duties or obligations not imposed under the additional
25 cable television franchise, then within the same 45 days
26 and following a public hearing concerning modification of
27 the additional cable television franchise within that 45
28 day period, the franchising authority shall modify the
29 additional cable television franchise to the extent
30 necessary to insure that neither the existing cable
31 television franchise nor the additional cable television
32 franchise, each considered in its entirety, shall have a
33 competitive advantage over the other.

34 No municipality shall be subject to suit for damages

1 based upon the municipality's determination to grant or its
2 refusal to grant an additional cable television franchise,
3 provided that a public hearing as herein provided has been
4 held and the franchising authority has determined that it is
5 in the best interest of the municipality to grant or refuse
6 to grant such additional franchise, as the case may be.

7 It is declared to be the law of this State, pursuant to
8 paragraphs (h) and (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
9 Illinois Constitution, that the establishment of minimum
10 standards and procedures for the granting of additional cable
11 television franchises by municipalities with a population
12 less than 1,000,000 as provided in this subsection (e) is an
13 exclusive State power and function that may not be exercised
14 concurrently by a home rule unit.

15 (f) No municipality may acquire, construct, own, or
16 operate a community antenna television system unless the
17 corporate authorities adopt an ordinance. The ordinance must
18 set forth the action proposed; describe the plant, equipment,
19 and property to be acquired or constructed; and specifically
20 describe the manner in which the construction, acquisition,
21 and operation of the system will be financed.

22 The ordinance may not take effect until the question of
23 acquiring, construction, owning, or operating a community
24 antenna television system has been submitted to the electors
25 of the municipality at a regular election and approved by a
26 majority of the electors voting on the question. The
27 corporate authorities must certify the question to the proper
28 election authority, which must submit the question at an
29 election in accordance with the Election Code.

30 The question must be submitted in substantially the
31 following form:

32 Shall the ordinance authorizing the municipality to
33 (insert action authorized by ordinance) take effect?

34 The votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

1 If a majority of electors voting on the question vote in
2 the affirmative, the ordinance shall take effect.

3 Not more than 30 or less than 15 days before the date of
4 the referendum, the municipal clerk must publish the
5 ordinance at least once in one or more newspapers published
6 in the municipality or, if no newspaper is published in the
7 municipality, in one or more newspapers of general
8 circulation within the municipality.

9 (g) If the municipality has granted a franchise to a
10 community antenna television company under this Section, the
11 community antenna television company may not impose a rate
12 increase unless the company has given its customers not less
13 than 60 day's notice of the increase. A community antenna
14 television company that has been granted a franchise under
15 this Section must maintain a toll-free telephone number in
16 order to respond to customer questions regarding the
17 increase. The telephone number must be provided to customers
18 at the same time as the notice of the rate increase.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-285, eff. 7-31-97; 91-648, eff. 1-1-00.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.