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March 7, 1983

Joseph Connarton, Deputy City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Cable Television

Dear Mr. Connarton:

As you are probably aware, the New England Cable Television Association has submitted to the Cambridge City Council its study on municipal ownership of a cable television system in Cambridge.

If it is at all possible, we would like to formally present our views to the Cambridge City Council next Monday, March 14, 1983. The Council is considering taking its second vote on this issue and should consider the views of the New England Cable Television Association before it votes.

The citizens of Cambridge are anxious to get cable television service and we do not wish to delay the process at all. It is important to note that if the Council votes against municipal ownership it can commence the licensing process immediately thereafter and probably have an applicant chosen by late summer or early fall. On the other hand, if the Council, after reviewing our Study, still believes that municipal ownership is a good idea, the issue would have to go to public referendum in November and the licensing process would not commence until sometime in early 1984. There probably would not be a decision until the summer or early fall of 1984 and construction would not commence until 1985.

I would appreciate your contacting me as soon as you have made a decision on whether you will allow us to make a presentation next Monday.

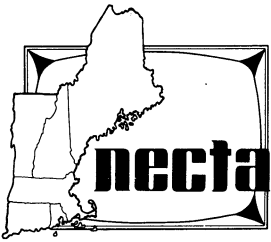
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. CIANELLI
Executive Director and
General Counsel

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cc: Cambridge City Council
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Comm. from Paul R. Cianelli, Exec. Dir. & General Counsel, New England Cable Television Assoc. requesting permission to formally present its views of municipal ownership of a cable television system to the Council at this evening's meeting.

In City Council,

March 14, 1983

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