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**VIA FACSIMILE** 

Mr. Russell Saiki Vice-President of Finance Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. 200 Akamainui Street Mililani, HI 96789-3999

Dear Mr. Saiki:

Re: <u>Letter Order – 2008 Access Operating Fees and Capital Fund</u> Payments to Olelo, Hoike, Na Leo, and Akaku

As you know, pursuant to Decision and Order ("**D&O**") Nos. 261 and 291, Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("**TWE**"), is generally required to pay an annual Access Operating Fee equal to three percent (3%) of its annual gross revenues to public, educational and governmental ("**PEG**") access organizations that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("**DCCA**") contracted with to provide PEG access services to the public. There are currently four (4) PEG access organizations in the State: Hoike -- Kauai Community Television, Inc. ("**Hoike**"), Na Leo O Hawaii, Inc. ("**Na Leo**"), Olelo Community Television ("**Olelo**"), and Akaku: Maui Community Television ("**Akaku**").

In addition, TWE is directed to make capital fund payments for PEG access facilities and equipment to each designated PEG access entity pursuant to: D&O 310 (Oahu franchise area), D&O 321 (Maui and Lahaina franchise areas), D&O 327 (Kauai County) and D&O 335 (County of Hawaii franchise areas).

Prior to 2006, DCCA directed TWE to pay the appropriate Access Operating Fees and capital fund to the PEG access organizations once per year on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This was done because DCCA had renewed the PEG access services contracts in annual increments

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For the years 2006 and 2007, DCCA renewed the PEG access services contracts in six (6) month increments. Thus, DCCA issued various Letter Orders to TWE that required TWE to pay half (i.e., fifty percent (50 %)) of the appropriate Access Operating Fees and capital fund payments to the PEG access organizations every six (6) months.

For 2008, the PEG access services contracts have been extended for six (6) months to June 30, 2008.

Accordingly, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 440G-12; Sections 5.1(g), 11.8, and 11.10 of D&O No. 154, as amended; Sections 4.2(d), 12.8, and 12.9 of D&O No. 173, as amended; Sections 4.2(d), 12.8, and 12.9 of D&O No. 174, as amended; Sections 4.2(d), 12.8, and 12.9 of D&O No. 185, as amended; Sections 4.2(d), 12.8, and 12.9 of D&O No. 185, as amended; Sections 4.2(d), 12.8, and 12.9 of D&O No. 241, as amended; and Sections 4.2(e), 11.8, and11.9 of D&O No. 291, DCCA hereby directs TWE to:

- 1. Pay fifty percent (50%) of the appropriate 2008 Access Operating Fees to Olelo, Na Leo, Hoike, and Akaku on January 31, 2008.
- 2. Deposit and maintain the remaining fifty percent (50%) balance of the 2008 Access Operating Fees in an interest bearing account in any federally insured financial institution authorized in the State of Hawaii.
- 3. Pay fifty percent (50%) of the appropriate 2008 capital fund payments to Olelo, Na Leo, Hoike, and Akaku on January 31, 2008.
- 4. Deposit and maintain the remaining fifty percent (50%) balance of the 2008 capital fund payments in a separate interest bearing account in any federally insured financial institution authorized in the State of Hawaii.
- 5. TWE shall maintain separate accounting records for the Access Operating Fees and the capital fund payments attributable to each PEG access organization. Upon request by DCCA, TWE shall promptly provide DCCA with documentation of the bank accounts and accounting records regarding the Access Operating Fees and capital fund payments.
- 6. Upon further direction by DCCA, TWE shall disperse the remaining amounts of the 2008 Access Operating Fees and capital fund payments in the bank accounts. DCCA anticipates that payment instructions for the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the 2008 Access Operating Fees and capital fund payments will be forthcoming by June 2008.

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- 7. TWE may recover reasonable costs of administering the bank accounts, including the tax impact of any interest earned, from the interest on the accounts.
- 8. Any interest earned on the bank accounts shall be prorated and disbursed as further directed by DCCA. TWE shall keep separate any interest earned on the Access Operating Fees from the capital fund payments.

If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Clyde Sonobe, the Cable Television Administrator, at (808) 586-2620. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Reifurth Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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