

COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEM #R2

For Commission Meeting: September 18, 2017

“Contingency Request: Legal Assistance for Frontier Franchise Negotiations”

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission allocate up to \$15,000 from FY 2017-18 Contingency to engage Beery Elsner & Hammond, LLP for preliminary legal services related to the Frontier Franchise.

Background

Frontier Cable is the renewal window and has requested to do so June 19, 2017.

Franchising is outside the legal scope of our advice attorney and as such, the MHCRC historically engages legal assistance for franchising preparations, negotiation, and attendant activities. Beery Elsner & Hammond, LLP assisted in the Verizon, now Frontier, franchise renewal process in 2006-2009 and thus has important historical knowledge for the renewal process to help ensure the MHCRC and our member jurisdictions are well represented in relationship to the cable services franchises.

Thus far, \$0 of the \$45,000 FY17-18 operations budget contingency has been allocated.

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