



# SCCTA

SOUTH CAROLINA CABLE TELEVISION ASSOCIATION



## INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REFORM

The Federal Communication Commission's *ICC Reform Order* issued November 18, 2011,<sup>1</sup> comprehensively reforms and modernizes the existing federal systems for the universal service and intercarrier compensation systems. Several South Carolina Public Service Commission dockets have recently been opened to address state issues arising as a result of the *ICC Reform Order*.

### Verizon Challenges Frontier's VoIP Tariff Filing

Under the new intercarrier compensation regime all traffic—including VoIP-PSTN traffic—ultimately will be subject to a bill-and-keep framework. As part of the transition to that goal, the FCC adopted a prospective intercarrier compensation framework for VoIP traffic. Under the transitional framework

- default ICC rates for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic are equal to interstate access rates;
- default ICC rates for other VoIP-PSTN traffic are the otherwise applicable reciprocal compensation rates; and
- carriers may tariff these default charges for toll VoIP-PSTN in the absence of an agreement for different intercarrier compensation.<sup>2</sup>

Numerous carriers filed tariff revisions with the South Carolina Public Service Commission to reflect implementation of the mandated ICC regime for VoIP-PSTN traffic including Frontier Communications, Verizon and AT&T. On January 25, 2011, Verizon filed a letter with the Commission alleging that Frontier's tariff filing deviated from the VoIP-PSTN compensation regime ordered by the FCC because Frontier did not apply the interstate rate to originating VoIP-PSTN access minutes. *Petition of Verizon Communications Requesting that the Commission Require Frontier to Modify its Tariff, Docket No. 2012-54-C*. Frontier responded that Verizon has not correctly interpreted the ICC Reform Order. Frontier asserts that the Order did not require reductions in originating access rates at this time. Frontier maintains that the FCC is

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, and Universal Service Reform-Mobility Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) ("ICC Reform Order").

<sup>2</sup> ICC Reform Order, ¶ 933.



### From the Executive Director....

The second regular session of the 119th SC General Assembly comes to a close June 7th. H3508, the AT&T backed legislation, has certainly been our dominate piece of legislation this session. This bill, which imposes the same requirements on government-owned broadband operations that are currently imposed on telecommunications operations, was recently set for special order in the Senate and should be before the Senate body soon. If the bill passes it will travel back to the House for concurrence and then will go to the Governor's office. Both Orangeburg and Oconee counties, who received federal stimulus funds, were the major players whose issues resulted in certain compromises. The City of Hartsville and the SC Association of Counties were actively involved in 11<sup>th</sup> hour issues. While AT&T prompted this bill, it became widely known as an industry bill this year as many broadband providers in SC became very active in working towards a compromise and meeting with senators to ensure passage. Sincere thanks to SCCTA Board Chairman Dan Jones who has worked hard to move this bill to passage.

The SC House Republican Caucus backed four tax reform bills that were dropped in March of this year. If you recall, we followed the dozens of TRAC (SC Tax Realignment Commission) meetings in 2009 and 2010 which resulted in a December 2010 report to the SC General Assembly. The TRAC report recommendations did not prompt expected tax reform bills last year. SC Governor Nikki Haley recommended tax reform in her list of key legislative initiatives for 2012 which resulted in the House Republican caucus taking action. This association was most concerned with H. 4995 which would have deleted tax exemptions for the cable industry. These exemptions included supplies, technical equipment, machinery, and electricity sold to radio and television stations and cable television stations, for use in producing, broadcasting and distributing programs. Additionally, 4995 deleted exemptions for toll charges for the transmission of voice or messages between telephones exchanges, charges for telegraph messages, carrier access charges and customer access line charges established by the FCC and the SC PSC. We were successful in having these exemptions restored in the House Ways and Means subcommittee with full committee concurring. The House will probably pass this bill and send it to the Senate but there is no time to pass major tax reform bills. Editorial Boards across the South Carolina have been very critical of the House for introducing tax reform bills in which the "solutions are worse than the problems." I believe these bills will be a starting point for major tax reform debate in 2013. In fact, the tax reform bill that may be prefiled this fall will tie State Department of Education public school funding in the mix. Senator Paul Campbell, Representatives Rita Allison and Jenny Horne propose to take sales tax revenues that have been diverted for other purposes and return them to their original purpose of funding education. This idea will be tied to overall tax reform.

The 2012 Key Contact Conference is scheduled in Washington DC for June 25 – 27 at the Mandarin Hotel. Most of the SC appointments with our congressional delegation have been confirmed. The following cable executives plan to participate in this year's Key Contact: Jack Stanley, Dan Jones, Mary Anne Jacobs, Sam McGill, Tim Gage, Chris McDonald, and Rich Strong. This conference is most important and is the annual venue to discuss federal issues affecting SC. Key Contact is also an opportunity to discuss our state's cable industry and its impact on the SC economy and the delegation's constituency.

The SCCTA continues to monitor many bills that either directly or indirectly affect the cable industry. Next week's May 1st cross-over date will likely prevent any movement on these bills. I continue to appreciate each of your efforts as we continue to promote and protect South Carolina's cable industry!

