Open Video System Notice of Intent

Attention: Cable Services Bureau

BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20054

In the Matter of

STARPOWER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Notice of Intent to Establish an Open Video System File No.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM

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Starpower Communications, LLC, ("Starpower"), pursuant to Section 651 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Sec 76.1503(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its "Notice of Intent," ("Notice") to establish an open video system ("OVS"). As required by Section 76.1503(b)(1), Starpower respectfully submits the following information:

1. The OVS operator is Starpower Communications, LLC. The contact person for

the operator, Scott Burnside, is located at 100 Lake Street, Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612. Mr.

Burnside may be reached at (717)675-6201.

2. Starpower's projected service area includes the following communities:

Washington, DC

Starpower's open video system will provide service to Washington, DC (CUID No. DC 20002).

Maryland

•Montgomery County. Starpower's open video system will encompass portions of Montgomery County (CUID No. MD0236) including all or portions of the following incorporated communities and their surrounding areas:

Community	CUID Number
Chevy Chase	MD0223, MD0274
Chevy Chase Sec. III	
Chevy Chase Sec. V	MD0276
Chevy Chase Village	MD0277
Chevy Chase View	
Friendship Heights	
Gaithersburg	MD0057
Garrett Park	MD0231
Glen Echo	MD0233
Kensington	MD0234
Martin's Additions	
North Chevy Chase	
Oakmont	
Rockville	MD0222
Somerset	MD0227
Takoma Park	MD0226
Washington Grove	MD0225

•Prince George's County. Starpower's open video system will encompass portions of Prince George's County (CUID Nos. MD0163 and MD0172) including all or portions of the following incorporated communities and their surrounding areas:

Community	CUID Number
Berwyn Heights	MD0142
Bladensburg	MD0141
Brentwood	MD0220
College Park	MD0143
Colmar Manor	MD0221
Cottage City	MD0144
Edmonston	MD0145
Fairmont Heights	MD0182

Glenarden	MD0146
Hyattsville	MD0140
Landover Hills	MD0147
Laurel	MD0201
Mount Rainier	MD0148
New Carrollton	MD0171
North Brentwood	MD0149
Riverdale	MD0150
Takoma Park	MD0383
University Park	MD0151

•Howard County. Starpower's open video system will encompass portions of Howard County (CUID Nos. MD0077 and MD0355).

<u>Virginia</u>

- •Arlington County. Starpower's open video system will encompass portions of Arlington County (CUID No. VA0108).
- •Fairfax County. Starpower's open video system will encompass portions of Fairfax County (CUID Nos. VA0301).
- •Independent Cities. Starpower's open video system will encompass all or portions of the following incorporated communities, as well portions of Fairfax County adjacent to those communities:

<u>Community</u>	CUID Number	
City of Alexandria	VA0220	
City of Falls Church	VA0327	

3. The open video system will have a maximum of 330 channels available, each consisting of 6-MHz analog capacity. Subject to demand from prospective Video Programming Providers ("VPPs"), Starpower will evaluate and may implement an alternative technology including, but not limited to, a switched digital open video system. In any event, the selected solution will satisfy VPPs channel requests and meet all OVS channel capacity requirements.

4. VPPs interested in carriage on Starpower's open video system may obtain additional information about the system by completing the OVS Information Request Form

(Attachment 1) and submitting it to: Scott Burnside 100 Lake Street Dallas, PA 18612 (717) 675-6201

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.1503(b)(2) of the FCC's rules, within five business days of receipt of a request for information, Starpower will provide the VPP with additional information regarding the open video system to enable the VPP to make an enrollment decision. With this information, the VPP will also be provided with additional forms and instructions necessary for carriage on Starpower's open video system. If a VPP decides to seek carriage on Starpower's open video system after receipt of the additional information, the VPP must submit the required forms, a non-refundable application processing fee, and a channel reservation deposit by the end of the enrollment period.

5. One third of the system's maximum capacity will be set aside for Starpower and/or its affiliates. In addition, Starpower will utilize approximately thirteen (13) channels to carry public programs, educational programs, governmental programs, and those stations entitled to demand carriage pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.56 and §76.1506 of the FCC's rules. The remaining channels will be available for interested VPPs. No VPP will be assigned more than the capacity set aside for Starpower and its affiliates.

6. The enrollment period for VPPs seeking carriage on Starpower's open video system will commence on March 19, 1998 and will conclude June 18, 1998. In order to allow for contract finalization, ensure orderly channel allocation and allow timely systems allocation to occur, VPPs must submit their preliminary enrollment requests no later than May 18, 1998.

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Allocation of capacity in the event demand exceeds system capacity will occur as described in Attachment 2.

7. Attached is a certification that Starpower has complied with all relevant notifications requirements under the FCC's open video system regulations concerning must-carry and retransmission consent (47 C.F.R. §76.1506), including a list of all the local commercial and non-commercial television stations served. (Attachment 3). An example of the notification letter sent to television stations pursuant to this Section is also appended hereto. (Attachment 4). Also attached is a certificate of service showing that Starpower's Notice of Intent has been served on all local franchising authorities which are located within Starpower's anticipated OVS service area (Attachment 5).

