

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for
2 Senate Bill No. 724, Page 7, Section 64.231, Line 25, by inserting after all of said section and line
3 the following:
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5 "67.2677. 1. For purposes of sections 67.2675 to 67.2714, the following terms mean:

6 (1) "Cable operator", as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 522(5);

7 (2) "Cable system", as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 522(7);

8 (3) "Franchise", an initial authorization, or renewal of an authorization, issued by a
9 franchising entity, regardless of whether the authorization is designated as a franchise, permit,
10 license, resolution, contract, certificate, agreement, or otherwise, that authorizes the provision of
11 video service and any affiliated or subsidiary agreements related to such authorization;

12 (4) "Franchise area", the total geographic area authorized to be served by an incumbent
13 cable operator in a political subdivision as of August 28, 2007, or, in the case of an incumbent local
14 exchange carrier, as such term is defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 251(h), or affiliate thereof, the area
15 within such political subdivision in which such carrier provides telephone exchange service;

16 (5) "Franchise entity", a political subdivision that was entitled to require franchises and
17 impose fees on cable operators on the day before the effective date of sections 67.2675 to 67.2714,
18 provided that only one political subdivision may be a franchise entity with regard to a geographic
19 area;

20 (6) (a) "Gross revenues", limited to amounts billed to video service subscribers for the
21 following:

22 a. Recurring charges for video service; and

23 b. Event-based charges for video service, including but not limited to pay-per-view and
24 video-on-demand charges;

25 (b) "Gross revenues" do not include:

26 a. Discounts, refunds, and other price adjustments that reduce the amount of compensation
27 received by an entity holding a video service authorization;

28 b. Uncollectibles;

29 c. Late payment fees;

30 d. Amounts billed to video service subscribers to recover taxes, fees, or surcharges imposed

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1 on video service subscribers or video service providers in connection with the provision of video
2 services, including the video service provider fee authorized by this section;

3 e. Fees or other contributions for PEG or I-Net support;

4 f. Charges for services other than video service that are aggregated or bundled with amounts
5 billed to video service subscribers, if the entity holding a video service authorization reasonably can
6 identify such charges on books and records kept in the regular course of business or by other
7 reasonable means;

8 g. Rental of set top boxes, modems, or other equipment used to provide or facilitate the
9 provision of video service;

10 h. Service charges related to the provision of video service including, but not limited to,
11 activation, installation, repair, and maintenance charges;

12 i. Administrative charges related to the provision of video service including, but not limited
13 to, service order and service termination charges; or

14 j. A pro rata portion of all revenue derived from advertising, less refunds, rebates, or
15 discounts;

16 (c) Except with respect to the exclusion of the video service provider fee, gross revenues
17 shall be computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

18 (7) "Household", an apartment, a house, a mobile home, or any other structure or part of a
19 structure intended for residential occupancy as separate living quarters;

20 (8) "Incumbent cable operator", the cable service provider serving cable subscribers in a
21 particular franchise area on September 1, 2007;

22 (9) "Low-income household", a household with an average annual household income of less
23 than thirty-five thousand dollars;

24 (10) "Person", an individual, partnership, association, organization, corporation, trust, or
25 government entity;

26 (11) "Political subdivision", a city, town, village, county;

27 (12) "Public right-of-way", the area of real property in which a political subdivision has a
28 dedicated or acquired right-of-way interest in the real property, including the area on, below, or
29 above the present and future streets, alleys, avenues, roads, highways, parkways, or boulevards
30 dedicated or acquired as right-of-way and utility easements dedicated for compatible uses. The term
31 does not include the airwaves above a right-of-way with regard to wireless telecommunications or
32 other nonwire telecommunications or broadcast service;

33 (13) "Video programming", programming provided by, or generally considered comparable
34 to programming provided by, a television broadcast station, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. Section
35 522(20);

36 (14) "Video service", the provision, by a video service provider, of video programming
37 provided through wireline facilities located at least in part in the public right-of-way without regard
38 to delivery technology, including internet protocol technology, whether provided as part of a tier, on
39 demand, or on a per-channel basis. This definition includes cable service as defined by 47 U.S.C.

1 Section 522(6), but does not include any video programming provided by a commercial mobile
 2 service provider defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 332(d), or any video programming ~~[provided solely as~~
 3 ~~part of and]~~ accessed via a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail,
 4 or other services offered over the ~~[public]~~ internet, including streaming content;

5 (15) "Video service authorization", the right of a video service provider or an incumbent
 6 cable operator that secures permission from the public service commission pursuant to sections
 7 67.2675 to 67.2714, to offer video service to subscribers in a political subdivision;

8 (16) "Video service network", wireline facilities, or any component thereof, located at least
 9 in part in the public right-of-way that deliver video service, without regard to delivery technology,
 10 including internet protocol technology or any successor technology. The term video service network
 11 shall include cable systems;

12 (17) "Video service provider", any person that distributes video service through a video
 13 service network pursuant to a video service authorization;

14 (18) "Video service provider fee", the fee imposed under section 67.2689.

15 2. The repeal and reenactment of this section shall become effective August 28, 2023.

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 38 activation, installation, repair, and maintenance charges;

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1 to service order and service termination charges; and

2 f. A pro rata portion of all revenue derived, less refunds, rebates, or discounts, by a video
3 service provider for advertising over the video service network to subscribers within the franchise
4 area where the numerator is the number of subscribers within the franchise area, and the
5 denominator is the total number of subscribers reached by such advertising;

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19 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
20 accordingly.