



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL  
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**DOCKET NO. 99-05-29 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION TO BECOME A HOLDING COMPANY WITH CONTROL OVER CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS CORP. - REOPENING**

January 15, 2003

By the following Commissioners:

Jack R. Goldberg  
John W. Betkoski, III  
Glenn Arthur

## **DECISION**

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) issued its final Decision in the above-captioned docket on September 8, 1999. In that Decision, the Department approved the Application (Application) of Adelphia Communications Corporation (Adelphia or Company) to become a holding company with control of the management and operation of Century Communications Corp.'s Lyme and Norwich community antenna television franchises. In the Application, Adelphia committed to fulfill the franchise agreement obligations in place between each Century franchise and the Department. The Franchise Agreement (FA) for the Lyme franchise expires on March 31, 2003.

On November 26, 2002, Adelphia filed a motion (Motion) requesting that the Department suspend Docket No. 00-09-44, Application of Adelphia Cable Communications, f/k/a Century Cable Management Corporation for Franchise Renewal, for a period not to exceed eight months. In its Motion, the Company also requested that the Adelphia/Lyme franchise be extended for nine months, or until December 31, 2003.

Adelphia filed the Motion because a bankruptcy court-approved reorganization plan prevented it from submitting certain late-filed exhibits requested by the Department. Adelphia stated that extending the FA term would not be considered a “new contract” for purposes of the bankruptcy proceeding, but would instead be treated as an agreement in the ordinary course of the debtor’s business.

After soliciting comments on the Motion from admitted parties and intervenors, the Department granted Adelphia’s request to suspend proceedings in Docket No. 00-09-44 for a period not to exceed eight months, or until August 31, 2003.

By this Decision, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 545 and the General Statutes of Connecticut §§ 4-181a and 16-331, the Department reopens the instant proceeding for the limited purpose of considering Adelphia’s request to extend the existing franchise term to December 31, 2003. The re-opened Docket is hereby designated Docket No. 99-05-29RE01, Application for Approval of Adelphia Communications Corporation to Become a Holding Company With Control Over Century Communications Corp – Franchise Term Extension.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision issued by the Department of Public Utility Control, State of Connecticut, and was forwarded by Certified Mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on the date indicated.

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Louise E. Rickard  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Department of Public Utility Control

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Jan 15, 2003  
Date