*Ray Sharpe*

## Member News...



### Charter Backs Up Commitment to a Better Experience With New Customer Guarantee

**March 13, 2012, SOUTH CAROLINA** – For the past two years, Charter Communications, Inc. has been making meaningful changes to its operations that directly improve the quality and consistency of its customers' overall experience. Today, Charter is announcing the national launch of the *Charter ALL IN Customer Guarantee* to assure customers that the company will deliver what it says it will, backed with firm financial commitments. With its powerful broadband network, Charter has been recognized as the fastest Internet service provider<sup>1</sup>. The company has made significant investments in its network to provide more robust product capabilities and enhance reliability. The launch of the *Customer Guarantee* becomes the tangible cornerstone for customers to be assured of a strong and lasting commitment by Charter to provide best-in-class products and service. "Put simply, we're putting our money where our mouth is and holding ourselves accountable to deliver the best customer experience," said Anthony Pope, Vice President and General Manager of Charter's South Carolina operations. "We stand behind our products and services, and we're providing more tools and resources to our teams so they can make each customer experience great. We're approaching our business differently, always putting customers' needs first."

"Today, our products are more robust and our network is more reliable than ever. We're executing on a 2-hour arrival window and delivering a great customer experience on many fronts," said Steve Apodaca, Charter's President, Operations. "We're committed to delivering a great experience, and the *Customer Guarantee* sets standards of what customers should expect from us, and what we'll do to make up for it if something goes wrong along the way." The *Charter ALL*

*IN Customer Guarantee* makes four key commitments to customers:

#### **30-Day Money-Back Guarantee**

We believe in our people, our products and in providing our customers with exceptional service. We're confident you will be completely satisfied with your Charter experience. If for any reason you are not satisfied with a Charter service within the first 30 days, we'll give you your money back.

#### **Service Experience Guarantee**

We want you to enjoy doing business with us and we'll deliver on our commitments to you. We'll arrive during your scheduled appointment window and we'll complete your service call on the first visit, or we'll provide you a \$20 credit.

#### **Reliability Guarantee**

We know that reliable service is important to you. Charter delivers outstanding service and reliability with a robust network. If you are without service for more than 24 hours, you'll receive a \$20 credit upon request.

#### **Product Promise**

We are committed to providing cutting-edge technology and ongoing enhancements, including increased Internet speeds and more HD and On Demand choices. We'll provide functionality and improvements you may not have even imagined yet. At Charter, we never stop working to bring you additional value in your services.

Restrictions apply for all Guarantees. See [charter.com/guarantee](http://charter.com/guarantee) for complete details. The *Charter ALL IN Customer Guarantee* is in effect beginning March 12. Customer concerns or issues not defined in the *Customer Guarantee* will continue to be handled in accordance with existing practices.

<sup>1</sup> 2011 by pcmag.com.

### **Charter's Greenville Employees Raise Funds for Meyer Center for Special Children during United Way Fundraiser**

**March 30, 2012, GREENVILLE, SC** – Charter employees in Greenville recently concluded a successful United Way campaign that raised more than \$2,400 during a two-week fundraiser. Meyer Center for Special Children was selected by Charter employees as the recipient of the campaign funds. The Greenville-based organization provides intensive speech, occupational and physical therapy integrated with pre-school education for children with disabilities from infancy to age 6. "Charter and its employees stand behind the United Way's mission to build strong, vibrant communities," said Anthony Pope, Vice President and General Manager of Charter's operations in South Carolina. "We are pleased to offer our support to Meyer Center for Special Children, an organization that makes a significant contribution to our community by positively impacting the lives of children and their families."

"We are grateful to Charter and its employees for selecting Meyer Center for Special Children as the recipient of its United Way fundraising campaign," said Louise Anthony, Executive Director of Meyer Center for (continued on page 4)

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### ***Charter's Greenville Employees Raise Funds (continued from page 4)***

Special Children. "It's only because of the support of organizations like Charter and individuals throughout the community, that we are able to serve Upstate children who face many challenges and make progress against all odds."

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### ***Comcast Honored As Top 10 Company for Its Work with Veteran-Owned Businesses***

**April 11, 2012, PHILADELPHIA, PA-**For the sixth consecutive year, Comcast Corporation, one of the nation's leading providers of entertainment, information and communications products and services, has been honored as one of the top 10 U.S. corporations for doing business with companies owned by military veterans. The National Veteran-Owned Business Association (NaVOBA) recognizes large corporations that most successfully engage the nation's three million veteran-owned businesses as suppliers. NaVOBA unites the nation's 3 million businesses owned by military veterans by providing a single voice to advocate for important issues.

"The Top 10 corporations that earn a spot on this exclusive list are the best in the U.S. at recognizing how well the military prepares business leaders through teaching leadership, teamwork, resolve, integrity and ingenuity," said NaVOBA President Chris Hale. "In a tough economy corporate America is eager to partner with business leaders who embody those intangibles along with exemplary skills and dedication. We're delighted to highlight and honor them."

In addition to including veteran-owned businesses in their supplier diversity initiatives, Comcast and NBCUniversal have been standing up for veterans for years, including them in their hiring practices and community investments, honoring them in their programming and valuing them as consultants and advisors. The two companies spent a combined \$60 million with veteran-owned businesses in 2011 and have trained countless VOBs on how to do business with both companies over the past few years. "We are once again proud to be recognized for our commitment to create opportunities for the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country," said Peter Kiriacoulacos, Chief Procurement Officer, Comcast and NBCUniversal. "Our supplier diversity program is focused on creating equal access for all potential vendors. And in the case of veterans and their businesses, we believe it is our duty to help them be successful in civilian life. Both Comcast and NBCUniversal remain committed to that goal."

