

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of :

Continental Cablevision, Inc.

Amended Social Contract

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ORDER

Adopted: September 20, 1996

Released: September 20, 1996

By the Chief, Cable Services Bureau:

By this Order, we grant a motion ("Motion") filed by the City of Los Angeles, California ("City") for an extension of time from September 20, 1996 to November 1, 1996 in which the City may consider whether to opt out of the refunds set forth for Sundland/Tujunga (CUID No. CA0219) and Sylmar, California (CUID No. CA0188) in Exhibit 2 to the Amendment to the Continental Social Contract.¹ The City is the franchising authority for the cable television systems in those franchise areas.

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") approved the Amendment to the Continental Social Contract ("Amendment") in an Order released August 23, 1996. Among other things, the Amendment resolves all CPST cases and those BST cases where a la carte packages were at issue, which were pending against the additional cable systems Continental Cablevision, Inc ("Continental") acquired after the original Social Contract was approved by the Commission on August 1, 1996.² In resolving those cases, Continental agreed to pay cash refunds totalling approximately \$1.67 million to the subscribers in the franchise areas shown in Exhibits 2 and 3 of the Amendment. The Amendment provides that a local franchising authority may elect to opt out of the refunds established under the Amendment by providing notice to the Commission and Continental no later than 30 days following the effective date of the Amendment. That 30-day period expires on September 20, 1996.

¹In the Matter of Continental Cablevision, Inc., Amended Social Contract, FCC 96-358 (released August 25 1996).

²Social Contract for Continental Cablevision, 10 FCC Rcd 12561 (1995).

The City requests additional time to November 1, 1996 to resolve issues associated with the Amendment for the communities identified above and to review related documents Continental has submitted recently to the City in support of its rate filings.³ The City believes that the extension is in the public interest since it will permit the City a full opportunity to determine whether it will be in the best interests of subscribers in the named communities to exercise its right to opt out of the refunds provided in the Amendment. Continental does not oppose the Motion and has consented to the City's request for the extension of time.⁴

For the reasons stated in the Motion, we find good cause to grant the requested extension of time.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Motion for Extension of Time **IS GRANTED** to allow the City until November 1, 1996 to exercise its right to opt out of the refunds provided in the Amendment.

This action is taken pursuant to delegated authority under Section 0.321 of the Commission's rules and the delegation authorized by the Commission in the Order approving the Amendment.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Meredith J. Jones
Chief, Cable Services Bureau

³Motion for Extension of Time, 2.

⁴*Id.*, 1.