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Mr. Nate Smith President Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. 200 Akamainui Street Mililani, HI 96789-3999

Dear Mr. Smith:

## Re: <u>Letter Order – 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel for the Oahu Cable Franchise</u> <u>Area</u>

In Decision and Order No. 326 dated December 28, 2005, the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("**Department**") amended Decision and Order No. 320 and directed Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("**TWE**") to designate and provide for activation an additional analog channel for public, educational, and governmental ("**PEG**") access purposes ("**6**<sup>th</sup> **Access Channel**") for a one-year period.

In a January 9, 2007 Letter Order, the Department directed TWE to continue the designation and activation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel for an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to August 9, 2007. On July 27, 2007, the Department issued a second Letter Order deferring the final decision on the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel and directed TWE to continue the designation and activation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel. Prior to making a final decision on the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel, the Department wanted the opportunity to consider any relevant information on access channels that may be provided as part of the public procurement process for the PEG access services contracts.

In a December 5, 2007 Letter Order, the Department directed TWE to further continue the designation and activation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel until June 30, 2008.

During the 2008 Legislative Session, the Hawaii State Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 358, which requests that the Department establish a task force to solicit public input and examine methods other than the public procurement process to oversee the PEG access organizations' expenditures and to ensure proper Mr. Nate Smith June 30, 2008 Page 2

checks and balances. At the present time, the Department is in the process of complying with this Resolution.

Accordingly, the Department <u>defers</u> its final decision on the 6<sup>th</sup> Channel at this time. The Department therefore directs TWE to continue the designation and activation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Access Channel for the Oahu cable franchise <u>until December 31, 2008</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Letter Order, the remaining provisions of Decision and Order No. 154 (including but not limited to section 5.2), as amended by Decisions and Orders Nos. 156, 158, 243, 261, 320 and 326, shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact Mr. Clyde Sonobe, the Cable Administrator, at (808) 586-2620. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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