Last Month Comcast and NBCUniversal pledged to hire 1,000 U.S. veterans over the next three years as part of NBC News' "Hiring Our Heroes" initiative, in which the network has partnered with United States Chamber of Commerce to help get veterans back to work. The announcement by Comcast CEO Brian Roberts coincided with a nationwide hiring fair, "Hiring Our Heroes Today," that connected thousands of veterans and military family members with more than 100 prospective employers in person and online. Other veterans' initiatives at Comcast and NBCUniversal include:

- Veteran representation on Comcast and NBCUniversal's Joint External Diversity Council, an external advisory group that counsels both companies on their diversity initiatives.
- A commitment by Comcast Spotlight, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, to air a "Hiring NBC News' yearlong series, "Making a Difference on the Homefront," that was announced last June. The monthly stories continue NBC News' efforts to shine a light on veterans, military families, and the issues affecting them across the country.
- Comcast's Xfinity TV service's lineup of special programming on Xfinity On Demand and [XfinityTV.com](http://XfinityTV.com) that explores veteran lifestyles and touches specifically on their employment issues.
- Universal Orlando Resort's partnership with Wounded Warriors Family Support that provides assistance to the families of veterans and enlisted men and women that were wounded, injured or killed in action. Since January 2011, Universal Orlando has hosted more than 50 families at both of its theme parks and donated 230 complimentary tickets to the organization.
- Comcast's national sponsorship of the 2011 National Veterans Wheelchair Games last August in Pittsburgh.

Other Top 10 companies featured in this month's issue of NaVOBA's *Vetpreneur* magazine can be accessed here: <http://www.navoba.com>

## Member News continued...

### ***Comcast Cares Day***

**April 14, 2012, CHARLESTON, S.C.** - Comcast Cares Day is the company's annual day of community service when over 60,000 Comcast employees across the country volunteer their time to improve the quality of life in the local communities where they live and work. The Charleston Comcast team took on three different projects this year. The first of these projects took place at Hunting Island State Park, a local landmark which provides visitors with the opportunity to climb a working lighthouse. The Comcast team partnered with the Friends of Hunting Island group to help paint and restore some of their surrounding buildings and fencing.

For the second project, Comcast employees partnered with the Charleston Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to conduct a roadside clean up and marsh sweep. One of the major initiatives of the Surfrider Foundation is reducing the amount of plastics and trash in oceans and the surrounding environment. The Comcast team targeted a mile long stretch of Folly Road and was able to collect over 300 pounds of trash and recyclables! It was a great time and very rewarding to see such an immediate impact on the environment.

Finally, Charleston area employees worked with Crisis Ministries, a local partner of the United Way, to provide shoe boxes full of essential items to the homeless population of Charleston. This was a great way for those Comcasters who could not attend one of the offsite work projects to participate in giving back to the community.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Comcast Cares Day was a tremendous success.

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evaluating other charges such as originating access through its further notice of proposed rulemaking. Sprint intervened in the proceeding. A hearing in the docket has been scheduled for June 20, 2012.

### **Reductions to Intrastate Access Charges**

The ICC Reform Order brought intrastate and interstate access charges under a single federal regime and adopted comprehensive measures to reform intercarrier compensation. The FCC created a federal access charge recovery mechanism to offset reductions to interstate and intrastate access rates. The Office of Regulatory Staff petitioned the South Carolina Commission to open a proceeding to review the federally mandated reductions to intrastate access tariffs. *Office of Regulatory Staff Petition to Review FCC Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs*, S.C. PSC Docket Number 2012-136-C. ORS requested an order requiring all affected local exchange carriers to file proposed switched access tariff revisions with supporting documentation. ORS indicated that the federal adoption of a transitional ICC restructuring framework for both intrastate and interstate telecommunications traffic exchanged with a local exchange carrier included directions for price cap carriers, rate-of-return carriers and certain CLECs to reduce the differential between the carrier's intrastate and interstate access rates by July 1, 2012. In order to have time to review and implement the required reductions, ORS asked the Commission to order all affected local exchange carriers to file the tariff revisions on or before June 1, 2012. This allows ORS, the Commission and others the opportunity to review the proposed filings prior to the federal July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. On April 11, 2012, the Commission issued Order Number 2012-262 granting the request.

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**2012 JOINT SUMMER MEETING**

**AUGUST 19-20, 2012**

**CHARLESTON PLACE HOTEL**

**CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**



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### ***Department of Revenue – Broadcasting Software***

The South Carolina Department of Revenue issued a private letter ruling on March 29, 2012 to address whether broadcasting software is subject to South Carolina sales and use tax. *Broadcasting Software for Radio and Television Stations and Cable Television Systems*, SC PLR #12-1 (March 29, 2012). The software schedules all programming for broadcast, places commercial and public service announcements, and creates programming logs maintained by the customer. It also automatically initiates the broadcasting of all programs, commercial and public service announcements. The software is installed in a dedicated service and primarily sold and delivered electronically. It may also be sold and delivered via a disk drive or tape. The tax code exempts all supplies, technical equipment, machinery and electricity sold to radio and television stations, and cable television systems, for use in producing, broadcasting or distributing programs. The Department concluded that broadcasting software as described is exempt from the sales and use tax. When the software is sold in tangible form, it is a part for an exempt machine—the server dedicated for scheduling and initiating broadcasts. The private letter ruling also noted that software, regardless of the purpose for which it is used or to whom it is sold, that is sold and delivered by electronic means via telephone lines, the Internet, a wireless network, or any other wireless connection is not subject to the sales and use tax, provided no part of the software, including back-up tapes, disks, or flash drives is delivered by tangible means. However, charges by an Application Service Provider for customer access to the ASP website and use of the software on that website are subject to the sales and use tax unless otherwise exempt.

