PLACER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Clark L. Moots, Director of Administrative Services
DATE: December 5, 2006
SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve a Resolution Consenting to the Assignment of Boulder Ridge Cable TV, dba Starstream Communications, Non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise to Wave Division VI, LLC's, dba Wave Broadband

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Resolution authorizing and consenting to the assignment of a non-exclusive cable television franchise of Boulder Ridge Cable TV, a California corporation, dba Starstream Communications (Starstream) to Wave Division VI, LLC's, dba Wave Broadband.

BACKGROUND

Starstream has a non-exclusive cable television franchise to serve the unincorporated area of South Placer County – primarily to the communities of Granite Bay, Newcastle and Penryn and the unincorporated areas surrounding Rocklin, Lincoln and Loomis, including the community of Alta. On March 23, 2004 your Board approved Ordinance No.5293-B granting a 10-year cable television franchise extension to Starstream. The current franchise expires on April 1, 2015.

Starstream has subsequently advised the County that they have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement providing for the acquisition by Wave Division VI of Starstream's cable television systems serving the unincorporated areas of South Placer County – primarily to the communities of Granite Bay, Newcastle and Penryn and the unincorporated areas surrounding Rocklin, Lincoln and Loomis, including the community of Alta.

Wave Division VI has been in business since 2002 and through its operating subsidiaries, currently serves approximately 155,000 cable TV, high-speed Internet and telephone customers in western Washington, southern California and the East Bay area. Wave Division VI agrees to honor all terms and agreements of the existing franchise.

Starstream has submitted the required FCC Form 394 for review by County staff. Under federal legislation the County, as franchising authority, must review the application and determine if the applicant meets the legal, technical and financial qualifications to own and operate a cable television system. County staff has reviewed the submitted materials and recommends approval of the request for assignment.

Section 13.40.500 (D)(1) of the Placer County Code specifies that any assignment of a cable television franchise between entities such as Starstream and Wave Division VI must be approved by your Board and must be expressed by Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this action. Wave Division VI will collect from its subscribers and remit to the County franchise fees which amount to 5% of its billable operating revenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Wave Division VI agrees to all terms and conditions of the existing franchise agreement. Therefore, it is RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve a resolution authorizing and consenting to the assignment of Boulder Ridge Cable TV, dba Starstream Communications, cable television franchise to, Wave Division VI, LLC's, dba Wave Broadband to serve the unincorporated area of South Placer County – primarily to the communities of Granite Bay, Newcastle and Penryn and the unincorporated areas surrounding Rocklin, Lincoln and Loomis, including the community of Alta.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark L. Moots Director of Administrative Services

Cc: Ron Baker, Senior Administrative Service Officer Jerry Gamez, IT Division Manager Dean Henderson, Starstream Communications Steven B. Weed, Wave Division VI

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of:

Resol. No:_____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE OF BOULDER RIDGE CABLE TV, dba STARSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, TO WAVE DIVISON VI, LLC's, dba WAVE BROADBAND Ord. No:_____

First Reading:_____

The following <u>Resolution</u> was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors

of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, 2006,

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Clerk of said Board

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, that this Board approves the assignment of a cable television franchise of Boulder Ridge Cable TV, dba Starstream Communications ("Starstream") to Wave Division VI, LLC's, dba Wave Broadband. The cable television franchise shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: a. The term of the franchise shall be coincident with the term of the existing franchise.

b. The service area of the franchise shall be the unincorporated area of South Placer County – primarily to the communities of Granite Bay, Newcastle and Penryn and the unincorporated areas surrounding Rocklin, Lincoln and Loomis, including the community of Alta.

c. The assignment of the franchise is granted on the express condition that Wave Broadband agrees and consents to be bound by all rules and regulations contained in Chapter 13 of the Placer County Code as such rules and regulations may be adopted and/or amended from time-to-time throughout the effective date of the franchise.

d. The assignment shall be contingent upon the finalization of the sale between Starstream and Wave Broadband.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Administrative Services, or his or her designee, is authorized to execute such documents and take such other actions as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the franchise assignment.