

Open Video System Notice of Intent

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In the Matter of)
LAKEDALE TELEPHONE COMPANY)
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Notice of Intent to Establish)
an Open Video System)

File No. _____

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM**

LAKEDALE TELEPHONE COMPANY (Lakedale) pursuant to Section 651 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Section 76.1503(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its "Notice of Intent," ("Notice") to establish an open video system ("OVS"). As required by Section 76.1503(b)(1), Lakedale, respectfully submits the following information:

1. The OVS operator is Lakedale Telephone Company. The contact person for the operator, Gene R. South, Sr., is located at 9938 State Highway 55 NW, Annandale, MN 55302. Mr. South may be reached at 320-274-8201.

2. Lakedale's projected service area will encompass portions of Wright County and Stearns County, Minnesota including all or portions of the following incorporated communities:

<u>Community</u>	<u>County(ies)</u>
Areas of South Haven, MN	Wright County, MN
Areas of Fairhaven Township, MN	Wright and Stearns Counties, MN

3. The open video system will have a maximum of 300 digital channel input ports available, each consisting of an average of 4 megabits of capacity. Lakedale's system will satisfy all OVS channel capacity requirements.

4. Video Programming Providers (VPP) interested in carriage of Lakedale's open video system may obtain additional information about the system by completing the OVS Information Request Form (Attachment 1) and submitting it to:

Gene R. South, Sr.
PO Box 340
Annandale, MN 55302
320/274-8201

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.1503(b)(2) of the FCC's rules, within five business days of receipt of a request for information Lakedale will provide the VPP with additional information regarding the open video system to enable the VPP to make an enrollment decision. With this information, the VPP also will be provided with additional forms and instructions necessary for carriage on Lakedale's open video system. If a VPP decides to seek carriage on Lakedale's open video system after receipt of the additional information, the VPP must submit the required forms, a non-refundable application-processing fee, and a channel reservation deposit by the end of the enrollment period.

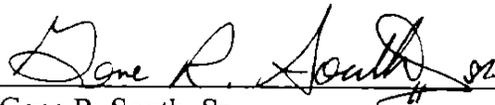
5. One third of the system's maximum capacity will be set aside for Lakedale and/or its affiliates. In addition, Lakedale will utilize approximately three channels to carry public programs, educational programs, and governmental programs, in addition to approximately nineteen "must-carry" stations entitled to demand carriage pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §76.56 and § 76.1506 of the FCC's rules. The remaining channels will be available for interested VPPs. No VPP will be assigned more than the capacity set aside for Lakedale and its affiliates.

6. The enrollment period for VPPs seeking carriage on Lakedale's open video system will commence on April 30, 2003, and will conclude July 30, 2003. In order to allow for contract finalization, ensure orderly channel allocation and allow timely systems allocation to occur, VPPs must submit their preliminary enrollment requests no later than June 30, 2003. Allocation of capacity in the event demand exceeds system capacity will occur as described in Attachment 2.

7. Attached is a Certification that Lakedale has complied with all relevant notification requirements under the FCC's open video system regulations concerning must-carry and retransmission consent (47 C.F.R. § 76.1506), including a list of all local commercial and non-commercial television stations served (Attachment 3). An example of the notification letter sent to television stations pursuant to this Section is also appended hereto (Attachment 4). Also attached is a Certificate of Service showing that Lakedale's Notice of Intent has been served on all local franchising authorities, which are located within Lakedale's anticipated OVS service area (Attachment 5).

Respectfully submitted,

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