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### ***Federal Pole Attachment Decision***

The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the FCC's compensation regime that cable and telecommunications companies pay to connect to utility poles in *Gulf Power Co. v. FCC et al*, U.S. Ct. Appeals, D.C. Circuit, Opinion No. 11-1215. The 1978 Pole Attachments Act set a ceiling and a floor on the price, but allowed the utilities to refuse attachment. The 1996 Telecom Act required utilities to allow attachment except in cases of insufficient capacity or for reasons of safety, reliability and generally applicable engineering purposes. Soon after the 1996 amendments, Gulf Power and other utilities increased their pole attachment rates to levels above the statutory maximum. Several cable operators filed a complaint against Gulf with the FCC. The FCC ruled that the increased rates violated the Act and the implementing regulations. The Court held that Gulf could not raise the issue since the same issue had been litigated and resolved by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *Alabama Power Co. v. FCC* in 2002. Gulf and Alabama Power are wholly owned subsidiaries of South Company.

The Court also did not agree with Gulf Power's argument that the FCC applied the exception to the rate schedule too narrowly. To apply the exception, the utility had to show its poles were at full capacity. Gulf contended that its poles were at full capacity since some poles could not receive attachments unless some work was performed on the existing attachments. Neither the FCC nor the Court agreed that a pole is "at capacity" just because the utility may have to rearrange some connections to accommodate the new attachment. The Court noted that the pole attachment rate compensation system already provided for reimbursement of the make-ready costs of any new attachments. The Court compared the make-ready work to rearranging plates in a dishwasher to fit in one more item. Such "make-ready" work does not expand the device's capacity, but merely makes possible a more efficient use of existing capacity.

## ***Lifeline and Link-Up Reform***

On January 31, 2012, the FCC approved a comprehensive overhaul of the Lifeline program.<sup>1</sup> The changes save up to \$2 billion over 3 years. The overhaul creates a National Lifeline Accountability Database to prevent multiple carriers from receiving support for the same subscriber and creates eligibility databases from governmental data sources. The FCC established a one-per-household rule applicable to all providers and established clear goals and metrics to measure program performance and effectiveness. The *Lifeline Reform Order* adopts an express goal of ensuring availability of broadband for all low-income Americans and establishes a Broadband Adoption Pilot Program. The Pilot will use up to \$25 million in savings from other reforms to test and determine how Lifeline can best be used to increase broadband adoption among Lifeline-eligible customers.

The *Lifeline Reform Order* includes several mandated changes that have a direct impact on the management of the Lifeline and Link Up Programs currently administered by the S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff. On March 19, 2012, ORS filed a petition with the S.C. Public Service Commission that (1) sought guidance from the Commission as to whether the \$3.50 in state Lifeline support should continue to be provided in light of the federal order; (2) adoption of the new consumer eligibility criteria; and (3) a requirement for those ETC's that have tariffs, guidebooks or price lists to modify them by April 2, 2012.

The *Lifeline Reform Order* eliminated Link Up support unless the customer resides on tribal land and sets Lifeline support at a flat rate of \$9.25 effective April 2, 2012. The Order also phases out the Toll Limitation Services support. Since the current state Lifeline support

is \$3.50, ORS seeks guidance from the Commission as to whether the state support should continue beyond the deadline. The Lifeline Reform Order also requires all states to use the federal income and program criteria to determine Lifeline eligibility beginning June 1, 2012.

ORS recommends that the Commission require ETCs that maintain tariffs subject to the Commission's jurisdiction make tariff revisions to reflect the changed support amount and require all other ETCs to make filings demonstrating appropriate revisions to their guidebooks/price lists or other relevant documents. Allied Wireless, Assurance Wireless, and the S.C. Telephone Coalition filed petitions to intervene in the docket. On March 29, 2012, the Commission issued Order Number 2012-234 granting the interim relief requested by ORS. The Commission held that the \$3.50 in South Carolina Universal Service Support would remain in place with a final decision after opportunity for hearing on that issue. The Coalition requested clarification of the effective date for implementation of the interim Order given the FCC's subsequent public notice stating that the amendment to the rules implementing the \$9.25 flat rate on non-tribal lands was not effective until the Office of Management and Budget approved the data collection provisions of the rule. Once OMB approval is received, notice would be published in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of the rule and providing ETCs at least 90 days notice to come into compliance with the \$9.25 flat rate on non-tribal lands. The Commission clarified that the effective date of any tariff changes is to coincide with the effective dates of the relevant FCC-mandated programs in Order Number 2012-288 issued April 17, 2012.

