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C I T Y , S T A T E Z I P C O D E

Re: Cable Television Consumer Protection and
Competition Act of 1992

Dear ddis:

Since Congress adopted the 1992 Cable Television Act city officials have been curious as to how this comprehensive legislation would effect their constituents. On May 3, 1993 the Federal Communications Commission released a 500+ page Report and Order containing rules and regulations which answer a number of the questions you may have on this subject.

This extremely complex law and the recently released FCC Rules in effect give your Board of Aldermen the authority to regulate the rate charged by the local cable company for basic cable service. In addition you can require the cable operator to rapidly respond to complaints and outages and impose fines and penalties if service is not satisfactory. While these are just a few of the provisions of the Act you can easily see that there is a "new day" for your City to regulate what it was previously powerless to control.

In order for the City to take full advantage of this authority, there are certain steps that need to be taken within the next thirty days. Our firm has made a concerted effort to become familiar with this specialized area of the law so that we can assist our municipal clients in this matter. Having represented municipalities for the past sixteen years we feel we can guide your Board of Aldermen through this regulatory process and assist your City Attorneys in this matter so that the necessary steps can be taken to afford your citizens the rate regulation and service they deserve.

If you are interested in discussing this matter further please give me a call. I will be happy to meet with you, your Board and City Attorney at any time.

Sincerely,

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