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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Application for Renewal of East Hawaii and West Hawaii

Cable Television Franchises by Time Warner Entertainment

Company, L.P. through its Hawaii Division,

**Oceanic Time Warner Cable** 

Dear Ms. Wong:

This confirms Applicant Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. through its Hawaii Division, Oceanic Time Warner Cable's ("Oceanic") request that further discussions on Oceanic's application for renewal of the East Hawaii and West Hawaii cable television franchises be temporarily deferred until after all testimony is received in the pending arbitration proceeding involving 'Olelo Community Media. The arbitration proceeding is being conducted by Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") Senior Hearings Officer David Karlen, involves issues related to funding for public access, and involves Mr. Donn Yabusaki's testimony among others.

The arbitration hearing began on November 30, 2011 and ran though December 2, 2011. Due to scheduling issues, the hearing is currently scheduled to resume on January 23, 2012, at which point Mr. Yabusaki's testimony is scheduled to continue, and Mr. Karlen has indicated that the hearing is planned to continue through January 27, 2012.

Oceanic and DCCA have met several times during the past several months to discuss and negotiate terms for the East Hawaii and West Hawaii franchise renewals. In light of the continuing discussions, Oceanic and DCCA mutually agreed via a letter agreement dated October 13, 2011 to extend the time for DCCA to make a decision on the application from October 23, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Given the pendency of the arbitration proceeding as noted above, Oceanic requests that the deadline for DCCA to

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make a decision on the application be further extended until March 1, 2012, which would provide the parties additional time after the testimony is concluded in the arbitration proceeding to further discuss the application. During this extension, Oceanic understands that the current East Hawaii and West Hawaii franchises will continue to be in effect.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please contact me should you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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BRIAN A. KANG

cc: Oceanic Time Warner Cable



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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

December 14, 2011

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Re:

Application for Renewal of East Hawaii and West Hawaii Cable Franchises by Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. through its Hawaii Division, Oceanic Time Warner Cable

Dear Mr. Kang:

On July 20, 2011, Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., through its Hawaii Division, Oceanic Time Warner Cable ("TWE") submitted a written Application to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") which incorporated Renewals of its East Hawaii and West Hawaii cable franchises ("Application"). By letter dated August 4, 2011, DCCA accepted TWE's Application for filing.

DCCA and TWE conducted discussions on components of a renewed franchise, and subsequently agreed on October 13, 2011 to extend the time for DCCA to make a decision on the Application to December 31, 2011.

On December 9, 2011, TWE submitted a written request to DCCA to defer further discussion on TWE's Application until after all testimony is received in a pending arbitration proceeding involving TWE and 'Ōlelo Community Media. TWE indicated that the arbitration hearing is scheduled to continue through January 27, 2012. TWE further requested that the deadline for DCCA to make a decision on TWE's Application be further extended until March 1, 2012 in order to provide DCCA and TWE additional time after the testimony is concluded in the arbitration proceeding to further discuss the Application.

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Accordingly, DCCA grants TWE's request to extend the time for DCCA to make a decision on the Application from December 31, 2011 to March 1, 2012 and hereby extends TWE's East and West Hawaii franchise terms to March 1, 2012. The parties shall meet during the week of January 28, 2012 for further discussions on TWE's Application. Please sign and return the original letter back to DCCA.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donn Yaluh Donn Yabusaki

Cable Television Administrator

Approved and agreed:

Brian A. Kang, Esq.

Attorney for Time Warner

Entertainment Company, L.P.

Date:

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Keali'i S. Lopez, Director

Department of the Attorney General