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) ("*Lifeline Reform Order*").

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## ***Executive Order – Labor Strikes***

Governor Nikki Haley issued Executive Order Number 2012-02 on January 24, 2012, directing the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to immediately report all indications of labor disputes to the Department of Employment and Workforce to ensure the uniform and effective enforcement of the law which prohibits striking workers from receiving unemployment benefits. The Executive Order indicates that coordination between these two agencies is essential to ensuring that state government remains efficient, avoids duplication, and consistently applies South Carolina law prohibiting unemployment benefits for workers participating in a labor dispute and providing an additional safeguard to South Carolina businesses as they attempt to keep their costs low and predictable.

## SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The second session of the General Assembly convened on January 10, 2012. Following is a list of bills introduced since the publication of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter.

### Senate Bill 1088 – Amends Statute Appointing PSC Commissioners

Amends statutes that create certain boards and commissions (including Public Service Commission) whose members are appointed or elected by congressional district due to additional district pursuant to the 2010 census. Passed Senate and referred to House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1088.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1088.htm)

### Senate Bill 1125 – Unemployment Benefits

A person discharged for cause would be ineligible for benefits for 20 weeks. Passed Senate, House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1125.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1125.htm)

### Senate Bill 1127 – Reapportionment's Effect on Commission Appointments

Section 15 provides that when a board or commission member's residency is transferred to another district by reapportionment, the person continues to serve the term. An additional person may be appointed or elected from the district that loses a resident member on it as a result of the transfer until the incumbent's term expires. Passed Senate and referred to House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1127.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1127.htm)

### Senate Bill 1144 – Political Advertisement

Imposes a 5% advertising surcharge for political ads if paid for by a group not affiliated with a candidate. Referred to Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1144.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1144.htm)

### Senate Bill 1146 – Income Tax Credit

Establishes a refundable income tax credit to a digital media company producing a state-certified production equal to 25% of the base investment. Senate Finance Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1146.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1146.htm)

### Senate Bill 1161 – Limits Incumbents' Ability to Seek Additional Elective Office

Proposes amended constitution to provide that an incumbent elective office holder may not run for another local, state or federal elective office except during the final year of the term being served. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1161.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1161.htm)

### Senate Bill 1176 – Tax Code Revisions – Business Inventory Tax Exemption and Personal Property

Revises the business inventory tax exemption regarding debt service and replaces "property used in business" in personal property returns instead of a listing of vehicles. Passed Senate, House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1176.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1176.htm)

### Senate Bill 1224 – Cable & Cell Phone Service Charge Restrictions

Cable or cell service provider could not require a credit card number as part of an application for service, as a condition for providing service or as a condition for making payments for service. Also would not be allowed to charge a termination fee or any charge on the final bill except for the amount due for service rendered. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1224.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1224.htm)

### Senate Bill 1247 – Electronic Service

Authorizes Public Service Commission to serve a final order by email, registered mail or certified mail. Passed Senate, House Labor, Commerce, Industry Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1247.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1247.htm)

### Senate Bill 1330 – S.C. Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act

Taxpayer making investments of a certain size in rehabilitating an abandoned building may receive specified income or property tax credits. Senate Finance Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1330.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1330.htm)



**SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (continued)****Senate Bill 1338 – Ethics Commission Compliance**

Public officials that owe unpaid fines or other monies to State Ethics Commission may not be elected, reelected or appointed to a public office. Senate Judiciary subcommittee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1338.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1338.htm)

**Senate Bill 1340 – LLR Procedures for Discrimination Complaints by Employees**

Provides procedures to be used by the Director of labor, Licensing and Regulation when a complaint is filed by employee alleging discrimination. Passed Senate, House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1340.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1340.htm)

**Senate Bill 1353 – Disclosure of Economic Interest**

Public officers and employees required to file a statement of economic interests for any year in which the person holds any designated office for any portion of the year. Senate recalled from Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1353.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1353.htm)

**Senate Bill 1360 – Term Limits County Government**

Allows term limits to be imposed for a county governing body. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1360.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1360.htm)

**Senate Bill 1373 – State Ethics Commission**

Removes exclusions for members, staff and General Assembly candidates from Ethics Act and State Ethics Commission oversight. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1373.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1373.htm)

**Senate Bill 1416 – Limited Liability Members**

Recodifies intent to shield members from personal liability for actions taken in the ordinary course of business of the limited liability company. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1416.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1416.htm)

**Senate Bill 1424 – Demand Market Area Determination**

Authorizes county government to change the demand market area for the county if county residents and businesses could be disadvantaged by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's assignment of the demand market area. Provides a cause of action for damages for personal injury, wrongful death or loss of real or personal property due to the lack of notice of a local warning as a result of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's determination of the demand market area. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1424.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1424.htm)

**Senate Bill 1426 – Demand Market Area Determination**

Authorizes county government to change the demand market area for the county if county residents and businesses could be disadvantaged by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's assignment of the demand market area. Does not provide a cause of action for damages. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1426.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1426.htm)

**Senate Bill 1427 – Demand Market Area Determination**

Authorizes county government to change the demand market area for the county if county residents and businesses could be disadvantaged by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's assignment of the demand market area. Provides a cause of action for businesses who suffer economic damage due to the lack of notice of a local warning as a result of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's determination of the demand market area. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1427.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1427.htm)

