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### **PUC ISSUES SECOND VIDEO FRANCHISE UNDER NEW STATE LAW**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30, 2007 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today determined that the video franchise application filed by AT&T California under new state legislation passed last year is complete, and issued a state video service franchise to the company. Under the terms of the PUC-approved franchise, AT&T may offer video service to consumers residing in its California service territory. AT&T will roll out video service as the company completes necessary upgrades to its network in the state, subject to the legislation's build-out and nondiscrimination requirements. Earlier this month, the PUC issued a similar franchise to Verizon.

“Only a month after the PUC officially approved the new statewide franchise process on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the PUC has approved both major incumbent telephone companies to provide cutting edge video services in the state to their customers,” said PUC President Michael R. Peevey. “Because AT&T’s service territory covers approximately 75 percent of the state, a large part of California can look forward to more choices in video programming and service options as a result of today’s action.”

Under the terms of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (AB 2987) passed in August 2006, the PUC must determine whether a video franchise application is complete within 30 days of its submission, and must issue a video franchise within 14 days after finding the application complete. Prior to this legislative change, a video service provider had to seek permission from the local governments in each individual locality where it sought to offer service.

Consumers can check online at [www.uverse.att.com](http://www.uverse.att.com) or call 800-288-2020 to see if AT&T’s video service is available in their area.

More information on video franchising is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/hottopics/2telco/videofranchising.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/hottopics/2telco/videofranchising.htm).

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