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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF MAYOR MARTIN WALSH OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
REGARDING GRANT OF FINAL CATV LICENSE TO VERIZON
(December 5, 2016)**

As the Cable Television Issuing Authority for the City of Boston and pursuant to Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“DTC”) regulations at 207 CMR §§ 3.03(5) and 3.04(5), I am pleased to announce the issuance of a Final Cable Television (“CATV”) License (“Final License”) to Verizon New England, Inc. (“Verizon”) for three City neighborhoods (Dorchester, Dudley Square area in Roxbury and West Roxbury), with a process for additional neighborhoods over time. The grant of this third significant video license will expand the scope of competitive options and provide a host of additional benefits to the City, including construction of an expanded institutional network for the City’s use.

This Final License is the culmination of a lengthy process that began with our solicitation of applications for additional CATV licensees on April 12, 2016, submission by Verizon of an Initial Application for Provision of Cable Services and supporting materials on May 16, 2016, issuance of our Issuing Authority report on June 2, 2016, Verizon’s submission of an Amended Application and supporting materials on July 6, 2016, the City’s conduct of two public hearings to solicit community input on August 2 and December 1, 2016, a November 3, 2016 order from the DTC granting a waiver of the inapplicable requirement of signing a Provisional CATV License, and detailed negotiations over specific terms and conditions to be included in the Final License. Based on our review of Verizon’s years of experience as a CATV operator in many communities in Massachusetts and the terms and conditions of the Final License agreed to by the parties, the City has determined that Verizon is well-qualified to provide CATV services to Boston residents and businesses on the terms and conditions set forth in the Final License. Accordingly, as Issuing Authority, I have granted a Final License to Verizon. I and my management team look forward to a productive and mutually beneficial business relationship with Verizon that will introduce new choice, technologies and services to Boston residents and businesses.



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