**Senate Bill 1428 – Transparency in Ethics Act**

Records relating to Ethics Committee investigations in House and Senate are not confidential after probable cause of a violation is found. Senate Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/1428.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/1428.htm)

**House Bill 4652 – LLR Filing Requirements for Labor Organizations**

Requires employers to post right to work laws and labor unions to file certain information with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation including an annual financial report. Passed House and referred to Senate Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4652.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4652.htm)

**SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (continued)****House Bill 4660 – Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2012**

Prohibits formation of PACS by state elected officials or departments. Limits lobbyists/lobbyists' principals contributions from December 31<sup>st</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> and increases maximum campaign contribution limits. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4660.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4660.htm)

**House Bill 4669 – Clean Elections Act**

Procedure allows candidates who agree to limit campaign contributions to receive a predetermined amount of public funds for campaigns and requires electronic disclosures for all campaign contributions to candidates and political committees. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4669.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4669.htm)

**House Bill 4673 – Reporting of Gifts by Public Officials**

Amends the reporting requirements for public officials and employees to include free private air transportation and increases the length of time that former public officials and employees must wait prior to serving as a lobbyist or accepting employment in a field of former service. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4673.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4673.htm)

**House Bill 4674 – Law Enforcement Confiscation of Cell Phones & Recording Devices**

Prohibits a law enforcement officer from confiscating or seizing cell phone, video recorder or other electronic recording device in some circumstances. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4674.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4674.htm)

**House Bill 4676 – Commercial Property Tax**

Phases in a reduction of the assessment ratio from 6% to 5% for property tax on commercial and other applicable real property. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4676.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4676.htm)

**House Bill 4709 – Cut, Cap & Balance Act**

Limits the general fund appropriations for a fiscal year to an estimate increased annually and cumulatively by a percentage determined by population increases and increases in the consumer price index. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4709.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4709.htm)

**House Bill 4732 – State Tax Credit for Hiring Veteran**

Establishes a state tax credit for employers hiring an unemployed veteran receiving unemployment compensation benefits. Introduced and placed on calendar without reference. House Ways and Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4732.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4732.htm)

**House Bill 4787 / Senate Bill 781 – Portable Electronics Insurance Act**

Establishes requirements relating to sale of portable electronics insurance, licensure fees and surcharges. Passed House, Senate amended, passed and returned to House. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4787.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4787.htm)

**House Bill 4789 / House Bill 3050 – General Assembly Term Limits**

Proposes a constitutional amendment that would limit the terms that members of the General Assembly can serve. House Judiciary Committee - 4789. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4789.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4789.htm)

**House Bill 4813 – Appropriations Bill for 2012-2013**

Annual general appropriations bill for upcoming fiscal year. Passed House and referred to Senate Finance Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4813.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4813.htm)

**House Bill 4938 – Lobbyists' Principals Campaign Contributions**

Prohibits lobbyists' principals from making a campaign contribution to member of General Assembly or statewide constitutional officer during a portion of the year. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4938.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4938.htm)

**House Bill 4973 – Minimum Residency Requirements for Candidates**

Establishes minimum 30 day residency requirement for state or local public officials elected from a specific district. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4973.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4973.htm)

**SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (continued)****House Bill 4982 – Disqualifications for Unemployment Benefits**

Changes the basis for disqualification for unemployment benefits from “cause connected with employment” to “misconduct connected to the employment” and to reduce the maximum period of disqualification to 20 weeks. House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4982.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4982.htm)

**House Bill 4993 – Property Tax Exemptions**

Exempts portion of value of manufacturing and business personal property from property taxes. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4993.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4993.htm)

**House Bill 4994 / House Bill 4995 – Sales Tax Exemptions**

Eliminates sales tax exemptions for telephone charges and supplies/equipment sold to cable television systems for use in broadcasting or distributing programs. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/494.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/494.htm) House Ways & Means Committee and [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4995.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4995.htm) House 2nd reading.

**House Bill 4996 – Income Tax**

Reduces the income tax rates for pass-through and business income. Passed House, Senate Finance Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4996.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4996.htm)

**House Bill 4997 – Income Tax**

Reduces income tax brackets so all incomes are taxed at 3%. Passed House, Senate Finance Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4997.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4997.htm)

**House Bill 4998 – Property Tax Assessment Ratios**

Reduces property tax assessment ratio on commercial and other applicable real property. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4998.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4998.htm)

**House Bill 4999 – Corporate Income Tax**

Eliminates corporate income tax over 4 year period. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/4999.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/4999.htm)

**House Bill 5063 – Unemployment Benefits**

Imposes penalties for providing false statements to increase unemployment benefits and penalties for employers who provide false statements to prevent or reduce unemployment benefits. Passed House, Senate Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee favorable report. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/5063.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/5063.htm)

**House Bill 5079 – Motion Picture Incentive Act**

Provides criteria for determining eligibility for incentives under the Motion Picture Incentives Act and increases maximum payroll rebate and vendor rebate. House Ways & Means Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/5079.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/5079.htm)

**House Bill 5093 – Revises House Schedule**

Changes the schedule from Tuesday through Friday to Monday through Thursday for the House to meet. House Rules Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/5093.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/5093.htm)

**House Bill 5105 – Social Networking Sites**

Prohibits employers from asking an employee and/or prospective employee to provide a password to access the social networking website profile of the employee. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/5105.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/5105.htm)

**House Bill 5114 – Workplace Health Improvement Act**

Repeals prohibition by employers from taking personnel action based on tobacco use outside the workplace. House Judiciary Committee. [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/bills/5114.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/bills/5114.htm)

## FCC BRIEFS

The following documents can be downloaded from the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>

The FCC appointed South Carolina Commissioner Randy Mitchell to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service on February 1, 2012.

