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Staff Report

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Status: Consent Agenda

To: City Commission

Agenda #: 7d.

From: City Recorder Nancy Ide

File Type: Resolution

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 13-01, Approving an Eighth Extension of the Cable Franchise Agreement with AT&T Comcast Corporation

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 13-01 for an eighth extension of the Comcast franchise agreement to June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The current franchise agreement between the City of Oregon City and AT &T Comcast Corporation (Comcast) expired on May 6, 2009. Good faith efforts have been made to negotiate a renewal of the agreement, and an extension of the current agreement to October 31, 2009 was approved by the Commission by Resolution No. 09-24; a second extension was approved by Resolution No. 09-29 to January 15, 2010; a third extension was approved by Resolution No. 10-03 to August 31, 2010; a fourth extension was approved by Resolution No. 10-21 to December 31, 2010; a fifth extension was approved by Resolution No. 10-32 to June 30, 2011; a sixth extension was approved by Resolution No. 11-18 to March 31, 2012; and a seventh extension was approved by Resolution No. 12-07 to December 31, 2012. Negotiation activity has recently increased, and we anticipate this will be the last extension. As such, an eighth extension is being sought to June 30, 2013. Comcast does not object to the extension.

Comcast has continued to pay franchise fees and otherwise appears to have complied with the terms of the franchise during this lapse. The resolution will ensure that Comcast continues to have authority from the City to provide cable services.

The City will bring the proposed renewal to the City Commission by ordinance once the parties have reached agreement.