Respectfully submitted, Starpower Communications, LLC

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Attachment 1

STARPOWER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Section I: Video Programming Provider Information

Name of Comp	any:			
Name of Contac	ct:			
Address:				
Telephone:				
Facsimile:			_	
Section II:	Carriage Information			
Total amount of	f capacity requested:	channels		
Section III:	Certification and Non-Disclos	ure Statement		

The undersigned video programming provider ("VPP") represents that it has the right under the copyright laws to select and contract for carriage of specific video programming on the Starpower open video system, and that it has no formal or informal affiliation (as defined by 47 C.F.R. § 76.1500(g) of the FCC's rules) or agreement with any other VPP requesting capacity or with any cable operator providing cable television services within Starpower's open video system service area, and that the capacity requested will only be used for the commercial operation of an information service. The VPP and its affiliates agree not to disclose to any other party the information provided by Starpower in response to this request, except for information that is in the public domain and except as provided in 47 C.F.R. § 76.1513(j) of the FCC's rules, and that they will not use the information

for any purpose whatsoever other than making an informed decision as to whether to enroll in the Starpower open video system and the subsequent activation of such enrollment, if any.

Signature

NameTitle

Date

STARPOWER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM CHANNEL ALLOCATION PROCESS

Starpower's anticipated total system capacity on its open video system is 330, 6 MHz analog channels. The following channel allocations already have been made:

Starpower: 110 channels for video programming + approximately 13 channels for the PEG/Must-Carry/Retransmission consent requirements. The remaining number of channels to be allocated is 207.

Initial capacity requests must be submitted by <u>May 18, 1998</u>. At that time, the total number of channels requested from all VPPs will be calculated. If sufficient capacity exists to fill all requests, each VPP will be allocated channel capacity equal to its request. If the

sum of all channels requested exceeds available channel capacity, each VPP requesting fewer than 6 channels will receive its requested channels; VPPs requesting more than 6 channels will receive at least 6, total capacity permitting. The remaining channels will be allocated to each VPP requesting more than 6 channels on a pro rata basis; that is based on the ratio of the remaining number of channels requested by all VPPs.

The following is an illustration of the allocation process based on the availability of 207 channels and a request for 398 channels from multiple VPPs.

	Total	398	32
	Channels <u>Requested</u>	Minir Alloc	
А	2	2	
В	6	6	
С	20	6	
D	110	6	
E	150	6	
F	110	6	
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Remaining Channels <u>Requested</u>	Ratio of Rmng Chnl Avlble to Rmng Chnl <u>Requested</u>	No. of Channels <u>Allocated</u>
0	-	2
0		6
14	.478	13
104	.478	56
144	.478	74
104	.478	56
366		207

Because VPPs C through F all requested more than 6 channels, each VPP is allotted up to 6 channels as the minimum allocation. The remaining number of channels available to be divided among the VPPs is 175 (207 channels minus 32 channels).

The number of available channels to be allocated on a pro rata basis (175) is divided by the remaining number of channels requested (366), which equals .478. This factor is used to calculate the distribution of the remaining 175 channels to VPPs C through F.

The remaining channels requested by VPPs C through F are multiplied by the pro rata factor (.478) to determine the number of channels the VPPs will be allocated in addition to the six channel minimum. Fractions of channels have been rounded to the nearest whole number, provided that the sum of all allocations not exceed the total number of available channels.

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Starpower will mail notification to each VPP to confirm the channel capacity allocation by June 2, 1998. Any VPP that is allocated fewer channels than it initially requested may withdraw its channel capacity request by notifying Starpower by mail. Cancellations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 1998 Channel capacity made available through the withdrawal of one or more VPPs will be reallocated on a pro rata basis to the remaining VPPs who did not receive their full request. On June 15, 1998, Starpower will mail a notification to each remaining VPP to confirm the final channel capacity allocation.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Patrick J. Whittle hereby certify that on this 17th day of March, 1998, copies of the foregoing Starpower Communications, LLC, Notice of Intent to Establish an Open Video System was served via overnight delivery on the parties listed below:

WRC

4001 Nebraska Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016 Attn: Allan Horlick, President & General Manager

WJLA

3007 Tilden Street, N.W.Washington, D.C. 20008Attn: Terrence Connelly, Jr.,President & General Manager

WDCA

5202 River Road Bethesda, MD 20816 Attn: Richard H. Williams, Vice President & General Manager

WMAR

6400 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212 Attn: Steve Gigliotti, General Manager

WBAL

Maryland's Broadcast Center Baltimore, MD 21211 Attn: Philip Stolz, Vice-President & General Manager

WTTG

5151 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.Washington, D.C. 20016Attn: Gene McHugh, Vice-President & General Manager

WUSA

4100 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.Washington, D.C. 20008Attn: Robert Sullivan, President & General Manager

WBDC 2121 Wisco

2121 Wisconsin Avenue. N.W., Ste. 350 Washington, D.C. 20007 Attn: Michael Nurse, General Manager

Baltimore, MD 21211-1420 Attn: Steve Marks, General

Manager

WBFF

WJZ

Television Hill Baltimore, MD 21211 Attn: Marcellus Alexander, Vice-President & General Manager

2000 West 41st Street

WNUV 3001 Druid Park Drive Baltimore, MD 21215 Attn: Joseph Koff, General Manager WHSW 4820 Seton Road Baltimore, MD 21215 Attn: Bonnie McCausey, Operations Manager

WETA

3620 27th Street, S. Arlington, VA 22206 Attn: Sharon Percy Rockefeller, President & CEO

WMPT

11767 Owings Mill Blvd. Owings Mills, MD 21117 Attn: Norm Silverstein, Senior VP, Administrative Services

WHMM

2222 4th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20059 Attn: Marva Fletcher, General Manager

Patrick J. Whittle

Attachment 4

Example of Notification Letter (Attached)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Yvonne Skinner, hereby certify that on this 17th day of March, 1998, copies of the foregoing the Starpower Communications, LLC. Notice of Intent to Establish an Open Video System were served via first class mail on the parties listed below (parties designated with * were served by hand delivery):

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