



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9094

William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

December 19, 1990

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: William H. Walsh *WHW*

RE: Cable TV & Communications Committee

Please schedule a Hearing to be conducted by the Council's Cable TV & Communications Committee, at a date and time which is mutually convenient to my Committee colleagues as soon as possible after the beginning of the new year.

Please invite Mr. Philip S. Ripa, General Manager of Continental Cablevision to attend. The focus of concern will be both the report submitted by Mr. Ripa which indicated subscriber satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the quality of programming at Continental Cablevision and his announcement of the proposed creation of a 24-hour local newschannel.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Thank you for your customary courtesy, cooperation and good services.

CC: Vice Mayor Kenneth Reeves
Councillor Walter J. Sullivan

WHW/gf

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2. I advise you, the members of the City of Cambridge Cable committee and the members of the Cambridge City Council to act in the best interest of the citizens of Cambridge whose interests you were elected to represent by rejecting any attempt by the Transfer Licensee Continental Cablevision and its limited partner, former licensee "American" to increase the rates which Cambridge residents are required to pay for cable TV service until such time as the transfer licensee Continental Cablevision

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Cambridge, May 29, 1990

To the Honorable ~~CAMBRIDGE, MA~~ City Council of the
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and
the Cambridge Cable and Communications Committee
and
the Cambridge City Manager and Issuing Authority

the undersigned respectfully demands

That on Monday, June 4, 1990 the City Council of the City of Cambridge hold a public hearing on the matter of

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and its limited partner, former licensee "American" pay to the city of Cambridge the sum of \$500 per day, for knowingly failing between 1988 and the present to provide the public access facility located at Building 400, 1 Kendal Square Cambridge, with the necessary equipment and staff assistance to provide the residents of Cambridge with access to operate the 8 channels which the 1985 licensee "American" agreed to provide as set out in the separate agreement of the 30 day of December, 1985 by and between THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION, a charitable corporation organized under Mass. General Laws c. 180 and the licensee "American", a Massachusetts corporation organized under G.L. c. 156B. See and read pages 196-224 of the 1985 Final license.

The requirement that the transfer licensee Continental pay to the city the sum of \$500 per day for non compliance with the 1985 Final license agreement is found on page 99, Section 14.14(f) of the final license, Section 14.14 "Liquidated Damages".

3. I also advise you members of the Cambridge City Council to encourage all citizens of Cambridge, whose interests you were elected to represent, to encourage the City manager (or in the alternative I advise the City Manager) to immediately perform his duties of Issuing Authority as is required and is in writing beginning on page 102 of the 1985 Final License, Section 14.19 "Determination of Breach" and discontinue his delay in performing his duties because the city of Cambridge cannot enjoy the benefits of the money it is owed until such time as the city manager performs the described duties of Issuing Authority as set out in Section 14.19 of the 1985 Final License and as set out in Section 14 of the 1985 Final License as more fully appears beginning on page 93.

4. I also request of you, the members of the Cambridge City Council, either yourselves or by the actions of the residents of the City of Cambridge whose interests you were elected to represent, assistance in removing from their positions, the employees and the board of directors of the corporation which currently controls the access by the residents of the City of Cambridge to the public access facility, Cambridge Community Television, including those members of the board of directors originally appointed by the city manager, for the conduct

A. referred to in the April 26, 1990 letter of the city manager and as set out in my April 17 and April 19, 1990 letters to the city manager and others, (copies of which are in the hands of the city manager and Cairman Walsh of the Cambridge Cable Committee and communications committee) said conduct not in compliance with the 1985 Final license agreement, and

B. for instituting suspension of membership policies and fee payment policies not in compliance with the 1985 Final License Agreement

C. for concealing from the city of Cambridge, its city manager and its residents, the continuing non compliance by the former licensee and present licensee, Continental Cablevision, with the 1985 Final License.

Respectfully submitted,

George F. Welch Jr.
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Dear Customer

Beginning July 1st, a new rate schedule will take effect. As you may be aware, we have not had an adjustment in any of our rates for 15 months.

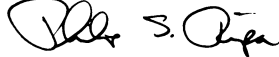
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The information within this brochure details the charges for our services. Please refer to it when calling our office so that we may answer your questions quickly and efficiently.

We trust that as you evaluate your cable service, you will agree that dollar for dollar, cable television offers one of the best entertainment and information values available today. We value and appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely



Philip S. Ripa
General Manager
Continental Cablevision
of Cambridge

Schedule of Monthly Rates and Services

BASIC SERVICES (monthly)	Current	7/1/90
Neighborhood Net.....	\$3.95	No Change
New England Focus.....	\$8.95	No Change
Consumer's Choice.....	\$14.95	\$16.95

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CONSUMER'S CHOICE PACKAGES (monthly)

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MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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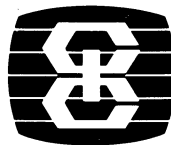
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Rates and Services

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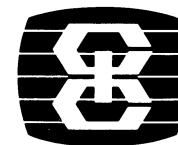


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88 Sherman Street
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Customer Billing: 876-3939

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MAY 30, 1990

5:30 P.M.

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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

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7, 1990

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
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FROM: William H. Walsh (WHW)

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Please make the necessary notifications so that all the principals involved will be present to render response and accountability relative to this proposed increase.

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JOHN E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

May 23, 1990

TO: NED CASEY
CABLE TV

FROM: JOSEPH E. CONNARTON
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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*Bob - would
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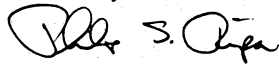
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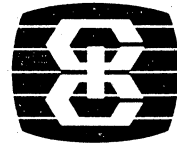
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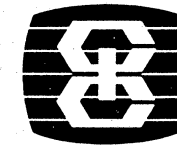
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FAX. 868-8159

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

April 30, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached please find notification of the change in cable service rates
in Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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enclosure

Agenda # 8 5-443A

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In City Council,

April 30, 1990

Referred to the
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Committee 5/1/90 *dc*
Hearing scheduled
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