



# City of Cambridge

15.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
May 9, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH  
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The attached letter of April 28th was received from the General Manager of Continental Cablevision addressed to the City Manager; and

WHEREAS: Said letter gives a general indication that due to new "benchmark" rate regulations set by the FCC that there may be new cable rates set for Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Citizens of Cambridge should know in advance what effect, if any, these new "benchmark" regulations may have on future costs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the General Manager of Continental Cablevision as soon as possible and ask for a detailed explanation of what, if any, cost increases or decreases may be anticipated as a result of these revised FCC regulations and further that the Manager report back to this Council with a copy of said response from the General Manager.

In City Council May 9, 1994.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury,  
City Clerk



**Continental  
Cablevision**

April 28, 1994

Mr. Robert Healy  
City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

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As you are aware, Continental adjusted its rates last September in accordance with the rules prescribed by the FCC last Spring. Similar to those issued last year, the rules are extremely complex. It will take us some time to fully understand the impact of these revised regulations. Since the complete text totals approximately 700 pages, I wanted to share with you some of the rate regulation provisions.

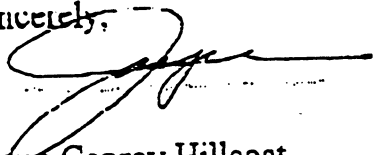
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These variables are to be calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in Appendix "A" in FCC Form 1200, attached.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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JCH/mms

c: City Council Members

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Russell, Sullivan,

Consent Order #15

CM-158

Councillor Walsh re: new cable rates  
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Order adopted.