

**199—44.3(17A,476,477A) Certificate of franchise authority.** After July 1, 2007, a person shall not provide cable or video service in Iowa without a franchise. The franchise may be issued by either the commission pursuant to this chapter or by a municipality pursuant to Iowa Code section 364.2.

**44.3(1) Existing franchise agreements.** A franchise in effect before July 1, 2007, is subject to the exemptions and requirements of Iowa Code section 477A.2.

**44.3(2) Municipal utilities.** A municipal utility that provides cable or video service in Iowa is exempt from this chapter pursuant to Iowa Code section 477A.2(2) “c.”

**44.3(3) Initial application.** The requirements and procedures for obtaining a cable or video service franchise are set forth in Iowa Code section 477A.3. Applications are to be submitted using a form developed by and available from the commission.

**44.3(4) Content of certificate.** A certificate of franchise authority issued by the commission shall conform to the requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 477A.3(5).

**44.3(5) Modification of service area.** At least 14 days before expanding cable or video service to a previously undesignated service area or making any other change to its previously designated service area, the holder of a certificate of franchise authority shall update the description of its service area on file with the commission and notify the commission of the effective date of the expansion or other change in service area in a manner prescribed by the commission. The commission will acknowledge receipt of a notice of service area modification by letter.

**44.3(6) Transfer of certificate of franchise authority.** The holder of a certificate of franchise authority may transfer the certificate to any successor by filing a notice of transfer with the commission and each affected municipality pursuant to Iowa Code section 477A.3(8). The commission will acknowledge receipt of a notice of transfer by letter.

**44.3(7) Termination of certificate of franchise authority.** The holder of a certificate of franchise authority may terminate the certificate by providing written notice of the effective date of termination to the commission and to each affected municipality using a form prescribed by the commission. The commission will acknowledge receipt of a notice of termination by letter.

**44.3(8) Updates.** The holder of a certificate of franchise authority shall notify the commission of any change in the name of the entity holding the certificate, contact personnel, principal executive officers, address of principal place of business, telephone number, and customer service contact information by updating such information in the commission’s IUB 24/7 electronic system. The updates shall be completed within 14 days after the effective date of the change.

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