CABLE TELEVISION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAIʻI

In the Matter of	)	
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SPECTRUM OCEANIC, LLC	)	**DECISION AND ORDER NO. 392**
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Franchise Fees Paid by the Cable Operator.	)	Date Issued: July 2, 2026
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DECISION AND ORDER NO. 392

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Decision and Order ("**D&O**") Nos. 346, 366, 368, 386, 390, 391 and other applicable orders and directives, Spectrum Oceanic, LLC ("**Spectrum**")[1] is required to pay franchise fees in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of Spectrum's annual gross revenues for its Cable Systems throughout the State of Hawaiʻi ("**State**").

II. DISCUSSION

Under federal law, a franchising authority (i.e., Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("**DCCA**")) is authorized to assess franchise fees from cable operator(s) up to a maximum of five percent (5%) of a Cable System's annual gross revenues. See, 47 United States Code § 542(b).

On November 15, 2024, DCCA issued D&O No. 386 renewing Spectrum's Kauaʻi County cable franchise, and on April 1, 2026, DCCA issued D&O No. 391 renewing Spectrum's Maui County cable franchise. D&Os No. 386 and No. 391[2] modify the Annual Fee,[3] Access Operating Fees ("**AOF**"), and Hawaiʻi Public Television

[1] By letter dated June 21, 2019, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("**DCCA**") was notified that on June 6, 2019, Oceanic Time Warner Cable LLC was renamed as Spectrum Oceanic, LLC.

[2] Modification of the Annual Fee for the Maui County cable franchise, as referenced in D&O No. 391, does not come into effect until January 2027.

[3] Under Hawaiʻi Administrative Rules ("**HAR**") § 16-132-2(d), "'income received from subscribers for cable services'" means revenues derived from the supplying of regular subscriber service and includes installation fees, disconnect and reconnect fees, and fees for regular cable benefits." The term does not include per-program or per-channel charges, leased channel revenues, advertising revenues and other income derived from the Cable System.

Foundation, dba PBS Hawaiʻi ("**HPTF**") distribution to account for changes related to the FCC Order on in-kind valuations.[4]

Pursuant to D&O No. 390, issued on January 16, 2026, DCCA directed Spectrum to distribute one-half of the AOF to the various PEG organizations and to hold the remaining one-half in an interest bearing account in a federally insured financial institution authorized in the State of Hawaii to be distributed at a later date at the sole discretion and direction of the Director. Accordingly, the Director hereby directs Spectrum to pay the remaining one-half of the collected AOF from its Cable Systems as set forth below.

III. ORDER

Based on the foregoing, DCCA hereby orders that:

A. On or about July 31, 2026, Spectrum shall make the following franchise fee payments for the Oahu, Maui County, and Hawaiʻi island Cable Systems:

The remaining one-half (1/2) as AOF to the various public, educational, and governmental ("**PEG**") access organizations on Oahu, Maui County, and Hawaiʻi island, respectively (with the exception that the Oahu PEG designee's AOF are subject to a cap plus an inflationary differential each year) (i.e., each PEG access organization shall receive half a year of AOF);[5] and

B. On or about July 31, 2026, Spectrum shall make the following franchise fee payments for the Kauaʻi County Cable System:

The remaining annual gross revenues shall be distributed as follows:

The remaining one-half (1/2) as AOF to the Kauaʻi County PEG Access Organization.[6]

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[4] The FCC issued a Third Report and Order in its Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act, MB Docket No. 05-311, FCC 19-80, 84 Fed. Reg. 44725 (August 27, 2019), as amended ("FCC Order"), in which the FCC determined that the costs of noncash cable-related exactions, in-kind contributions, that cable operators provide under a cable franchise must be offset against the franchise fees, thereby impacting the distribution of franchise fees.

[5] The current Supplemental Agreements to the Agreement for Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Services for Oahu, Maui County, and Hawaiʻi island provides that the term of such agreements shall be from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, a six-month period, which is reflected in the AOF amount.

[6] The current Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Services for the island of Kauaʻi provides that the term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, a six-month period, which is reflected in the AOF amount.

C. Spectrum shall provide copies of the payment checks and any supporting documents related to the above-mentioned payments to DCCA.

D. Except as otherwise provided in this D&O, the remaining provisions of D&O Nos. 346, 366, 368, 386, 390, 391 and all other provisions of applicable D&Os, Letter Orders, and directives issued by DCCA shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaiʻi, July 2, 2026.

Nadine Y. Ando
Director of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **DECISION AND ORDER NO. 392** was served upon the following person at the address shown below by mail, postage prepaid, on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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