On March 22, 2012, the FCC Industry Advisory Committee for the FCC, the Communications, Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council, unanimously adopted recommendations for voluntary, industry-wide action by ISPs to combat three cyber security threats that allow cyber criminals to access Internet traffic for nefarious purposes such as the theft of personal information and intellectual property. The recommendations address botnets, attacks on the Domain Name System, and Internet route hijacking.

On March 20, 2012, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking initiating a review of the exclusive contract prohibition of the program access rules. The prohibition that bans cable operators from entering into exclusive contracts with cable-affiliated programming vendors that deliver to cable operators via satellite is scheduled to expire on October 5, 2012. The NPRM seeks comment on whether the prohibition continues to be necessary. (FCC 12-30).

On March 6, 2012, the FCC issued an enforcement advisory to consumers using or importing cell jammers, GPS jammers and other jamming devices. [www.fcc.gov/eb/jammerenforcement](http://www.fcc.gov/eb/jammerenforcement).

On February 17, 2012, the FCC announced the start of the next round of tests to measure broadband performance for the 2012 Measuring Broadband America process. The first report in 2011 examined service offerings from 13 of the largest wireline broadband providers using automated, direct measurements. The study measured speed and performance as broadband is delivered to the home so that different service providers and technologies could be scientifically compared. The 2011 Report established that the majority of service providers were delivering performance approaching or exceeding their advertised levels. For more information about the report see [www.fcc.gov/measuring-broadband-america/](http://www.fcc.gov/measuring-broadband-america/)

FCC adopted rules to strengthen consumer protection against unwanted telemarketing "robocalls" to wireline and wireless phones on February 15, 2012. Telemarketers are required to obtain prior written consent from consumers before placing a robocall to a customer. The new rules also eliminated the established business relationship exemption to the robocall requirement. (FCC 12-21)

On February 15, 2012, the FCC issued its Report and Order extending the network outage reporting requirement to interconnected VoIP providers. Outage reporting rules will apply to both facilities-based and non-facilities based interconnected VoIP providers. The order did not grant state officials access to the outage database as requested by NARUC. (FCC 12-22)

On February 14, 2012, the FCC issued its quarterly report of Consumer Inquiries and Informal Complaints for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011. The overall number of inquiries decreased by more than 4% while overall complaints increased by nearly 1%. Bundled and VoIP service-related complaints increased by more than 11% this quarter while cable and satellite service complaints decreased by more than 12%. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/quarter/welcome.html>

On February 10, 2012, the FCC announced steps to close gaps in mobile service as part of the connect America Fund. The FCC issued a public notice of a reverse auction to award \$300 million in one-time Mobility Fund Phase I support to start the implementation process and released a new interactive map to illustrate areas potentially eligible for support.

On January 31, 2012, the FCC issued its quarterly report of Consumer Inquiries and Informal Complaints for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2011. The overall number of informal complaints in the top five reported categories increased. Cable and satellite service complaints increased by more than 19%. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/quarter/welcome.html>

## STATE-ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

As of January 5, 2012 the South Carolina Secretary of State has issued the following certificates of franchise authority. Changes from the last newsletter are highlighted in red:

