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Bill Hakkinen, Secretary

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT – MEETING MINUTES

March 8 2007, Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Route 117, Groton, CT 06340

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Kelley, Jim Griffith, Shawn Greeley, Jerry Tobias, Anne Ingraham, Patricia Ostrout, Bill Hakkinen, Art Barton.

ABSENT: Clint Kennedy, Marie Crompton, Allen Palmer.

COMCAST REPRESENTATIVE: Sharon Codeanne.

THAMES VALLEY COMMUNICATION REPRESENTATIVE: Carl Andersen.

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT TELEVISION: Frank Facchini.

**I. Recognition of members of the public for public comments - None.**

**II. Reports**

A. Secretary's Report:

Hakkinen moved, Griffith seconded a motion - the minutes of the January 11, 2007, Regular Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

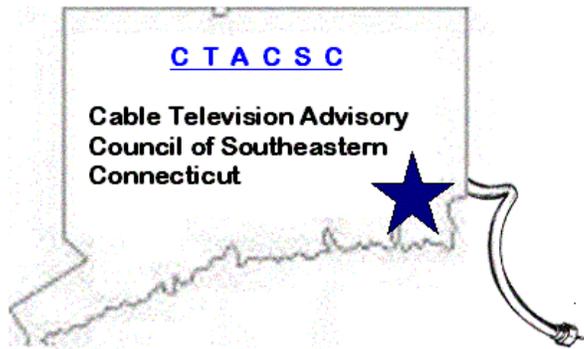
B. Treasurer's Report:

This statement reflects the activity on Council's checking account during the months of January-February 2007.

<i>Previous reported balance</i>	\$23,191.80	
CREDITS		
Interest payments for the two months:		
January	1.92	
February	<u>2.45</u>	
	\$4.37	
 Contributions from each Operator	 5,000.00	 (\$2,500. each)
 TOTAL	 \$ 28,196.17	
EXPENSES		
Jim Griffith – Refreshments	114.20	
Jim Kelley –Office and mailing	77.14	
Cindy Vierra, web site	<u>25.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$216.34	

*Current Checking Account Balance* \$27,979.83

- C. Comcast Report – Sharon Codeanne handed out the following; a list of Community Relations and Marketing items, and channel lineup changes, since the January 2007 meeting. Frank Faccini presented the Community Access report. Comcast has partnered with Common Sense Media, and will be offering their movie reviews in On-Demand and web site formats. Kelley asked if Codeanne had followed up on the question from last meeting re: had Comcast increased rates during 2006. Kelley produced a copy of Comcast's revised rate schedule from the DPUC web site, effective 2/01/06, and directed that it be included with the meeting minutes.
- D. TVC Report – Carl Andersen supplied updates on construction miles and homes passed; new channel additions; and charitable contributions. He reported that DPUC recently (March 2 2007) accepted TVCs position that it is 12-14 months behind schedule due to make-ready delays by AT&T, the pole custodian, and weather-related issues. TVC does plan to complete Stonington, and 15% of Ledyard, by year-end 2007. Hakkinen read from the minutes of the January 2007



meeting that TVC had reported being on schedule, and asked how that could have changed so dramatically a week later (TVC's January 15 2007 filing to the DPUC). Andersen replied that he had hoped they could catch up with an accelerated 2007 work schedule, but after the January CTACSC meeting realized that was not possible, and therefore declared a *Force Majeure*.

- E. Southeastern CT Television – Codeanne reported that Comcast's Dan Glanville and TVC's David Lee are in agreement to postpone the 3<sup>rd</sup> party PEG provider issue until after the Comcast renewal process. Glanville plans to redraft the Memorandum of Understanding between the two Operators to include this issue. Andersen reported that the current system (with the PEG studio at Comcast's offices) works well.

At the January 2007 meeting Kelley had asked that Glanville attend this meeting to present his alternatives to narrow-casting. Codeanne indicated that Glanville had a conflict, and would attend any other meeting set by the CTACSC, or attend the May meeting, to discuss this issue. Codeanne agreed to e-mail a document to Kelley summarizing alternatives, and Kelley would forward it to Council members for review. Barton asked that in the package, Comcast explain why they cannot do narrow-casting. Kelly asked Codeanne to also clarify the question of supplying a set-top box to each household, since they apparently have come down dramatically in cost. The boxes could then be electronically addressed per the homeowner's zip code, allowing receipt of town-specific PEG programming. Discussion ensued as to the future of home television programming delivery – i.e., would the AT&T type of venture, which is more of an Internet-type delivery, and has so far been not under DPUC auspices, be the "cable" television service of the future?

### III. Old Business

- A. Status of third party public access provider – already covered.
- B. Review of Council goals - not discussed.

### IV. New Business

- A. What is the status of the third party PEG applications? – already covered.
- B. Bylaws changes proposed by Bill Hakkinen – at the January Hakkinen had handed out a typed version of the current bylaws. At this meeting, he handed out the same typed version with some suggested changes. The Council reviewed these, and made other suggested changes. The revised bylaws will be voted on at the May meeting.
- C. Elections Matters – Kelley stated that Ingraham and Hakkinen will not seek re-election for Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Kelly and Barton will stand for re-election to Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively. Kelley appointed Griffith as the Nominating Committee, to seek candidates for the Treasurer and Secretary positions, and present the slate at the May meeting.
- D. Council concerns – Tobias questioned why Comcast is removing a channel (65, TV Guide Channel) and increasing rates to Basic tier customers. Codeanne replied that Comcast needs to reclaim the bandwidth in order to provide the YES High Definition channel. Tobias reiterated that now he is paying more for less. Griffith offered a thank-you on behalf of the Council to Treasurer Ingraham and Secretary Hakkinen for their service over the past few years.

### V. Other Communications - None.

### VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Hakkinen