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#### RECITALS

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- 2. Pursuant to the franchising process, it has been determined that, in order to meet future, cable-related needs and interests, there is a need for the provision of public, educational and governmental access.

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

<u>Section 1 - Scope of Services</u>. In exchange for the funding provided by Continental to AccessCorp pursuant to this Agreement, AccessCorp shall operate and manage the St. Paul public access channels, and such other access channels as it may be designated by City to manage.

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<u>Section 3 - Funding</u>. AccessCorp shall receive funding for operating and/or capital support in exchange for the delivery of the services delineated in Section 1, as follows:

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<u>Section 4 - Expenditure of Funds</u>. Any funds not expended in a given year must be carried over into succeeding years. Upon termination of this Agreement, all funds of any kind received from Continental and not expended or obligated to be expended by AccessCorp shall be returned to the City.

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Section 7 - Termination. This Agreement may be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

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- B. The termination (after any appeals) of Continental's Franchise Agreement with the City of St. Paul, upon 90 days written notice following final termination; except that, if the obligations of Continental under the Franchise Agreement with the City of St. Paul are transferred to another entity, that entity is obligated to meet the terms and conditions of this Agreement and is entitled to the benefits hereof.

### Section 8 - Indemnification and Insurance.

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In Witness Whereof, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date written above.

### CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION OF SAINT PAUL, INC.

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Date: APRIL 29, 1998

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COMMUNITY ACCESS ST. PAUL, INC.

By: Robert Mayer

Its: President

Date: 05/05/98

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