ATLANTIC BROADBAND.....	Aiken, Aiken County, Allendale, Bamberg, Bamberg County, Barnwell, Burnettown, Denmark, Fairfax, Jackson, New Ellenton, Snelling, Williston
BALDWIN COUNTY INTERNET/ DSSI SERVICE, LLC	Beaufort County, Charleston County, Greenville, Greenville County
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA	Anderson, Anderson County, Arcadia Lakes, Bamberg County, Belton, Berkeley County, Blythewood, Calhoun County, Camden, Cayce, Central, Chapin, Charleston, Charleston County, Cheraw, Cherokee County, Chesterfield County, Clemson, Clover, Colleton County, Columbia, Cordova, Dorchester County, Duncan, Easley, Edisto Beach, Elgin, Fairfield County, Folly Beach, Forest Acres, Fountain Inn, Gaffney, Gaston, Goose Creek, Greenville, Greenville County, Greer, Hanahan, Hollywood, Irmo, Isle of Palms, James Island, Kiawah Island, Kershaw County, Laurens County, Lexington County, Liberty, Lincolnville, Little Mountain, Lyman, Mauldin, McConnells, Mount Pleasant, Newberry County, North Charleston, Oconee County, Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, Pickens, Pickens County, Pine Ridge, Ravenel, Reidville, Richland County, Seabrook Island, Seneca, Six Mile, South Congaree, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, Springdale, Sullivan's Island, Summerville, Travelers Rest, Walhalla, West Columbia, West Pelzer, Williamston, York, York County
BERKELEY CABLE TV, INC.....	Berkeley County, Bonneau, Charleston, Goose Creek, Harleyville, Jamestown, Moncks Corner, North Charleston, St. Stephens, Summerville
BROADBAND EXPERIENCE d/b/a FAMILY VIEW CABLEVISION ...	Central, Clemson, Pickens County
CAROLINA TELECOM SERVICES.....	Hickory Grove, Sharon
CATAWBA SERVICES, LLC .....	Rock Hill
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.....	Abbeville, Anderson County, Campobello, Chesnee, Clinton, Cowpens, Duncan, Easley, Greer, Greenville, Greenville County, Honea Path, Inman, Jonesville, Landrum, Laurens, Mauldin, Newberry County, Oconee County, Pelzer, Pickens County, Reidville, Salem, Six Mile, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, Starr, Travelers Rest, Union, Wellford, West Pelzer, Whitmire, Woodruff
CHESNEE COMMUNICATIONS.....	Cherokee County, Chesnee, Spartanburg County
CHESTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a TRUVISTA.....	Chester
COMCAST OF CAROLINA.....	Berkeley County, Charleston, Dorchester County, Edisto Beach, Goose Creek, Hampton County, Hanahan, Isle of Palms, James Island, Mount Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, Summerville
COMCAST OF GEORGIA/SC II.....	Beaufort County, Charleston, Edisto Beach, Hampton County, Hollywood, Meggett, Mount Pleasant, Town of Seabrook Island
COMCAST OF GEORGIA/SC INC.....	Aiken County, Burnettown, Hampton County, North Augusta
COMCAST OF THE SOUTH.....	Calhoun Falls, Prosperity
ELK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.....	Gaston, Lexington County, Swansea
FALCON VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS...	Beaufort, Beaufort County, Port Royal
FARMERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	Andrews, Clarendon County, Coward, Florence County, Georgetown County, Greeleyville, Lane, Lee County, Lynchburg, Mayesville, Paxville, Pinewood, Scranton, Sumter, Sumter County, Turbeville, Williamsburg County

### State-Issued Certificates of Franchise Authority *continued...*

FTC DIVERSIFIED SERVICES, INC.....	Bishopville, Clarendon County, Florence County, Georgetown County, Kingstree, Lake City, Lee County, Manning, Olanta, Summerton, Sumter, Sumter County, Williamsburg County
GREAT FALLS CABLEVISION, INC.....	Town of Great Falls d/b/a TRUVISTA
HARGRAY CATV CO., INC.....	Bluffton, Estill, Hampton, Hardeeville, Hilton Head Island, Jasper County
HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE...	Conway, Surfside Beach
HPI ACQUISITION CO., LLC.....	Anderson, Anderson County, Due West
KNOLOGY OF CHARLESTON, INC.....	City of Charleston, Charleston County, Dorchester County, Hanahan, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Summerville
MANAGED SERVICES INC.....	Berkeley County, Horry County, Jasper County, Richland County
METROCAST COMMUNICATIONS.....	Marlboro County, McColl OF MISSISSIPPI, LLC
NORTHLAND CABLE TELEVISION.....	Clemson, Laurens County, Oconee County, Pendleton, Pickens County, Saluda, Saluda County, Seneca, Six Mile, Walhalla, West Union, Westminster
PALMETTO CABLE TV, LLC.....	Fort Mill, Lancaster County, Tega Cay
PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE.....	Bamberg County, Colleton County, Cottageville, Lodge, Smoaks, Walterboro, COOPERATIVE, INC. Williams
PASSPORT COMMUNICATIONS.....	Fort Mill
PINE TREE CABLEVISION.....	Aiken County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Bethune, Cottageville, Gaston, Jefferson, Kershaw County, Lamar, McBee, Orangeburg County, Perry, Salley, Wagener
PBT COMMUNICATIONS.....	Gilbert, Lexington, Lexington County, Monetta, Pelion, Ridge Springs, Saluda County, Summit, Wagener
RST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.....	Gaffney
TECHCORE CONSULTANTS II.....	Bowman, Dorchester County, Earhardt, Eutawville, Holly Hill, Orangeburg County
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT LLC, DBA NEWWAVE COMMUNICATIONS...	Pageland
TIME WARNER CABLE, LLC.....	Andrews, Georgetown City, Charleston County, Georgetown County, Summerville, Williamsburg County
TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT.....	Batesburg-Leesville, Calhoun County, Cayce, Columbia, Conway, Florence County, ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PRTSHP Forest Acres, Georgetown County, Hemingway, Irmo, Lane, Lee County, Lexington, Lexington County, Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, Pamplico, Pine Ridge, Quinby, Richland County, Saluda County, South Congaree, Springdale, St. Matthews, Surfside Beach, Sumter, Sumter County, West Columbia
TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PTRSHP.....	Clover, Fort Mill, York County -CHARLOTTE DIVISION
TIME WARNER NY CABLE, LLC.....	Beaufort County, Bishopville, Bluffton, Cheraw, Darlington County, Dillon County, , Georgetown County, Goose Creek, Hardeeville, Hilton Head, Jasper County, Lakeview, Marion County, McBee, Moncks Corner, Nichols
VIDEO VISION, INC.....	Fort Lawn, Heath Springs, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lancaster County
YRT2, INC.....	Berkeley County, Columbia, Dorchester County, Greenville, Greenville County, Horry County, Myrtle Beach, Summerville